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## From the Editor:

Welcome to another edition of *The Alchemist Review*.

Many of the submissions we received this year reflected an outstanding variety of viewpoints. Choosing and editing such a collection of stories and poems has not been easy and our selections as a committee reflect our philosophy of giving new authors a chance to exhibit their work regardless of length. I want to thank those who submitted their work for review and those who reviewed: Christy Cameron, Jerry Christen, Joan Cormier, and Aaron Wayne. I also want to thank faculty of the English Department at UIS for their supporting an entirely student led process in the creation of this journal. Every *Alchemist* is and will be different because every editor and review committee is different, therefore I offer these selections to showcase only a few of the talented writers that have come to our attention at UIS. Enjoy.

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