

Criteria: *Mastery of traditional journalism conventions such as the inverted pyramid*

Project: *Six news stories written for Journalism classes*

Courses: JOU 200: *Principles of Journalism and Mass Media*

JOU 202: *Reporting for the Media*

JOU 210: *Griffon News (newspaper production lab)*

Assignment Criteria: *Each of these classes focused on skills that we would need when working in the journalism industry, with an emphasis on newspaper writing, design, and publishing. In each class, students received assignments that required research, interviews, and writing based on newsworthy events here at Missouri Western.*

Audience: *These stories had to meet the standards of the courses, but some were also printed in Missouri Western's Griffon News. These articles were further edited to be viewed by the public.*

My Contribution: *Each of these stories was assigned directly to me, and I then had to conduct research and interviews to compile the information needed. With this information, I wrote each story and presented it to my professor or editor. I usually had a week to work on each piece, so this group represents six weeks of effort.*

Publication History: *Each story received a grade based on both completion and quality in the respective class. Some even featured in issues of the Griffon News.*

Reworking of Publications: *These are the original stories I wrote before editing for content and cutting for space when revising prior to publication. These versions have only received touch-up work to make them clean and clear.*