The idea first came to me in a time when things were very hectic, what with the Middle States visit in full swing and construction projects happening, it seemed, everywhere. I was driving home from the campus on a sunny afternoon in early spring and it occurred to me that we're really at an amazing crossroads right now. The new building is open and yet not done; Middle States is reaching a peak, but also not done; and Phase II has begun and is nowhere near being done. I was also thinking about how everyone keeps talking about how nice our Middle States report physically looks and the content, while vital and the bulk of serious conversation, is not the stuff of casual conversation. The whole report -beauty and substance together-- is an important snapshot of where we are right now and where we hope to go. In a larger sense, much of FLCC is like that in this moment -- even as we sit nervously in the throes of uncertain financial times. It occurred to me that this would be a great time to take another sort of snapshot, which is where the idea that prompted an email to Dr. Risser was born.

Simply put, I was thinking that it would be fascinating to build a time capsule in this very moment of change and forward thinking, capturing as much of this moment as we can, preserving it for some future time, perhaps even the next round of Middle States. It was something that could be done with minimal cost, really, and with a great opportunity to highlight the optimism and hope at the college.

The narratives, pictures, and other objects herein are the result of that one idea-and a tremendous amount of work by people who shared the vision and the excitement of not only the idea but the college itself. As you look through the contents and remember or experience FLCC 2012, I hope that you can feel some of our excitement, our hopes, perhaps our fears - but most of all, our dreams for the future of the college and of our students.

Excelsior.


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