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CONSERVATIVE COLUMNIST CALLED 'RACIST', FIRED FOR VIEWS

A columnist for the K-State Collegian, the student newspaper of Kansas State University, was fired Wednesday in the aftermath of a column he wrote which the paper's editor refused to print.

Chuck Armstrong, senior in electronic media, wrote a weekly conservative column for the paper. Armstrong's column, describing the violent nature of the Islamic religion, for October 10 was pulled after the editor-in-chief, Alex Peak, found it to be "racist." Peak asked Armstrong to re-work it and make the column more of a balanced look at the issue. Armstrong refused, saying that the column was his opinion, and to make it more "balanced" would not accurately represent his opinion. Since that time, Armstrong has launched an attack on the paper's censorship of his conservative views through his personal blog, and on campus with the assistance of student supporters.

Armstrong asked Peak to provide him with written documentation of why his column did not run on Tuesday evening. Peak has yet to provide this documentation; however she did return an e-mail from Armstrong declining his invitation to appear on his weekly radio show, "The Right Track." Armstrong was fired from the Collegian on Wednesday night after a post on his personal blog was perceived as "threatening" to the newspaper.