



As this issue of *Canisius College Magazine* went to press, the campus was cleaning up from the aftermath of a freakish October snowstorm that devastated thousands of wonderful trees in and around Buffalo. Buffalo natives know better than to be surprised by anything that Mother Nature throws their way but the suddenness with which this storm developed and the extent of the damage to trees and power lines was without precedent.

Here at Canisius, about 97 trees on campus were damaged or destroyed and our facilities management people are doing their best to preserve what they can while we continue our cleanup efforts. The silver lining, if one can be found, is that many of our trees were young, having been planted during our renovation projects of the past few years. Fortunately, the damage appears to have been largely confined to the trees.

Buffalo storms bring out the best in people and our campus was no exception. Our public safety officers, and the staffs in facilities management, Chartwells Food Service, student affairs and residence life all made certain that our students on campus were safe, secure, well fed and entertained. A joint disaster preparedness plan developed with Niagara University after Hurricane Katrina worked perfectly as Niagara was able to deliver two large generators, cots and toiletries for our students within hours. We have learned much from our experience that will help us cope with future interruptions in our operations.

As the following week's temperatures climbed back into the more seasonable 60s, I am reminded of that old Buffalo saying: "If you don't like the weather in Buffalo, wait 30 minutes, it's bound to change."

Vincent M. Cooke, S.J.

after the storm

Immediately following the surprise October snowstorm, cleanup began in Koessler Plaza and the Quad, where several trees suffered serious damage.

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