



EASTWOOD HALL



With the snip of a ceremonial blue and gold ribbon on September 1, Canisius President Rev. Vincent M. Cooke, S.J., formally opened the doors to the college's newest residence, Eastwood Hall. The seven-story, 104,000 square foot structure is a dramatic finishing touch to the Quadrangle. Home to nearly 270 freshman and sophomore students, it brings the total number of Canisius residence halls to 11, for a combined occupancy of 1,599 students. That is about half of the college's full-time undergraduate student population of 3,200 students. A decade ago, Canisius had only 843 resident students on campus.

"We recognized 12 years ago that we would need to become a residential campus, a place where more than half the undergraduates live in campus-owned housing," said Father Cooke during the ribbon-cutting ceremony. "Twelve years later, we are dedicating our eighth new residential project, a signature building on the last open spot on the Quadrangle. It is truly a dramatic finishing touch."

Eastwood Hall is adjacent to the college's Eastwood parking lot, between Bosch and Loyola halls. Each suite has two, two-person bedrooms and either a common living area or full, private bathroom. Eastwood is air conditioned, and wired for local phone service, cable TV and Internet access. Each floor also has a glass enclosed lounge area with a community kitchen and coin-free laundry facilities. It includes tunnel access to Old Main and the Richard E. Winter '42 Student Center.

"The rooms are spacious yet cozy and very home-like," said Peggy Chasler '08, a communication studies major who lives in Eastwood Hall. "I also like the convenience of having laundry facilities and a dishwasher on the same floor!" Chasler added that the views from the glass enclosed lounges are spectacular. "From the seventh floor lounge, you can see the far reaches of the city and on a clear day, you can even see Niagara Falls."



THE SEVEN-STORY, 104,000 SQUARE FOOT STRUCTURE NOW SERVES AS THE NEW HOME TO NEARLY 270 FRESHMAN AND SOPHOMORE STUDENTS.



OPENS ITS DOORS



Edward Kelley '08, a management/marketing major, lives on the sixth floor of Eastwood Hall and has heard several people comment on the quality facilities.

"Being a resident of Eastwood Hall is like living in a hotel," remarked Kelly. "I have heard students from other colleges say that they wish their dorms were as nice as Eastwood. It really impresses people – including my parents who helped me to move in this fall."

Since 1995, Canisius has invested \$63 million in eight residence hall projects to meet the increased demand for on-campus housing. In fall 2005 alone, 76 percent of the applicant pool at Canisius indicated a desire to live on campus.

Father Cooke noted that the completion of Eastwood Hall marks a giant step forward in the college's plan to be among the best regional, comprehensive universities in the country.

"Canisius has placed the highest priority on creating first-class residence halls, classrooms and recreational spaces that

are equal to any in the nation," said Father Cooke. "It allows us to attract more residential students from Erie County and beyond. That's not only good for Canisius but it is also good for Buffalo."

Mayor Anthony Masiello '69 agreed.

"This new residence hall at my *alma mater*, in the heart of the city, is another strong sign of a city that is coming back," said Masiello, who noted at the dedication that he "moved into Frisch Hall, as a freshman, exactly 40 years ago to the day."

Masiello was among several Canisius alumni who attended the official opening of Eastwood Hall. He was joined by members of the Canisius College Board of Trustees and Regents, college faculty, administrators, staff and student leaders.

The Eastwood Hall project cost \$19 million and was funded through bonds issued by the State Dormitory Authority. Cannon Design of Grand Island, NY designed the residence hall. GPS Construction served as the construction manager for the project.

