

EDDA STAFF

A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

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During my last official work night as editor-in-chief of the Augustana Edda, Dr. Janet Blank-Libra looked at the staff and said, “Don’t be the reason Taylor cries.” Luckily, none of them made me cry, but now as I am writing this letter—the last thing on my to-do list as editor—I am sobbing like a baby.

College is full of firsts and lasts, but my last yearbook spread is one thing I never thought would actually happen. Sure, for the last several months I’ve been squealing about how many spreads I had to submit each day in order to finish by graduation. But now that the last spread is here, I don’t quite know how to make sense of it.

I’ve been a yerd (yearbook nerd) since my junior year of high school. In fact, when I was deciding what college to go to and my sister told me her friends at Augie got paid to be on the yearbook staff, it pretty much made my decision for me.

Losing myself in design (no pun intended), taking photographs, and writing stories about a place I love so deeply has been one of the absolute best parts of my college career. There are very few things I love more than staring at an empty spread and finding a way to tie every element together to tell a story.

One thing that I do love more, however, are the people on this page. Spending my senior year with these people was nothing short of incredible. Finally, I want to say thank you to each person who made this book possible, especially Master Janet—I will miss drinking Diet Coke while we work for hours on end more than anything.

I hope you enjoy this book as much as I do. It’s time to start my next chapter.