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Dear Readers,

One of the longest running college literary magazines in the country, Sketch has always sought out the best literary and artistic talents Iowa State has to offer. We look for these talents in our submissions for publication, but we also look for that talent in our participating board members. This year, we started out with a core of talented and dedicated individuals. By the end of the year, our numbers and our talent more than doubled.

Putting together a magazine like this one takes a lot of commitment and focus from the board and the editors. It involves the independent work of reading and reviewing the submissions, as well as the long meetings filled with discussion about each submission. It includes participation at fundraising and promotional events, as well as the occasional pizza party. As editor and president of this organization, I feel truly blessed to have had such a fun, talented and hardworking staff. There were moments of struggle, but we came out triumphant in the end.

This semester's magazine is filled with the stories and art of Iowa State, put together by a team of devoted students. There are drawings that inspire possibilities and evoke emotions. There are poems that ignite imagination. There are long stories and short stories, all with a ring of truth to them. No matter what walk of life you are traveling, there is something inside these pages that you might find along your path, something to relate to, something to inspire you to keep moving forwards.

So, crack open these pages and take a peek at the hard work and artistic talents of Iowa State. Enjoy!

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