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A Note From the Editors

What?! A flip-book?

No doubt by now you've flipped the 2009 issue of *Alpha/Outlet* upside down and backside front a few times already, wondering whether the covers got mixed up, or at least trying to figure which side is the "beginning"!

Yes, the 2009 edition of *Alpha* and *Outlet* (we've jokingly called this issue *Alphlet*!) has been co-published as a single book. We are proud of our Loras students' work in creative and formal writing, and in this way we can bring together the best of the best.

Plus, this co-published issue of *Alpha* and *Outlet* signals our intention to launch a new literary/formal-essay magazine next year co-sponsored by Delta Epsilon Sigma and the English Creative Writing Program, rather than publish two separate works. The new magazine will continue to publish works of fiction, poetry, creative nonfiction and formal essay. From *Alpha we'll* retain the DES tradition of sending the best work of each genre to the national DES writing contest; from *Outlet* we'll retain the role of creative writing professors investing their expertise in the selection of creative work. DES faculty, DES students and English majors will continue to participate in the selection of works as well.

Students will benefit by having their work represented in a single magazine that boasts the best of Loras' writing.

Both *Outlet* and *Alpha* have a treasured past. *Outlet* published its first edition in 1974, a literary replacement to the earlier *Spokesman* which had ceased publication in 1970. *Alpha* was first published in 1985 as an interdisciplinary All-College Writing magazine. We appreciate and celebrate all who have been associated with our history of literary publications, as editors, participants on selection committees, and—of course—those whose creative and scholarly work has graced the volumes.

We think that our combined magazine, starting in 2010, will continue the tradition of excellent creative and scholarly writing at Loras College.

But with the promise of a new format comes a new need: What shall we call the magazine? Please send your suggestions to either editor listed below before November 1, 2009.

Elizabeth Raschke, Ph.D. Editor, *Alpha* Kevin Koch, Ph.D. Editor, *The Outlet*

The Delta Epsilon Sigma Alpha Chapter Writing Contest Winners

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Omphalos	Sanjit Pradhananga
I was kneeling	Leah Corkery
Cake	Leah Corkery
Rebekah	Meghan Hartsell
Song without Words	Autumn Huinker
Blondi	Alison Balaskovits
Tweedle-Dee-Da	Alison Balaskovits
A Place Time Forgot	Maria Rauen
A Portrait of the Holocaust	Autumn Huinker
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Acme Caskets – the Best Beds in Heaven	Brigette Yanes
Carmichael's "Violent" Reign: The Media Sensationalizing Black Power	Joel Allen
Orwell's 1984: The Effectiveness and Longe of Totalitarian Regimes	
White Tulips	Autumn Huinker
The Social Nature of Men and Women; Love in Andrew Marvell's "To His Coy Mistres	•
Hair Club for Women	Brigette Yanes

Feather	
As It Rings	Utsav Pandey
A Flow of Time	Emily Thornton
The Seed Took Root	Francis C. Lehner, Ph.D.
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Loras College Alpha Chapter Winners Sigma National Scholarships and F	of the Undergraduate Delta Epsilon Fellowships (National Catholic Honor

Delta Epsilon Sigma National Student Award

Contributors

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LORAS COLLEGE ALPHA CHAPTER WINNERS OF THE UNDERGRADUATE DELTA EPSILON SIGMA NATIONAL WRITING CONTEST (National Catholic Honor Society)

Year	Contestant	Entry	Category
1992	Emily Meixner	"Remembering Childhood"	Poetry
1993	(no entries this year)		
1994	Anne Finnerty	"Without You"	
		"At the Kitchen Table"	Poetry
	Matthew Russell	"Learning to Pray"	Informal Prose
1995	Mark Evans	"The Last Few Vanishing	
		Inches Between Us"	Poetry
	John Ham III	"Age"	Fiction
1996	Jaci Dunne	"Lessons"	
		"My Vietnam"	
		"This Is Supposed to Be"	Poetry
	Lina Vitkauskas	"Self-Preservation"	Fiction
	Lisa Higgs	"When an Angel Smiles"	Informal Prose
1997	Lisa Higgs	"The Ninth Month"	Poetry
	Robert Kelly	"The Transfiguration of our	
		Savior"	Fiction
1998	Amy Fabricius	"Where Are You Going?"	
		"Where Water Slowly Carves"	
		"Divorce"	Poetry
	Melanie Mausser	"Downtown" (2nd place)	Fiction
	Tricia Behnke	"Your Father Looked Hot	
		In Roller Skates"	Informal Prose
1999	Lora Krogman	"My Juliet"	Poetry
	Catherine Wegman	"Dorothy's Lake District"	Non-Fiction
	Melanie Mausser	"Unborn Sleep"	Fiction
2000	Kristyn Kuennen	"The life you create on the front lawn"	
		"Office Visit"	Poetry
	Melanie Mausser	"Reveille"	Fiction
	Elizabeth Loebach	"Broken America" (Hon. Men.)	Informal Prose
2001	Katherine Levanthal	"Saturday"	Non-Fiction
	Cressant Swarts	"Grass Fires"	Poetry
	Melanie Mausser	"The Crate" (Hon. Men.)	Fiction

2002	Erich Haught	"Pressures"	Fiction
	Celia Venhuizen	"Mute"	Poetry
	Lacianne Schmidt	"Climbing Out" (Hon. Men.)	Non-Fiction
Year	Contestant	Entry	Category
2003	Rosette Golpashin	"The Night of the Falling Stars"	Non-Fiction
	Ryan Lubben	"The Janitor" (2nd place)	Fiction
	Peggy Lucas	"America's Bleeding Pilgrim"	
		"In the Land of Blue and Red	
		Doors" (2nd place)	Poetry
2004	Ryan Lubben	"Movieland" (2nd place)	Fiction
	Emily Griskavich	"Matthew in the Kitchen"	
		"Joseph" (Honorable Mention)	Poetry
2005	Jody Iler	"The Gray Ghost"	Fiction
	Alison Brogan	"To China" et. al.	Poetry
	Amber Gille	"For Our Memories' Sake" (Hon. Men.)	Non-Fiction
2006	Quentin Smith	"Snake Skin"	Fiction
	Barbara Simon	"To My Birthday"	
		"February"	
		"Indian Summer" (2nd place)	Poetry
2007	Jessica Urgo	"The Silver Band" (2nd place)	Fiction
	Barbara Simon	"A Moment" (2nd place)	Poetry
	Michael Danaher	"Yorick's Illusion" (Hon. Men.)	Non-Fiction
2008	Jody Iler	"elegy" (Hon. Men.)	Poetry
	Michael Danaher	"Kebobs" (Hon. Men.)	Non-fiction
2009	Alison Balaskovits	"Tomato Picking"	Poetry

^{*}unless indicated, all winners were 1st place.

Loras College began its own DES Writing Contest in 1985. The **National** Contest began in 1991 with the first winners announced in 1992.

LORAS COLLEGE ALPHA CHAPTER WINNERS OF THE UNDERGRADUATE DELTA EPSILON SIGMA NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS (National Catholic Honor Society)

		Fellowship/			Fellowship/
Year	Winner	Scholarship	Year	Winner	Scholarship
1992	Matthew Guzzo	Fellowship	2004	Rachel Rickertsen	Fellowship
1994	Kyle Murray	Scholarship		Nathan Bahr	Scholarship
1995	Kristin Duppong	Fellowship	2005	Kathleen Volk	Fellowship
1996	Rosalyn Juergens	Fellowship		Stephanie Theisen	Scholarship
1997	Jennifer Peters	Fellowship	2006	Stephanie Theisen	Fellowship
1998	Michelle Ruggaber	Fellowship		Megan Campana	Scholarship
1999	Jennifer Gerlach	Fellowship	2007	Thomas McNamara	Fellowship
2000	Scott LeGrand	Fellowship		Elizabeth Elsbernd	Scholarship
	Elizabeth Rogers	Scholarship	2008	Brian Tlach	Fellowship
2001	Celia Venhuizen	Fellowship		Maria J. Gonzalez	Scholarship
2002	Maria Alarcon	Scholarship	2009	Maria G. Ramirez	Fellowship
2003	Laura Becker	Fellowship		Kelly Theisen	Scholarship
	Tim Cundiff	Scholarship			

DELTA EPSILON SIGMA NATIONAL STUDENT AWARD

(3.9/4.0 GPA and evidence of scholarly research. In the year 1998, the Executive Board decided to award only **one** per institution.)

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Year	Winner	Year	Winner
1994	Susan Liddiard	1998	Carissa McDonald
	Charles Longo	1999	Jennifer Gerlach
1995	Regina Doering	2000	Teresa Duppong
	Kristin Duppong	2001	Elizabeth Rogers
	Doug Fischels	2002	Karen Kuhle
	Patrick Green	2003	Sara Wieland
	Beth Hill	2004	Rachel Rickertsen
	Karla Manternach	2005	Kathleen Volk
	Kyle Murray	2006	Kathleen Glady
1996	Rosalyn Juergens	2007	Abby Erion
	Matthew Roeckers	2008	Elizabeth Elsbernd
1997	Lisa Gerlach		
	Jennifer Peters		
	Laura Rusch		

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to put things in order."