



DELAVAN & DEMERLY

The College's Newest Additions



Canisius College continued to enhance its presence on Main Street and in the city of Buffalo this fall, with the opening of two new buildings.

The college's most recent investment came on September 28 when Canisius dedicated the first phase of the beautiful new Delavan Townhouses. Joined by State Senator Dale Volker '63 and Buffalo Mayor Anthony Masiello '69, Rev. Vincent M. Cooke, S.J., blessed the innovative housing complex which includes 196 beds, configured in modern-style 3, 4 and 5 bedroom apartments; a 7,000 square foot commons building, complete with study, laundry and social space; and protected off-street parking. The second phase of the \$17 million project is scheduled for completion in August 2002. It will add another 130 beds and much more, according to Father Cooke.

"Not only will the Townhouses provide Canisius with the much-needed, high quality residence hall space for our growing student population," he said, "but we also hope the project will spur other investments in the Lafayette Avenue and Linwood-Oxford neighborhood."

Constructed on the site of the former Delavan Armory — once home to Troop I of the 1st Cavalry National Guard New York Division — the building's cornerstone was preserved and incorporated into the new structure. All of the surviving members of the Buffalo Calvary Association were on hand for ceremonies when Father Cooke dedicated a plaque in their honor.

"For many years to come, students and visitors will see the 1916 cornerstone at the entrance of the building off Delavan Avenue and this plaque which explains the historical signifi-

cance of this site and the brave men who served their country here."

The second of the college's two new buildings was dedicated earlier in September when Canisius opened Demerly Hall, the former Streng Oldsmobile dealership renovated to serve as the signature building for the new master's program in Health and Human Performance. It is also home to the college's Physical Plant Department.

Demerly Hall is named for the late Dr. John A. Demerly '38, a professor of education at Canisius, and his wife, Marjorie, in recognition of their generous support to the college's capital campaign, *Imagine Canisius*.

"John's many years of service to Canisius as a teacher and alumnus and Marjorie's continued devotion to her husband's *alma mater* have been a great inspiration to us," said Father Cooke during dedication ceremonies. The evening concluded with the unveiling of a plaque in honor of John and Majorie Demerly and some generous words from Mrs. Demerly herself.

"For me to be standing here with you at the dedication of Demerly Hall is something which delights me," said Marjorie Demerly. "It is an honor about which I have never dared dream. But the undared dream is now reality and I make no effort to mask the pleasure I experience."

Renovation of the 44,000 square foot Demerly Hall preserved the entire upper façade of the building, which is painted glass. Four marble columns and the terrazzo floor in the old showroom were also preserved. ■

The metabolic analyzer is just one of the many state-of-the-art machines housed in Demerly Hall for the Health and Human Performance Program. In addition to measuring cardiorespiratory fitness, the metabolic analyzer measures an individual's metabolic rate, lung volume and capacity and fitness levels. It can also tell what the body's cells are using for energy (ex. fat, carbohydrates or any combination).



Father Cooke honors members of Troop I from the 1st Cavalry National Guard New York Division, with a plaque, during the dedication of the new Delavan Townhouses.



Students give Father Cooke and other guests of the Delavan Townhouses a grand tour of their new living space.



A few gracious words from Majorie Demerly at the dedication of Demerly Hall, which was named for her and her late husband, Dr. John A. Demerly '38.

