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Four students from Nanyang Technological University have started their own online newspaper.

This, after N-T-U stopped the campus news platforms from running stories about an opposition politician's visit to the school.

*Christie Loh* reports.

Last month, NTU student Lin Junjie tasted the clash between editorial instincts and a newspaper publisher's concerns.

As chief editor of the school-funded Nanyang Chronicle, he had to follow the administration's last-minute instruction to pull out the article about a surprise visit by Singapore Democratic Party chief Chee Soon Juan.

NTU has since said its decision was to prevent the student media platforms from being "inadvertently exploited" for a political cause.

Still, some students remain angry --

So frustrated are Lin and three other students that they've set up their own online newspaper, The Enquirer.

As the newspaper funded with money out of their own pocket, they have control of the news content.

The website, which went live last Thursday, already contains a report about students protesting the "media blackout".

The outcry has snowballed into a petition for NTU to publish the original article in the Nanyang Chronicle, and some 70 people turning up at Hong Lim Park on Sunday for a so-called protest which, in reality, was a series of speeches on media freedom.

Among the crowd was Heather Tan, a final-year media studies student from Ngee Ann Polytechnic.

She said her campus newspaper grapples with similar censorship issues.

One incident she remembers happened last year:

She said the campus newspaper had published a story about the polytechnic's plan for its students to share facilities with another school -- and the writers were hauled up before some kind of "discipline committee".