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EDITOR'S NOTE

Welcome to the 2017 issue of *Manuscripts!* This has been quite the year for us here on staff. We held three inaugural events: a poetry contest, Literary Summit, and Literary Festival. Alessandra Lynch judged the poetry contest this past fall and we were thrilled to have over eighty submissions from various Indiana colleges. Our inaugural Literary Summit was also a great success. Other magazines from five colleges in Indiana joined us on Butler's campus for a day full of brainstorming, a guest speaker, presentations, and delicious sandwiches. Everyone left full of food and brand new ideas.

This past March, we held our inaugural Literary Festival, *Literatura*, which consisted of two days of a public reading, a master class with author Kelcey Parker Ervick, and a party of literary-themed activities. In addition to these new events, we learned that last year's edition won three awards at the Indiana Collegiate Press Association. *Manuscripts'* presence in the world of undergraduate collegiate magazines has been growing rapidly, and we hope it will continue.

Of course, none of this would be possible with the support of our wonderful cast behind-the-scenes. None of the interviews in this issue would exist without the help of Nancy, and we're so grateful to her for organizing all of those meetings. Thank you to Annie for helping us manage our traveling grant and reserve space for events. And a huge thank you to Bryan Furuness, our advisor, who is both the greatest visionary and motivator I have ever met.

And last but not never least, the staff. *Manuscripts* would be nothing without the support of our wonderful members who spend their weekdays long into the night discussing submissions. As a graduating student, I think I speak for all of our other seniors when I say that we are so thankful for the commitment and passion the team has shown this year. We wish *Manuscripts* all the best in the years to come and we can't wait to see what's in store.

Here's to the future,

Emily Farrer

Editor-in-Chief

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