

## Nelson to Retire as Academic Vice President



After serving a decade in the college's top academic post, **Hebert J. Nelson, PhD**, announced he will retire as vice president for academic affairs on June 30, 2007. Nelson will also retire from his faculty appointment in the college's Philosophy Department.

Appointed in 1997, Nelson oversees the college's 215 full-time and several hundred part-time faculty members; the School of Arts & Sciences, School of Education and Human Services and Wehle School of Business; Bouwhuis Library; Information Technology Center; Office of Student Records; and Office of Enrollment Management.

Under Nelson's leadership, the college added new academic programs and introduced new signature learning opportunities for students; improved instructional and research facilities for both students and faculty; heightened its research and study related to the college's Jesuit Catholic identity; and increased the size of the

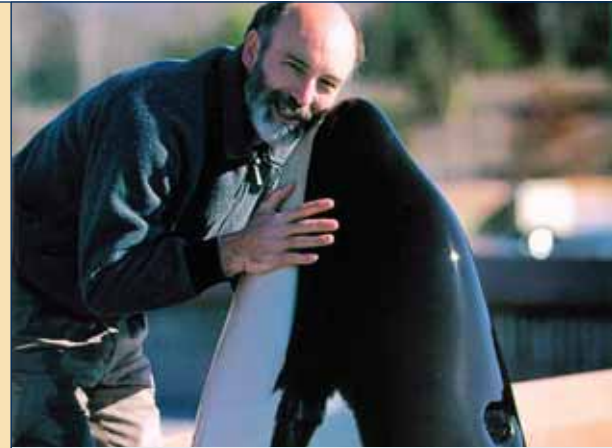
faculty and the student body.

"I am very grateful to Dr. Nelson for his academic leadership at Canisius College," said President Rev. Vincent M. Cooke, S.J. "Throughout his tenure, he has demonstrated an unparalleled commitment to improving Canisius' position as a quality educational institution, the benefits of which are evident in the college's faculty, students and graduates."

In his role as academic vice president, Nelson also served as the college's Mission and Identity coordinator, secretary to the Canisius College Board of Trustees of the Academics Committee and as a member of the Canisius Budget Committee.

Prior to his current position, Nelson was a professor of philosophy at Canisius and former chair of the department. He is a graduate of the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, Italy, where he earned both bachelor's and licentiate degrees in philosophy. He also holds a doctorate in philosophy from the University at Buffalo.

A national search is underway to select Nelson's replacement.



## Killer Whales Kiss and Make Up

A new discovery by Canisius College Professor of Animal Behavior **Michael Noonan, PhD** and junior chemistry major **Cerrene Giordano '08** reveals that – like humans – killer whales kiss and make up. The one-year study observed a pair of captive orcas at Marineland, Ontario. It found eight incidents of aggression, in which the female whale chased the male. The aggression continued intermittently for several minutes, after which the two separated for a cooling off period and then engaged in a six to 10 minute period of side-by-side, reconciliation swimming.

"This behavior adds to the ways in which killer whales show convergence with humans and other primates," says Noonan, whose evidence comes from 2,800 hours of killer whale videotape.

Noonan presented their research at the Animal Behavior Society's (ABS) annual conference in Snowbird, UT this summer, where he was also awarded with the society's Distinguished Teaching Award. Nominated by his Canisius colleagues, the ABS cited Noonan's highly effective and innovative teaching in the classroom and in the field.

Noonan is director of the Animal Behavior and Zoo Biology programs at Canisius, and teaches courses that range from the social organization of mammals to behavioral neuroscience. Beyond the classroom, he involves students in his research program on marine mammals. He also directs the Canisius Ambassadors for Conservation, a program that involves undergraduate students in efforts to promote wildlife conservation in the community.

## Local Business Executives Lauded

The Canisius College Richard J. Wehle School of Business named **William G. Gisel Jr.**, Business Executive of the Year at its annual Business Awards Dinner in October. Gisel is president and CEO of Rich Products Corporation, a post he assumed in August 2006 when company chairman Bob Rich Jr. appointed Gisel his successor.



For the past decade, Gisel has served as president of Rich's Food Group and chief operating officer. During his tenure, he helped direct the company's fortunes as it more than doubled its annual revenues to \$2.5 billion.

The School of Business also recognized **Mary S. Martino MBA '83** with its Dr. Bernard L. Martin Award, presented

to a distinguished alumna/us of the college's graduate business programs who has excelled professionally.



**Martino** is commissioner of the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority (NFTA) and serves as its representative on the Buffalo and Fort Erie Peace Bridge Authority. Most recently, she was chosen to head the NFTA's Board of Audit and Governance Committee. She also served as acting chair of the NFTA from November 2005-March 2006, following the death of **Luiz Kahl HON '06**.

The Business Awards Dinner is sponsored by the Business Advisory Council to the Richard J. Wehle School of Business.

## Seven New Members Elected to Board of Trustees

The Canisius College Board of Trustees welcomed seven new members on July 1. Members are elected to the Board and serve three-year terms with the exception of the president of the Alumni Association (Deborah Leous), who serves a one-year term during her presidency. The Canisius College Board of Trustees formulates and recommends policy to Canisius President Rev. Vincent M. Cooke, S.J. The incoming Board of Trustee members are:



**Deborah Caudell Leous '79, MBA '82**  
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Niagara Frontier  
Transportation Authority



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Physicist,  
MJW Corporation



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## Board of Regents Appoints Eight New Members

Eight new members joined the Canisius College Board of Regents this fall. The Board serves as an advisory group to Canisius President Rev. Vincent M. Cooke, S.J. and the Canisius College Board of Trustees. The new members will each serve three-year terms with the exception of the first vice president of the Alumni Association (David Nasca), who serves a one-year term. The new Board of Regents members are:



**Erik L. Brady '76**  
Sports Reporter,  
*USA Today*



**Jeffrey J. Calabrese '92**  
Partner,  
Harter Secrest & Emery  
LLP



**Kathleen Doucet-Miller '95**  
President,  
Doucet-Miller Insurance  
Agency



**David Nasca '79**  
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LifeStage Health



**Peter S. O'Keefe '78**  
President,  
O'Keefe Shaw & Co. Inc.



**William C. Moore '68**  
President,  
Buffalo Financial  
Associates Inc.



**Molly J. Musarra '82, Esq.**  
Erie County District  
Attorney's Office



**Lee C. Wortham '79**  
Executive Vice President of  
Wealth Management,  
First Niagara Bank

## upcoming events

The Canisius College Contemporary Writers Series PRESENTS:



**George Saunders,**  
Fiction writer  
Thursday, February 8  
7:00 p.m.  
Montante Cultural Center  
*CivilWarLand in Bad Decline,*  
*Pastoralia, In Persuasion Nation*

**Eamon Grennan,**  
Poet  
Thursday, March 8  
7:00 p.m.  
Montante Cultural Center  
*Still Life with Waterfall, The Quick of  
It, Leopardi: Selected Poems*

**Connie Porter,**  
Fiction writer  
Thursday, April 19  
7:00 p.m.  
Grupp Fireside Lounge  
*All-Bright Court, Imani All Mine, Addy  
books (from American Girls series)*