FINAL PROJECT— RTVF 225

For the Final Project (#3) you (or you and your partner) will write, produce, shoot and edit an assignment that must be at least 5 minutes long including end credits). You can go longer if you want.

You (and your partner) can decide on the subject matter. I don’t think you should go beyond 5 minutes (more for the logistical and time problems that causes than anything else) but as long as you can get it finished, you can go longer than that if you need to. Basically you need to come up with a subject that you can actually treat in the time remaining this semester. A parody commercial, a brief childhood remembrance (maybe told in voice over), a music video, etc. With so little time, my best advice is to keep it extremely simple. You want to script this totally, storyboard possibly, and get started ASAP.

I want you to have some fun with this one. This is YOUR project…from concept to execution. But I also want you to be realistic. There will be just a few weeks left in the semester. Find something you can get finished and that is a good solid project.

You must have proper leading (bars & tone, slate, countdown). You also MUST HAVE credits on this one.

I’m not going to require preproduction paperwork on this assignment, but that doesn’t mean that you don’t need to do preproduction planning. It is easy to put it off, but a sure path to a hurried muddled production. You’ll really know how well you planned when you sit down to edit.

You need to bring the assignment to our final screening on a mini-dv cassette. If you are going to turn in a DVD then it must be a playable DVD. You can’t turn in movie files or mpg files on a CD or DVD. If you don’t know how to make a DVD then just bring your tape to class and we’ll play that.

Please label your DV tape correctly (see the labeling handout) AND don’t give me 5 versions so I have to guess which one is really the assignment you want to be graded. Put your assignment FIRST on the tape. A new tape would be best. They don’t cost all that much.

If you want to copy your assignment(s) to DVD after the screening, bring a DVD-R blank to class and I’ll help you burn it down in the lab.