

# Writers & Artists

## **Laura Jonas, aka "Poly Hydroxy"**

*Freshman in Art and Design*

Laura finds peace in the tub of all places. She grew up in the tub and it is a favorite pasttime. She remembers being bathed as a child, using containers in the bathroom to get soap out of her hair. Standing up next to the heater to dry off and being embraced by the warm hands of her grandmother who would gently remind her to dry behind her ears.

## **Jan Fitzpatrick**

*Senior in Liberal Studies*

Jan lives in Nevada and finds comfort and a creative outlet in quilting. A daughter and two sons, all college students, have inspired and encouraged Jan to return to campus and complete the degree she started many years ago at Iowa State.

## **Margaret Okere**

*Third-year graduate student in English*

Margaret is a long-time Ames resident with a prior doctorate in Sociology from Northwestern University and several years of teaching experience in Sociology. She began writing poetry only after entering the Creative Writing program. She also has two grown children, ages 19 and 22.

## **Tara Goedjen**

*Senior in Marketing*

Tara is from Alabama and plays for the ISU Women's Tennis Team.

## **Mary Henson-Saunders**

*Graduate student in English*

Mary and her family spend their summers backpacking in the mountains. She and her husband made their first trip on their honeymoon. They are always surprised to find that the mountains are living, breathing, sentient beings.

**Kari Loehndorf**

*Freshman in Genetics*

Kari hopes to go on to veterinary school after graduation. She is from Crystal Lake, IL, and this is her first published piece.

**Phillip Ross**

*Senior in Construction Engineering*

After spending three years being a spectator of photography he decided to take some time in his final year to actually participate. Phill spends most of his free time doing anything that is not engineering related. He is from Palatine, IL.

**Amy Clark**

*Senior in Anthropology*

Amy hails from the Rocky Mountains, and aspires to return there someday. She enjoys writing, learning, traveling and slinging sandwiches at Jimmy John's. After graduation this May, she plans to pursue a second degree at Colorado State University and then move to the Emerald Isle.

**P. Kim Bui**

*Sophomore in English and Journalism*

Kim chose her double-major after becoming disillusioned with science as a career. She strives to make seemingly insignificant moments in life gain importance by the power of words. That's the aim at least. She's not sure whether or not it works.

**Peter Van Zante**

*Junior in Materials Science Engineering*

Peter is originally from Pella, Iowa. He has studied at Central College, the University of Iowa, and DMACC. This is his first publication.

**Ellen Daly**

*Sophomore in Women's Studies and Environmental Studies*

Ellen enjoys the details of life's passing complexities and joys...she hopes of a life that will include contributing to creating global justice, breaking down governmental regime, or just living away from civilization anywhere in the world.

**Heather Lenae Shirley**

*Senior in English*

Creative writing is her escape from reality; things often look a lot more promising through distorted glass.

**Adam Graaf**

*Sophomore in English*

Adam agrees most with those who find it awkward describing themselves. But if you'd like to know, or if you need to know, he is currently struggling to find his voice as a writer. He offers his piece with as much hope as one might offer a pair of glasses to a stranger.

**Kathryn Leth**

*Sophomore English*

Kathryn transferred from Central College (in Pella, Iowa) Spring semester 2002. Photography is a recent hobby which she hopes to pursue further, along with writing. She hopes to get the opportunity to do more photography when she studies abroad in London next semester. In the future she plans on attending law school, but who knows? Nothing is a sure thing.

**Valerie Kolbinger**

*Sophomore in English*

A 2001 graduate of Ankeny High School she enjoys playing tennis, playing in the ISU Concert Band, and reading mysteries. She hopes that creative writing will continue to be a large part of her life in the future.

**Sarah Bolton**

*Senior in English*

Sarah will be graduating in December and this is the second time she has been published in Sketch. She enjoys writing, spending time with friends, family and her boyfriend. She is hoping to get a job right out of college but she plans to continue her writing on the side.

**Shanley Jacobs**

*Junior in English*

Shanley would like to dedicate "VoiceOver" to her grandfather. She is grateful that she has the opportunity to express herself with words. She had an amazing experience writing these stories, and she feels thankful that she is continually surrounded by books, words, and those who have a similar passion.