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ear, a board of students made up of both graduates and undergraduates alike come together to create that year’s edition of the Vulcan Historical Review. Strengthened not only by our love of history, but our dedication to the craft as well, we are fortunate enough each year to have the opportunity to work with remarkable students on their papers. Although the previous journals have had themes for the past couple of years, this year the board has chosen to let the papers speak for themselves. What makes the VHR such a brilliant journal is that it demonstrates many different kinds of historical research and analysis. Whether the papers are dealing with events that seem rather close to home, like the legacy of Gene Bartow to the UAB Athletic Department, or the writings of a Roman philosopher thousands of years in the past, any reader of this journal can move through the pages with our promise that each article represents the fine and detailed scholarship of all those involved. Additionally, these essays (as well as both book reviews and film reviews) demonstrate that, though our eyes may look to the past, our dedication to the growing scholarship and current debates of these subjects are just as paramount.

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