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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

EVERY YEAR, 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.

As always, this edition of the VHR would not be possible without the help of many kind and knowledgeable people. To them we extend our greatest gratitude. The entire UAB Department of History faculty and staff continue to provide the journal with unwavering support and unparalleled wisdom. Special thanks must be offered to Dr. Walter Ward, our faculty advisor, Dr. Colin Davis, Dr. Andrew Keitt, Dr. Harriet Amos Doss, Dr. Brian Steele, Dr. John Van Sant, Dr. Carolyn Conley, and Pamela Sterne King, all of whom continue to challenge their students and mold them into proper scholars and researchers. Special thanks must also be given to Dr. Pamela Murray, Dr. Jordan Bauer, Jerry Smith, and Katie Wesson-Sides, who all contributed wonderful pieces to our "In Memoriam" Section. This last year has been a rather tragic one for our history department, and it is fantastic that those we have lost will continue to live on through their words and much more. Also worth thanking are Nicole and Doug Watkins, who made this transition of a new Executive Editor much smoother than it could have been. Their aid and encouragement has improved this journal for the better. Finally, we would like to thank our contributors. They have given us their trust and joined us on our journey of historical inquiry. For without their aid, our quest of scholarship would not be possible.

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