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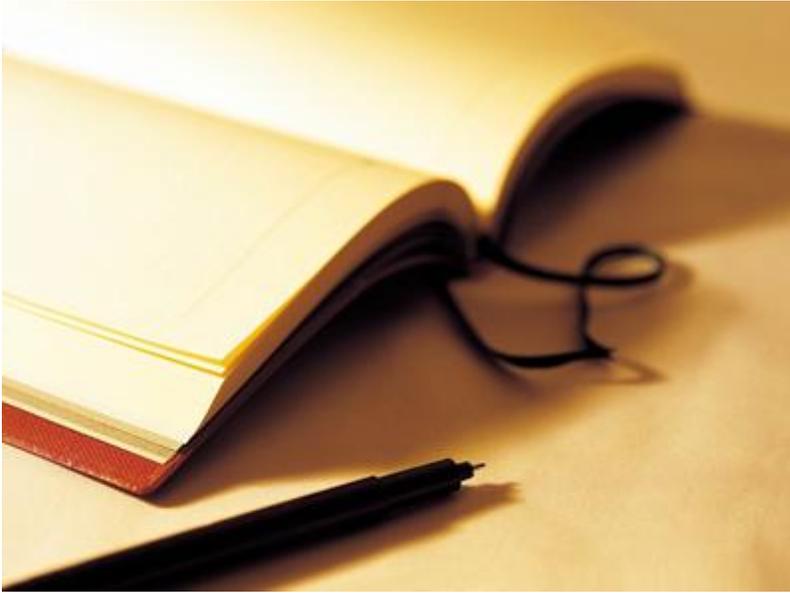
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Editorial Policy:

Prologue is an annual journal of academic essays created to showcase first-year writing at Denison. The journal provides many of these students with the opportunity to have their works published for the first time. The selection process began with many first-year students submitting their essays anonymously during this spring semester. Next, the editorial board carefully reviewed the collection of pieces submitted and selected five pieces for publication. Decisions were difficult because the board received many quality essays. Then each of the five Writing Center consultants on the editorial board reviewed one of the selected essays and met with its author to discuss how the paper could be improved. These sessions with the authors and the strengths of each essay are surveyed in this journal's introduction.

Editorial Board:

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Dear Writers,

During your first year at Denison, you will be asked to write many different types of papers, from personal essays to research projects. At one point, you might receive a prompt that asks you to write an essay in a format or genre that you have not written in before. Rather than allowing this to be a frustrating and futile struggle, turn it into a rewarding learning experience and emerge a better, more versatile writer. The five essays featured in this year's journal each display exemplary technique and style in different types of writing. Use these essays as examples for writing the various sorts of papers your courses ask you to compose during your first year – and don't forget, the Writing Center is always here to help you plan, produce and polish your essays!

- Carolyn Raymond, *Prologue* Editorial Board