

Ryan Olson

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Skills and Qualifications

- More than four years news writing experience.
- Five years pagination experience.
- Thirteen years Macintosh and Windows experience with over six years using QuarkXPress, Microsoft Office, Adobe Pagemaker and Photoshop.

Employment

Staff Writer, *The Daily Mining Gazette*

Houghton, Mich.; Jan. 2001-July 2004

- Wrote more than 1,100 stories, averaging six stories each week. Stories included breaking news, features and beat coverage, often under tight deadline for afternoon daily newspaper (circulation 11,000). Beat coverage included city hall, schools and Michigan Technological University. Often took digital photos for stories.
- Produced page layouts on a weekly basis for the news section using QuarkXPress. Called upon by editors to help train editors and reporters in pagination and design techniques. Edited graphics using Macromedia Freehand.
- Part of a three-person team updating content on newspaper's Web site using Macromedia Dreamweaver.

News Editor, *The UCSD Guardian*

La Jolla, Calif.; Sept. 1996-June 1998

- Edited and produced award-winning news section of the student newspaper at the University of California, San Diego which was published twice a week.
- Trained eight staff reporters in journalistic writing and editing.
- Served as online editor placing newspaper content on the Internet.

Technical Writer, SMART Marketing Technologies

Poway, Calif.; Aug. 1998-July 2000

- Wrote users guides and technical manuals for software products.
- Created graphics and contributed to design of the corporate Web site.
- Prepared marketing materials and conducted telesales to promote subscriptions to mapSMART.com, an Internet-based demographic reporting service.

Education

University of California, San Diego

La Jolla, Calif.; 1996-2000

B.A. in communication. Minors in history and theater.

Awards and Associations

- Michigan Associated Press - Division I
 - First Place - Sports enterprise - 2003
 - Second Place - News column - 2002
 - Third Place - Sustained coverage of a single news event - 2001
- Michigan Press Association - Daily Class D
 - First Place - Spot news story - 2004
 - Third Place - Spot news story - 2004
 - Second Place - Spot news story - 2002
- 1999 Second Place - News story in a campus publication - San Diego SPJ.
- Founder, UCSD Journalism Club.
- Disc jockey, WMTU-FM, Houghton.
- Member, Society of Professional Journalists.
- Member, Asian American Journalists Association.