

## LETTER FROM THE EDITORS...

We are delighted to have completed our fourth issue of the journal. We continue to be amazed at the enthusiasm of both the faculty and students for this project. We've come quite a long way since our first issue and we're hoping that with another year under our collective belts, the journal has found a solid footing in the history community here at Syracuse.

This certainly wouldn't be the case if not for the unwavering support we receive from the faculty of the History department. Our faculty have always been engaged in our efforts and supportive of our goals. The faculty look forward to each issue as eagerly as we do. This kind of involvement is what truly keeps us going each year. We are also fortunate to have the constant and enthusiastic encouragement of the chair of our department, Professor Craige Champion. As we continue to grow each year, more faculty become interested in these endeavors and work to encourage us, as well as their students to submit their work. We appreciate all of their efforts on our behalf. We would like to thank the administrative staff of the History department, Patti Blincoe, Patti Bohrer, and Fran Bockus. It is impossible to express just how much these wonderful ladies do for us. Without their continued help, we would be lost. We also thank the College of Arts and Sciences for their continued financial support, which has allowed us to grow and expand. Without their support, there wouldn't be a journal.

In this issue, we have tried to include papers on a very broad range of topics, which show their scholarship, uniqueness and creativity. The papers are the work of undergraduates, but are not limited to graduating seniors and, therefore, have been written for a variety of projects and assignments, and each year it becomes more difficult to limit our selections to what our resources can produce. This is a dilemma that we don't mind facing. We are delighted that each year more students submit their work. We hoped to be overwhelmed with submissions for many years to come. To all those who submitted papers, we thank you for your part in this project. Without you, the journal would wither away. To our undergraduates, we hope this journal will encourage you to strive to excel and see your own potential. To our departing seniors, we wish you a bright future and hope you depart with a happy history here at SU.

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