EDITORS' NOTE

Let every man make known what kind of government would command his respect, and that will be one step toward obtaining it.
Henry David Thoreau, "On the Duty of Civil Disobedience"

Great thinkers have pondered the origins and purpose of politics and government since the earliest years of our history. Thousands of years of questions have given birth to a wide range of political theories and philosophies which are still alive in current debates and affairs. What is the role of the government? From whence does power originate? Which form of government is most pleasing to the people?

Today, the answers to these questions exist only in written works and through those who put their ideas into practice. Aristotle, Voltaire, Locke, and many others attempted to find the answers to the political questions of their day. These thinkers may have gone, but the questions still remain. Now, these questions have been left to us.

We are no authorities on political thought and we claim no right to be named among the great writers of political thought and theory. However, as students and citizens, we too have attempted to analyze and answer the difficult questions of our political age, to apply our thoughts and beliefs in creating a better world, to reflect on the past and prevent similar mistakes in the future.

Earlier this year, there was an opportunity to establish an undergraduate journal for Political Science at Saginaw Valley State University. We were presented with a great number of essays and papers on a wide range of topics. After much dedication and hard work, we can now proudly present these ideas to you, in the first edition of *The Sovereign*. *The Sovereign* displays fellow students and their reflections, opinions, and perspectives on law, theory, pubic policy and the like.

While the future of politics is always uncertain, we feel confident that *The Sovereign* will be able to share student's modern beliefs and theories. We will keep all of the important questions of politics and government thriving and intact.

The Editors

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