

president's perspective

The 2001-2002 school year began with a little more excitement than usual. Students and faculty returned to an enhanced and expanded campus: one that included the addition of more residence facilities; more 'wired' classrooms; and refurbished offices and facilities. We also proudly welcomed a new freshman class of 719 strong.

But just one week after getting back to business — and back to the books — our world changed forever. The events of September 11 shocked the Canisius community, as it did our entire nation, and we extend our deepest sympathies and prayers to those who lost loved ones in this terrible tragedy.

As I have prayed and reflected over the events of the past few months — the attacks in New York City and Washington, anthrax scares around the country, a military campaign in central Asia to eradicate terrorism — I have been heartened by the response from our Canisius community. Our students have been drawn together in prayer and in good works to help those who are suffering. And I have once again been reminded that the future of our country, the future of our world depends on the education of our young people. At times like this, we can give thanks for a Canisius College that stands as a symbol of strength and stability. We can find hope in an institution committed to providing a Jesuit education that will provide students with a strong moral foundation to lead in the uncertain times ahead.

These horrific events have seemed to make our world a smaller place. With technology like the

World Wide Web at our fingertips, we can access a wide array of resources to educate and communicate with people across the country and around the globe. Our students have demonstrated a keen interest in issues in the Middle East in recent weeks. Canisius College is poised to help its students keep pace with world events through technology.

This fall we are excited to introduce a new and improved Web site (page 16), which is already setting the highest of standards among colleges and universities. The interactive site enables you to take a virtual tour of Canisius, get in touch with former classmates and personalize pages to receive alumni news and events, services, sports scores and "stats." I urge you to visit the site, personalize it and come back often for the most current information about your college.

We also take this opportunity in *Canisius College Magazine* to thank our alumni and friends for their tremendous generosity to the college's annual fund this past fiscal year (page 34). The annual fund provides the critical margin of success in the college's operations each year by providing key resources for student financial aid, technology improvements, enhancement of academic programs and student activities. I am personally very grateful for all of the support we receive from our loyal alumni and friends.

With all personal best wishes from campus!



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