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Dr. Louis C. Gatto succeeds Dr. Dominic Gazetta as president of Marian College. Dr. Gatto hails from St. Joseph's College, Rensselaer where he was vice-president of Academic Affairs. Originally from Chicago, he joined the St. Joe faculty in 1957 as an English instructor.

He was the recipient of a fellowship in academic administration from the American Council on Education for the 1966-67 academic year, and served it under Dr. Curtis W. Tarr then president of Lawrence University.

Gatto, who assumed the Marian presidency on August 15 was recommended from more than 50 applicants by a Selection Committee headed by John J. Dillon, vice-chairman of the Board of Trustees.

The 43-year-old Gatto earned an M.D. degree in Medieval and Renaissance English Literature in 1965 from Loyola University, Chicago. His master's degree was earned at DePaul University in 1956 after he graduated with work at the University of Minnesota.

Gatto has published 17 papers, poems, translations and articles in professional and scholarly journals since 1967.

He and his wife, Kathleen who is a graduate of the College of St. Teresa, Minnesota, have six children and are members of the Roman Catholic Church.

**PRESIDENT INTERVIEWED**

In a recent interview, Dr. Gatto expressed a number of his academic beliefs concerning today's colleges. He spoke of a basic philosophy which he termed 'the primacy of common sense,' Higher education has turned away from the idea of common sense during the past few years. Since the late 1950's colleges have been living in a "tool's paradise" which Dr. Gatto believes was partly caused by the passage of the Higher Educational Facilities Act of 1963 and Foundation grants. During the 1960's higher education was glorified beyond reasonable limits. But Dr. Gatto feels that the "moment of Camelot...is but a cherished and rapidly fading memory". The colleges now face a possibility of decreased federal aid and most certain population decline because of the decreased birth rates of the 1950's and the present draft legislation. Dr. Gatto believes that the nation's colleges must now or soon accept these turns of events in order to adjust to and thereby maintain their well-being.

This is why Marian College is capable of doing and Dr. Gatto feels that with his aid this college can be directed toward that end. He stated that Marian is a "fine institution that could really achieve local or if not national prominence in a short time. It is a tiscilly sound institution." Dr. Gatto also stated that Marian is a small institution which he believed could be an asset in an environment where the universities are creating multi colleges to handle their increasing complexities. Other assets he included were the dedicated faculty and student body; which he classified as "good to excellent". His past experiences with student government were good. He aspires to a confidence in student government leaders, and feels that student feedback is essential in areas such as faculty evaluation and teaching techniques. The area of greatest priority was the curriculum. This is an area he feels should always be prepared to innovate for good solid changes. This coupled with sound fiscal standing makes Marian a promising institution of higher learning.

Concluding, Dr. Gatto said that "an individual accepting a presidency gambles because almost invariably he is leaving a familiar position of responsibility, security and respect. In a similar fashion the institution is gambling. However, by mutual respect and cooperation we can make the gamble pay off in the most gratifying dividends possible, that of watching Marian College achieve its true potential and emerge from this period of crisis in higher education as a much stronger institution. For those who survive will be by the very nature of their survival, a stronger institution."
Praiseworthy

Last year much controversy was raised over the Freshman Orientation and Initiation program. After considerable discussion and planning, a new program was formulated by Mr. John Van Hoose, the Class of ’74, and the Social Council. The former “highschool” antics of spaghetti flinging and chocolate dousing were replaced by a more sophisticated philosophy of uppersmanish aid and assistance. The new program called for assistance in the mammoth moving-in process, followed by a week of well planned social activities to aid the new students adjusting to their new environment. This new concept in Marian’s orientation is well deserving of praise. It is a sign of the growing maturity a college atmosphere attempts to instill in its students as well as an example of the new social consciousness of the need for brotherhood among unfamiliar faces. Upperclass student leaders and in particular the sophomore class have done will in their responsibility of bestowing Marian’s hospitality on the new students. The new class at the same time has been outstanding in their reception of that hospitality. Let us all now continue the work ahead so that this spirit of unity will pervade in all of the many faceted activities of the coming year.

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Letters To The Editors

To: Marian College Students
From: Fred Brames
Dean of Student Services

It should be known that the success of the Freshmen Orientation Program was the result of much effort on the part of many people. An Orientation Committee was formed to plan the 1971-1972 semester and much of the program was the result of the Committee’s efforts. The Social Council of the Student Association worked diligently in planning the first week’s social activities. Accolades for the total program should go to the people listed below:

Joe Santouono
Joyce Miller
Richard Geather
Jo Anne Benedict
Jay Farrell
Jean Kaebler
Lonna Linnor
John Kirkgasser
Larry Gallis
John Costerian
Linda Babrow
Sarah Bergin
Mary Beth Blankman
Mary Choruski
Sandy Goldschmidt
Becky Railley
Demoni Chatmon
Rita Blessing
Nancy Miller
Mary Henshaw
Sandy Bischoff
Ruth Maurer
Pat Maurer
Pat Martin
Karla Bartling
Ann Sperry
Agnes Bucala
Nancy Perkins
Camilla Consolino

Jeanne Whalen
Roger Brasington
Elise Course
Craig Bissner
Pete Klosterman
John Parcell
Dale Hennemuller
Vince Ryan
Tim Ellinger
Ken Tyrell
Steve Hammerle

Unique Nameplate Sought

The Phoenix staff is sponsoring a contest to provide our newspaper with a new nameplate. The nameplate is the wording THE MARIAN PHOENIX in big bold print that appears on the front page of every issue. An exhibit of past Phoenix nameplates appears on the Marian Hall bulletin board. A $1.00 cash prize the honor of having the winning design hang in each issue of the Phoenix will be awarded to the winner. All students, faculty and administrators of Marian College are welcome to enter. The Phoenix staff will serve as judges.

Submit your entry to Cathy Andre, Ext. 521 by Thursday midnight, Sept. 30, 1971. The winner’s name and the winning nameplate will be presented in the third issue of the Phoenix.

Anyone wishing to voice an opinion through a LETTER TO THE EDITORS may do so by placing the signed letter in the Phoenix mailbox (located outside Student Services Office).
MARIAN STUDENTS ATTEND NSA CONVENTION

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First Theatre Production

PINTER'S DUMBWAITER

Harold Pinter's play, Dumb­
waiter, will be presented Thurs­
day, Sept. 3, 1971, at 12 noon in the auditorium. This all-school convocation is open to the student body free of charge.

Pat O'Hara and Gene Bourke will portray the play's only char­acters, Gus and Ben, hired gun­men who are preparing for a job.

Jack O'Hara gives last minute pointers to Pat O'Hara and Gene Bourke as they rehearse for the Dumbwaiter.

S.E.A.

ORGANIZES

Following an introduction about S.E.A., Student Education Association, president Kathy Lengerich will conduct a coffee house open to anyone, but especially those who as a pro­fession plan to teach, will con­duct this gathering in a special program in the Study Lounge in Marian Hall Basement. Anyone with any ideas to be used toward the advancement of S.E.A. can discuss their plans with newly elected officers: Kathy Lengerich, president; Cathy Fry, vice-president; Emma Wilhelm, secre­tary; Mary Beth Blankman, treasurer. Any suggestions should be placed in a box provided by previous club members. The drive, whose purpose is to re­cruit new members, will be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Sept. 23, 24 and 25 in front of the Marian Hall Auditorium.

GRE Dates Announced

Educational Testing Service announced that undergraduates and others preparing to go to graduate school may take the Graduate Record Examinations on any of six different test dates during the current academic year.

The first testing date for GRE is October 23, 1971. Scores from this administration will be reported to the graduate schools around December 1. Students planning to register for the Octo­ber test date are advised that applications received by ETS after October 5 will incur a $10 late registration fee. After October 8, there is no guarantee that applications for the October test date can be processed.

The other five test dates are December 11, 1971; January 15, February 26, April 22, and June 17, 1971. Equivalent late fee and registration deadlines apply to these dates. Choice of test dates should be determined by the requirements of graduate school admissions and the deadlines to which one is applying. Scores are usually reported to graduate schools five weeks after a test date.

If you are interested in registering for the GRE, full details and registration forms can be found in the Information Bulletin issued by the Registrar's Office.

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CLEON REYNOLDS, who this year becomes cross country coach of Marian College, faces quite a challenge.

Reynolds, who coached cross country in high school prior to coming to Marian, inherits a young squad whose number has been greatly reduced because of transfers and graduation.

"We lost a number of fine runners who transferred," stated the veteran mentor, "and we need some new boys to fill these places and give us more depth."

Consequently, when practice opened Thursday, only three returning veterans were on hand for workouts. But Coach Reynolds expects these three to form the nucleus of this year's team. Sophomores Dan Puckett and Tom McIlwee both earned varsity letters as freshmen last year and are joined by classmate Ric Foxen to give Marian three steady performers. The experience of this trio could prove to be a valuable asset to the younger runners.

"We invite anyone interested to try out for the squad," stated Reynolds. "Many boys don't participate because they feel practice would disrupt their studies. This problem can be easily solved by arranging practices at various times. And another problem we have," he added, "is that classes start later here than at most other schools, giving them a jump on us in organized practices."

Coach Reynolds, when asked about the team's chances this year, commented, "The veterans we have are determined, hard working boys but unless some new people come through for us it looks as though it might be a long season. You can be sure that the boys will be giving a hundred percent effort throughout the season."

The Knights three home meets will be run at Riverside and this year the distance will be five miles instead of the four mile run in previous years.

Pigskin Preview

Who will be the new intramural football champs?

Although nothing is definite yet, it seems highly probable that this year's champs may come from one of the strong teams of last year, that is, unless injuries or some other unforeseen problem blocks their way to the crown. Here is a brief preview of the five teams which return from last year.

GODS OF HELLFIRE - A very big and strong team which won it all last year and could easily repeat again. The defense is great, especially line men Joe Hoeg, Vince Damro, and John Kirchgasner. The offense is no slouch either with speedy wide receiver Larry Unser. The Gods by far the most physical team in the league, they have a problem at quarterback. But if the quarterback comes through the other teams better watch out.

WILD BUNCH - A small team which makes up for its lack of size with tremendous quickness, the Wild Bunch probably has the best chance to dethrone last year's champions. Their explosive offense is second to none with quarterback Kenny Tyrell throwing to receivers Terry Smith and Jerry Whalen. If the defense holds up the Wild Bunch will be tough to handle.

VICE LORDS - The Vice Lords have two fine receivers in Dan Branigan and Jay Farrell but need to find a quarterback to throw them the ball. This team was extremely strong as freshmen last year and if they come up with a top effort they could be a contender.

HERM'S A WORM - This team could surprise a lot of people. Ramser has it that they have acquired many strong performers from other squads and could have a fine team. Holdovers Tom Babione, John Dickerson, and John Bower are seasoned veterans.

THE INTRAMURAL FOOTBALL TEAM - This team has not won a regular season game in two years and has the potential to make it three in a row. The IMFT, which features soccer style kicker Bob Chinowskiathao, will not win many games but will have a lot of fun losing.

There will also be some new teams which are capable of winning, but it looks as though it will be a battle between the Gods of Hellfire and the Wild Bunch.