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Mr. Milo Ryan pioneered journalism curriculum in the English Department of Wayne University beginning in 1935. Journalism became independent of the Department of English in the fall of 1949 under the chairmanship of W. Sprague Holden. The former editorial writer for the Detroit Free Press became a full time instructor at the university in 1946. He urged the English Department to segregate journalism into its own department to improve student employment opportunities and to facilitate accreditation. Mr. Holden held the chair until his retirement in the spring of 1974.

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