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Letter from the Editor

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Prior to now, there has been no professional journal at Western in which undergraduate students could publish their work. When I first came to Western I was very surprised by this fact and after three years, I finally decided to do something about it. This inaugural issue is a compilation of several students' hard work as we learned what goes into creating a literary journal. The journal is also a product of the great amount of talent from Western students throughout various programs. Both parties deserve much praise for their outstanding work and achievement.

It is my hope that The Laureate will continue to thrive in years to come. I hope that it becomes a well-known and well-regarded journal throughout the university and that students choosing Western will aspire to have their works published in it. It is my honour to present the first of those students and their work. None of which would have been possible without the support of the Lee Honors College. Not only have they provided financial support, but at every step along the way, the faculty and administrators have done nothing but encourage this project and show full faith in our ability to do a great job.

The Laureate has been a pleasure for me to work on and a learning experience as well. Thank you to everyone who helped me see this project to fruition. It was something I started on my own, but was never alone in making a reality. Congratulations to us all.

Jill Winkler
Editor-in-chief