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Dear Art,

I am writing to second the nomination of Joe Danforth for Honorary Membership in MACTLAC and also to endorse the granting to him of Emeritus status. Luther Erickson has already sent you a letter on this matter noting the major points. I will add only a few additional details.

When I first arrived at Grinnell, I was pleasantly surprised to find out about the MACTLAC organization from such active members as Professors Oelke, Danforth, Erickson, and Swenson. After attending several MACTLAC meetings, I became aware that Joe was held in great esteem by MACTLAC'ers. I mention as evidence his annual late Friday evening bull session, usually held in his motel room, in which up to a dozen acquaintances would warmly discuss all manner of things related to chemistry and teaching. In these, Joe showed his special spirit of wanting to invite all - new and old - to join him in the ancient ritual of chemists, namely, "what's new?" His informal style engaged many, yet he was consciously a pursuer of high standards and, most of all, originality. That has long struck me as close to the spirit of MACTLAC, and I think that Joe contributed considerably in making it so in the organization. His plenary lecture to MACTLAC in 1973 (?) titled "It's a Whole New Ball Game" is further evidence of the regard for him in the organization.

An award of Honorary Membership to Joe would be a fitting honor, and I support such a move.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Gene Wubbels'.

Gene G. Wubbels  
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