



The fall semester at Canisius College brought the newest addition to the campus, Eastwood Hall (page 6). Students returning to campus in mid-August were welcomed into a magnificent seven-story residence hall built in the parking lot adjacent to Christ the King Chapel. Eastwood offers suites with either bathrooms or common living rooms plus lounges with kitchen and laundry facilities on each floor. The lounges offer spectacular views of the campus and city. Eastwood Hall is truly a dramatic finishing touch on the college's Quadrangle.

Eastwood is the eighth residence hall project to be completed in the past 10 years and puts the college's total investment in such projects at \$63 million. It also brings the number of beds on campus to 1,599, more than half the size of the full-time undergraduate student population. This fall, 69 percent of entering freshmen and transfers live on campus.

The Canisius students were joined in mid-September by 24 students displaced from New Orleans universities by Hurricane Katrina (page 8). Fortunately, the completion of Eastwood Hall left us with some spare beds. Our arrangement with these students and their home universities is this: They will pay tuition to their home universities. They will pay Canisius student fees only. If they live on campus, they are responsible for their food charges but not their rooms, as we discovered that many of them remained liable on leases for off-campus housing in New Orleans.

I am happy that Canisius was able to play its part in helping not only these students but also their home universities. These universities are reeling from the effects of the storm: the disruption of their operations, the displacement of their faculty and staff, and the interruption in cash flow to pay basic expenses.

In this same spirit, I am grateful to the many alumni and friends of Canisius who made the 2004-2005 Annual Fund such an overwhelming success and to whom we pay tribute in these pages (page 30). Perhaps most noteworthy is the increase in the participation of our alumni in the annual fund. Participation is a factor in national rankings of universities and in the decision-making process of some foundations when we seek external support. The annual fund provides the true margin of excellence in a Canisius education. Thank you for responding to our call.

With best wishes from the campus.

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