President Felicetti

A Close Perspective on our President's accomplishments, thoughts, and ambitions

by Robert Pedtke

In 1989, Dr. Felicetti, still living in the Detroit area, came across Marian's advertisement for a president in The Chronicle of Higher Education. The periodical had a host of positions; many fit his expertise, yet the Marian ad, referring to a small Catholic college driven by Franciscan values, won him over.

Now, at the end of his ten years, he reflects on his memories and accomplishments.

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be thanked," Dr. Felicetti said.

What's in store for the Felicetts? "I love Indianapolis, but eventually my wife and I would like to go back to Connecticut...All our family and friends live in the New York Metropolitan area," Felicetti said.

Dr. Felicetti expressed that the ten years he spent at Marian was enough time to accomplish his goals. Although he's only begun to think about the question of what is in store for him professionally, there does exist a tentative short-term and long-term plan. The short-term plan involves his sabbatical, when he will probably engage himself in some consulting and writing. "I love writing. I've always enjoyed writing," he said.

The long-term plan might involve one more presidency or executive directorship of a college, university, association, or foundation, most likely centered on education or community service. "You have to make the most of what you've got," Felicetti said.

A national search will be made by a search committee, headed by Lynne O'Day, the vice-president of St. Vincents Health Services.

President Felicetti, when asked what he would miss most about Marian College, said, "almost everything."

Little Shop of Horrors

Controversy Remieded

by Viviane Seumel

As reported in Carbon 13, controversy had arisen over the audition process for the Spring musical Little Shop of Horrors. A group of students involved in Marian theater addressed the problem in a letter to President Felicetti, Sr. Norma Rocklage, Dean Woodman, Dean Balog, and all the faculty members of the Performing Arts Department.

In the letter the students complained about the unjust audition procedure, the uncommon announcement of the cast, and the fact that they were denied theatrical experience.

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Homecoming Spirit Not Thwarted by Game Loss

by Angela Hatem

The Knights might have lost the big game against Huntington College, 82-79, one second before entering the game's second overtime, but that did not make a dent Marian's Homecoming school spirit.

Activities such as the Starstage music video, in which students could be the star in their own music video, Blizzard of Bucks, in which Freshman Brad

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Students perform at Mock Rock
When will the school stop selling the students short?

After reading in the Carbon that the Homely Coming Queen contest has been canceled, it does not surprise me. The contest was done with taste and it was a tradition. Now it is something else that Marian has lost. In the last three years this school has changed from what it was when I began as a freshman. When will the school stop selling the students short and start caring about the ones that keep it going? For we do pay the tuition to keep everyone in a job. This is just my opinion, and after almost four years it's a precise one. Marian spent all the money building lovely fountains and amphitheaters but couldn't invest in expanding academic programs and building upon the resources of the library—which lacks in a lot might I add. I express my great appreciation for what the Carbon puts forth every week.

—Leslie Klahn

Black History Commentary

by Tosh Patterson

One month per year for 28 days (the shortest month of the year) we learn about both past and present role models of color. Upon further consideration I began to question why the accomplishments of a race are confined to one month. Are black people only notable for a span of 28 days? I think not.

Yet lo and behold here February is again noted once more for not only Valentine's Day, but Black History Month as well (probably Hallmark's most industrious time of the year). But in all seriousness, why is my viewpoint as a woman — a women of color — more precious in February than December?

In my mind the greater question at hand remains why is the concept of Black History month not extended throughout the year?

To bring this conversation closer to home, take for example our campus. Unfortunately, Marian is seriously lacking influential minority role models. Over the last three years of my college career, I have yet to see a professor of Asian, Hispanic, or African-American heritage.

However, at the other end of the spectrum consider the number of black people who are janitorial staff members or Aramark servers. Do students decline cafe work study because they truly would prefer not to fight grease, or is it because of the negative stigma attached. With a lack of minority professors and a numerous amount of service workers, we at Marian College must ask ourselves if we are continuing to stereotype and pigeon hole our perceptions of minorities, black people in particular.

Although I appreciate the Carbon's attempt to incorporate my “black experience” into the February edition, it remains that 365 days per year I have a “human experience.” Those who know me realize that my beliefs and opinions have NEVER been confined...especially to the month of February.

Leave the Marlboro Man Alone

by Norman Minnick

The Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids is running their own advertising campaign to combat Philip Morris, criticizing them for continuing to gear their advertising towards kids despite its “Youth Anti Smoking Program.” The campaign’s ad headline reads: “If Philip Morris Really Didn’t Want Kids to Smoke...It Would Dump the Marlboro Man.”

The ad includes a photo of a rugged Marlboro Man in his patent Stetson and dangling cigarette protruding from his weathered face. In another photo a teenage girl dexterously handles a cigarette between two fingers.

This latter image as well as the many teenagers and children I have the privilege to see smoking is enough to churn my bowels. But I don't think these kids smoke because they actually want to be like the Marlboro Man. Show me a kid who wants to smell of farm animals and spend all day on the plains and I will show you an editor who has no opinions.

Kids will be kids and they will make their own decisions no matter what society says. Kids are going to smoke whether or not Joe Camel, who was banned from selling cigarettes because he appealed to kids, is promoting their smokes or not. Besides, how much harm can an animated camel bring? If Joe Camel is causing kids to smoke then American Dietetic Association needs to address those talking M&M characters. They are so cute and irresistible which is influencing American kids to eat these high-calorie, high-fat candies which will turn them into unhealthy, obese adults.

And that fat Kool-Aid guy! What about him? Kids drink gallons of the sugar-loaded drink just so they can bust through walls on command like he does on the TV commercials.

Furthermore, if advertisers are to blame, McDonalds and Burger King should stop tantalizing us with such yummy looking food, which is bound to block off our arteries.

It is time to stop trying to blame everyone else for our problems. The problem is that kids will be kids and no matter what we try, we can't change the nature of their behavior.

We should not rush to blame the companies of these products or their advertising agencies. It is like the woman who sued McDonalds for their coffee being too hot when she dumped it in her lap. How can you blame someone else for your stupidity? This society is all too often trying to blame the next guy and not own up to any of their own problems. If we were to return to the good old days when people actually raised their kids and paid attention to them once in a while, we would not have to squabble over such useless things like The Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids' advertisement.

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I would cry mom would lay me with each other. We had invented was five or six, Mandy and I cate with anyone yet but could presence always seemed to com­ the house to take a nap. same time after awakening. around the corner at the exact identical twins. We used to be as opposite cheek. Blonde hair. Greenish blue eyes. my cheek, another one on her week before our birth. Ultra sounds didn't exist 21 years ago. I still give Mandy a hard time and be your own person and establish time of growing up you want to. 9X9 = 81 and 9+9=18. Mandy is my truest friend about the whole ordeal and un­ sure about my place in a world of Coppertone babies. As I exited the building my tanning compan­ ion reminded me not to shower. if one droplet of water touched my slightly sauteed skin I would evaporate like the Wicked Witch of the West. All together, the tanning ex­ perience is not for me. I can't risk some racy photograph of me in a tanning booth surfing just around the time I am campaign­ ing for Senator. Lest we forget the chance of melanoma, and all the other detrimental skin diseases. But then again if I keep tanning, at least I'll die pretty.
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Junior Suzanne Walker who led the group said, "We weren't told of the auditions until a day before they happened and we think as paying students here we should have the right to be casted before anyone from outside the Marian community."

The group also questioned whether a policy on this issue existed and ascertained that if there was no policy, one should be established to avoid similar problems in the future.

President Felicetti sent an answer to the group stating that a new policy had been drafted by him and Sara Reid, Chair of the Performing Arts Department. The policy establishes that the first two nights of audition will be for Marian students only. If all the roles in a performance cannot be appropriately filled by Marian students, auditions will be opened to the outside community. If people of equal ability audition for the same part, Marian students will be considered first for the role.

In addition, Phil Kern and Ron Spencer, the director of Little Shop of Horrors, invited all 21 students who signed the original letter to a meeting to respond to the concerns they expressed.

Suzanne Walker said, "I think the policy is something that we have needed. It gives us a sense of accomplishment to know that because of our efforts a change for the better has occurred at Marian."

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Metzger walked into a money chamber for thirty seconds empty handed and walked out $157.00 richer, and the always humorous "You laugh, you lose!" game show.

Friday evening the annual Mock Rock, sponsored by Clare Hall Board, was held in the Marian Auditorium. First place and $75.00 went to Joe Krough, Jimmy Cassaro, Matt Axtell, and Bobby Huber. Second place and $50.00 went to the resident hall R.D.'s, Joelle Andrew, Darin Geherke, and Keri Alioto. Third place and $25.00 went to Kara Foster, Angela Hatem, Emily Medved, Kris McMillan, Tosh Patterson, Kandi Roembke.

On January 30, the Homecoming Court was named during halftime of the men's basketball game. Freshman King and Queen were Andy Hatem and Lauren Lehner.

Sophomore King and Queen were Mike O'mara and Christy Skuraw. And the King and Queen of the senior class were Wes Ripperger and Kandi Roembke.

Despite the game loss, the entire week proved to be a great opportunity for students to kick back and show their pride as a Marian Knight.

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Women's Basketball Update

by Brett Cope

MARIAN 79 GRACE 58

Marian College broke a 15 game losing streak by defeating the visiting Grace Lancers 79-58. Marian's lead at one point extended to as many as 25 points. The team shot 51% from the field and out rebounded Grace 43-34.

Both teams struggled early, and the game remained scoreless for the first two and a half minutes when Alisa Nordholt gave Marian the lead on a free throw. The Lady Knights extended the lead 10-3 before Grace came storming back to lead 12-10. They extended the lead to 23-16 with 5 minutes remaining in the half, but Marian went on a 14-2 run to take a 30-25 lead with two minutes and thirty seconds remaining.

The win is the first for Marian since November 28th when they beat Bethel (TN) 82-65. Marian is now 2-16 on the year and Grace drops to 12-13.