

a letter from the **Editor**

For decades, Sketch has been continuously providing an outlet for students from every college within Iowa State University to express their thoughts about life on campus, the world outside of Iowa, and journeys within themselves. Each new semester's edition of Sketch reflects an ever-changing society, and this year is no different.

On a smaller scale, Sketch as a club has also changed greatly. Last spring, Sketch lost a majority of its officers and many of its dedicated members to graduation and life beyond campus. However, this fall semester brought a whole new group of talented and thoughtful individuals to Sketch who worked through endless amounts of pizza-fueled meetings and critical reviews of close to one hundred submissions to bring you this: an edition that displays the highs and lows of our university, the Ames community, and beyond.

Inside this edition you will find poems dedicated to Queen Elizabeth II and all kinds of love, photos depicting the everyday beauty of the Midwest, and short stories that take you from the theatre of the mind to the sterile halls of a hospital.

As always, we sincerely hope you enjoy,

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