

## EDITOR'S NOTE

Publishing a journal featuring student articles has long been a goal for the Gamma Rho Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta. The journey to this first edition of the *Fairmount Folio* began long before I ever became a history student at Wichita State University. Those years of mental preparation helped this journal become a reality.

The process began at the Phi Alpha Theta Convention in St. Louis. Ken King, past president of our chapter, Eric Owens, current president and assistant editor, Erik Merkel, treasurer and business manager, Dr. Helen Hundley, faculty and spiritual advisor, and I were inspired by the journal workshop held there. Eric and I decided that a journal was going to be an essential part of our senior year of undergraduate work. Ken, Erik and Dr. Hundley inspired us and assured us that it was possible. Erik Merkel provided valuable research and attention to detail in his efforts to raise money and gather publishing information. Ken King and Dr. Hundley definitely deserve infinite gratitude for not only their guidance, persistence and encouragement, but also for their generous financial support. They believed in our ability to accomplish our goal. Eric Owens' help has been indispensable.

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