A Message From Provost Cole: “Defending the Idea of the University in Troubled Times”

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‘The growth of knowledge, insight and understanding is better served through the clash of ideas than through the blind acceptance of dominant ideologies and the silencing of criticism. In fact, without free exchange we cannot distinguish between truth and falsity.”

—Jonathan Cole, Provost and Dean of Faculties

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Rooine Arledge Remembered

Roone Arledge’s unexpected death earlier this year has left a void in the world of sports broadcasting. Arledge, who was widely regarded as one of the most influential figures in the sportscasting industry, passed away unexpectedly at the age of 74. His death has sent shockwaves through the world of sports, leaving many to reflect on his impact and legacy.

Arledge’s death came as a shock to many in the industry, who had come to respect and admire his contributions to broadcasting. A long-time host of ABC’s “World News Tonight” and “20/20,” Arledge was known for his dynamic personality and his ability to connect with viewers on a personal level.

Arledge’s career was marked by a number of milestones and accomplishments. In 1977, he was named the weekly newscast’s first permanent host, a position he held until 1997. During his tenure, Arledge presided over a number of high-profile stories and events, including the coverage of the Iran hostage crisis and the Gulf War.

Arledge’s influence extended beyond the world of broadcasting, as he was also recognized for his contributions to the field of education. In 1996, he was inducted into the National Sportscaster and Sportswriter’s Hall of Fame, and in 2002, he was honored with the Columbia Journalism Alumni Hall of Fame lifetime achievement award.

The impact of Arledge’s death has been felt throughout the industry, with tributes pouring in from colleagues and fans alike. “Roone was a true pioneer in the world of sports broadcasting, and his legacy will live on for years to come,” said one industry executive.

Arledge’s death is a reminder of the importance of free speech and the role that media professionals play in shaping public opinion and discourse. As the world continues to grapple with these issues, it is important that we remember the contributions of figures like Roone Arledge and continue to support the work of those who strive to uphold the values of free expression and open dialogue.