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History is a story and we are the storytellers. For thousands of years stories were passed down from one generation to the next through the act of storytelling. Some were written down, others only spoken, but all are immensely important. Stories have the ability to bring people together, and so as storytellers we are tasked with this vitally important job.

Here at Harding University, we strive to be good storytellers, and our yearly publication of *Tenor of Our Times* reflects that commitment. This year, we want to tell the story of our university and the exciting new things happening. We want to tell the story of our community and the community around us. Most importantly, we want to remember and honor the great storytellers who taught us.

As historians, we study the past and we uncover stories that we believe are worth sharing. In this journal, you will find stories that transport you to Rome with Julius Caesar and Nero. You will go to Renaissance Italy and England to hear stories of art and literature. Stories of pirates, American settlers, and pony express riders fill these pages with exciting narratives. We also critically examine the stories told by others with some book reviews on modern American reformers.

In this twelfth edition of *Tenor*, we are proud to carry on the legacy as storytellers and are proud to share with you our stories and the amazing stories of others. We hope that you enjoy reading these stories as much as we enjoy telling them.

Sincerely,

Elijah Fisher, Managing Editor