

“Rain Delay for the Ages” captured one night in July of 2006 that Mother Nature unloaded on the city of St. Louis, as well as the surrounding area. Kevin Shive witnessed this massive downpour firsthand on his birthday. The memory was stuck in his mind, so he wrote the personal narrative for his Composition 111 course in the fall of 2010.

The night was July 19, 2006 and the Cardinals were slated to play the Atlanta Braves. The hot July sun quickly turned to black clouds that poured down rain and pushed the game back more than two hours. It turned out to be worth the wait for Shive—he witnessed a gem by pitcher Chris Carpenter and a 3-run homerun by Jim Edmonds for the Cards 8 to 3 win.

Growing up less than an hour away from St. Louis, Shive was able to attend many Cardinals games which helped to shape him into the sports fan that he is. “A lot of my fondest memories are sports related. This game was extremely eventful, and unforgettable, giving me the perfect topic to write about.”

As a freshmen at Northwest, and his first year at the Missouri Academy, Shive plans to change his major to journalism at a later date. He says that being published in the Northwest Student Writing Anthology is important to him, “It honestly means a lot to me... I have seriously considered writing as a profession, so to have my writing thought highly of by others means a lot to me.”