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The Undergraduate Review began as one of many projects the Bridgewater Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (BUROP) was going to pursue in 2000, when the program was first funded. Too many projects, as it happened, and so the journal waited until 2003 to get underway. That it did get underway, that it flourished in its first year, and that it now appears on the verge of publication as we write, are all due to the extraordinary efforts of several dedicated people. Editors Rob Cannata and Amanda Forbes worked within a barely-defined organizational structure, negotiating between student authors, faculty reviewers, potential publishers, and their own demanding time schedules and ultimately produced an outstanding first issue. We credit them with bringing order out of chaos and solving many of the journal's first-time problems with skill, patience, unflagging discipline and only occasionally flagging good humor. Lee Torda acted as de facto faculty supervisor of the journal's production, working closely with Rob and Amanda and providing them with guidance and her own vast stores of energy and devotion. Meredith Eckstrom, the Honors Program secretary, helped facilitate the great flows of paper involved. Kathy Lee, who has since left Bridgewater, also helped with the journal in its early months. The journal would not have been possible without the financial backing of the Bridgewater Foundation and the President's office, or the less tangible but equally necessary support and guidance of Ron Pitt, Nancy Kleniewski and Dana Mohler-Faria.

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