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Warning: This course, J340, assumes you have basic, maybe even advanced, reporting skills; that you will meet all deadlines; that you will not misspell more than three words in any written assignment; that you will faithfully attend and participate in class; that you will enjoy the class and learn something to boot.

This course further assumes that if you are the type of person curious enough to find out (or already knowledgeable enough to know) that the aforementioned boot is not related to the things you put on your feet, and if you rarely, if ever, would consider using the word "aforementioned" in a news story, you might do very well in this course.

Coming soon:

Exercises to help you avoid boring your readers.

Exercises to help you learn to take chances,

to see the world in different lights,

to see the light in lots of little worlds,

to start in the middle.

.....*And now, for our* **Feature Presentation**

Starring:

Good Writing

Angles of Looking

Making Poetry Out of Pottery

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Schedule for **Writing Sample Reports, J340**

Sept. 12 – Greg and Erin
Sept. 24 – Ryan and Kodi
Sept. 19 – Addie and Eric
Sept. 21 – Adam and Michael
Sept. 26 – Lori and Melanthia
Sept. 28 – Nick and Jennifer

Oct. 3 -- Greg and Erin
Oct. 5 – Ryan and Kodi
Oct. 10 – Addie and Eric
Oct. 12 – Adam and Michael
Oct. 17 – Lori and Melanthia
Oct. 19 – Nick and Jennifer
Oct. 24 – Greg and Erin
Oct. 26 – Ryan and Kodi
Oct. 31 – Addie and Eric

Nov. 2 – Adam and Michael
Nov. 7 – Election Day, no class
Nov. 9 – Lori and Melanthia
Nov. 14 – Nick and Jennifer
Nov. 16 – Greg and Erin
Nov. 21 – Ryan and Kodi

Dec. 5 – Addie and Eric
Dec. 7 – Adam and Michael
Dec. 12 – Lori and Melanthia
Dec. 14 – Nick and Jennifer

Oral Reports

Nov. 9 – Greg, Erin, Ryan
Nov. 14 – Kodi, Addie, Eric
Nov. 16 – Adam, Michael, Lori
Dec. 5 – Melanthia, Nick, Jennifer

Final Exam – Wednesday, Dec. 20, 3:20 p.m. to 5:20 p.m.

Feature Writing, Fall 2000, opening daze and the haze thereafter:

-- Scrapbook stories, how to recognize them, how to avoid them

--- Good ideas, bad angles

-- The blind date -- yes, but what does he (she) *look* like?

-- Same old problems – if you still can't solve them, at least don't bore us when you complain about them.

-- "Don't say the old lady screamed; bring her on and let her scream."

-- Subjects for oral reports

-- Three descriptive grafs, one each, on UM Oval, campus, students

-- Descriptions of Louis Freeh, FBI honcho

-- First experience stories—no spectator sport

--- Features, your choice

-- The word!

--- Election features

-- Mouth-watering Thanksgiving feasts

-- Final papers and "last writes"