Project Reflection

The documentary-styled video I did for my culmination project was a crazy process that all in all, came out the way I had envisioned and was very satisfying. It was a wild and somewhat hectic ride but was extremely worth it as I had gotten a lot out of it. As someone who wants to become an editor (and a great one at that) this project helped me improve my skills, as well as helped me evolve from when I first started editing. I have been editing for over 4 years and slowly been practicing my craft. It wasn't until I transferred over to the Entertainment technology department back in 2016 that my editing skills could finally be put to the task. From editing my own small projects to doing editing work in Mario Trevino's class there's so much that I grasped that helped me approach this final project. Certain assets like learning when and how to cut, how to use transitions correctly and synching audio clips to match their video counterparts were all key to how this project went about and how it was executed. While this project will most certainly act as the first major project in my career, it is also a blueprint that thoroughly analyzes the pros and cons of the project so that, going forward, future projects will be better and more polished.

This project not only helped me advance my editing skills, but it also helped in other areas. As someone who initially came up with the idea and how it was going to play out, I needed to come up with other components, such as who I'd be interviewing, the location said interviews would take place in, and the overall set up for the location. This meant that I needed to come up with not only a script, but also interview questions that best represented the theme

of the project. Doing all this essentially meant that I was in charge of almost everything (minus the lighting). As overwhelming as it was at times everything worked out in the end. Each of my interviewees met on time and took part in their respective sessions, all the necessary b-roll was shot in time for the post production portion, and overall the video was finished on time for the presentation. My audio editing skills also showed improvement, as I was more understanding of when and where to use music tracks, as well as just mixing each audio clip so the overall audio quality would be consistent. I learned so much about time management throughout this whole process, and how to slowly and carefully make time for each part of the process. This video is for those who feel the same way about videogames, and the impact they've made in the world. By showing the finished product to more people (via uploading it to Youtube) I can potentially reach out to more people who share the same feelings and sentiments. All In all, this project was extremely worth it, and made me more prepared and ready to head into the workforce.