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Editor's Note

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To The Readers:

In your hands is the 2006 issue of The Laureate: Western Michigan University's undergraduate literary magazine. The magazine is small, but should not be overlooked. I am proud of the undergraduates that have taken time out of their hectic schedules to write. I am even more proud, and honored, that many of them chose to share their work by submitting it for a chance at publication.

My staff and I have selected pieces for publication that best seem to represent the broad range of style, genre and subject that the undergraduate student writers employ. This is my first year on the staff of The Laureate and my first year as Editor-in-Chief. In September, the idea of putting together a magazine seemed like a bewildering task and would have been impossible without the help of the assistant editors and the designers.

If you've picked up this issue at our magazine release reading, thank you for attending. If this magazine has fallen into your hands by other means, thank you for picking it up. In either case, please enjoy and appreciate the work of the talented undergraduate writers here at Western Michigan University. In short, thank you all for reading and writing: please continue these activities perpetually, and with much vigor.

Rose Swartz
Editor-in-Chief