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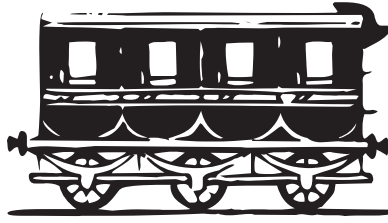
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Advisor's Note



Welcome to our new issue.

Bryan Furuness here, faculty advisor for *Manuscripts*. I'll keep this note short so you can get to the good stuff inside the magazine. We've got poems, art, stories—make sure to check out “Stained” by Katherine Shelton, the winner of this year's prose contest as judged by Benjamin Percy—and more interviews with top-flight writers than we've ever featured before.

Manuscripts is a student-driven magazine, and all credit for this issue goes to the editorial staff, led by Emily Yoo, the Editor-in-Chief. Putting together last year's issue—which won a number of awards from the Indiana Collegiate Press Association, by the way—wasn't challenging enough, apparently. So Emily came back this year to put together another killer issue while planning her wedding.

I'm pretty sure she's superhuman.

Thanks, too, to Karl Agger, our new Associate Editor, for running the discussions about submissions and overseeing the launch of the new Martone travel grant. Thanks to Brooke Marshall, the Events Chair, for taking open mic nights to a new level (Readings! Music! Stand-up comedy! Delicious snacks!). Brianna Bean did yeoman's work in communicating with pretty much every undergrad in Indiana. Danke to Chelsea Yedinak for planning the prose contest before abandoning us for Germany. And to the rest of the editorial staff, the readers: Laud and honor and nachos to you.

It was a very good year, and they were a special team, and I'll remember them for a long, long time. No lie.

Reader, if you like what you see here, consider being a part of the project. If you're an undergrad at any Indiana college, send us your creative work for consideration for next year's magazine. If you're a Butler student, come to an open mic night. Or be a reader on our editorial staff. You might even take part in our first Undergrad Lit Mag Summit, a conference for undergrad editors to talk shop.

Enough from me. Onto the good stuff. If you'd like a free digital copy of this issue, or if you'd like to order more physical copies, check out our site at blogs.butler.edu/manuscriptsbu.

Enjoy the magazine.

Bryan Furness

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