

## Tunney and Hassett Named to Board of Trustees

Rev. Michael F. Tunney, S.J., and Joseph M. Hassett '64, PhD, are the newest members of the Canisius College Board of Trustees. Appointed to fill vacancies, both Father Tunney and Hassett will be eligible for election to three-year terms.

Father Tunney is rector of the Canisius College Jesuit community, a

professor of fine arts and director of the college's Studio Art Program (see page 22). Hassett is a partner in the Washington, D.C. law firm of Hogan & Hartson.

The Board of Trustees formulates and recommends policy to Canisius President Rev. Vincent M. Cooke, S.J.



Rev. Michael F. Tunney, S.J.



Joseph M. Hassett '64, PhD

## Five Appointed to Board of Regents

The Canisius College Board of Regents appointed five new members this fall. The Board of Regents serves as an advisory group to Canisius President Rev. Vincent M. Cooke, S.J. and the Canisius College Board of Trustees.

Board of Regents members serve three-year terms with the exception of Stephen M. Nosek '76, first vice president of the Canisius College Alumni Association, who will serve a one-year term. The new members are:



**Peter A. Cannito '71**  
President,  
MTA Metro North Railroad



**Michael A. Ervolina '79**  
President & CEO,  
Valu Home Center Stores Inc.



**William J. McDermott**  
Vice President, Chief Financial Officer,  
Sevenson Environmental Services Inc.



**Norma J. Nowak '79, PhD**  
Director, Science and Technology,  
University at Buffalo New York State  
Center of Excellence in Bioinformatics  
and Life Sciences



**Stephen M. Nosek '76**  
First Vice President,  
Merrill Lynch and Company Inc.,  
*ex-officio*

## Tropical Trek Draws Crowds to Canisius

The third floor of the Health Science Building was literally a zoo in November, when students in the Zoo Biology Program unveiled "Tropical Trek: From Dusk 'til Dawn in the Amazon." The rainforest mini-zoo was designed by students, under the guidance of Michael Noonan, PhD, director of the Zoo Biology Program, and Kevin J. Murphy '86, Buffalo Zoo curator. Visitors observed a six-banded armadillo, a prehensile-tailed porcupine, a douracouli night monkey and a dwarf caiman crocodile in simulated habitats. The animals were all on loan from the Buffalo Zoo.

The student zoo-keepers will continue to care for some zoo animals until next summer. Twelve caiman and an anaconda snake are in residence at Canisius, while the Buffalo Zoo completes construction on its South American Rainforest building. The students are also using the opportunity to conduct crocodile behavioral research, as well.



Kelly Fischbach '08, a psychology major, gets up close with a caiman crocodile in the mini-zoo.

## Emerald Isle Encore

Back by popular demand is the Emerald Isle excursion, hosted by Richard J. Thompson '53, *emeritus* professor of English and Irish studies. The 16-day summer tour will take Canisius alumni and friends around Ireland's southern rim, from Dublin to Shannon, with visits to the green fields of Kilkenny and Cork, the country's southwest peninsulas and the historic Limerick region.

Travel dates are June 29 - July 14, 2008. The cost is approximately \$3,200 and includes airfare from Buffalo, ground transportation, accommodations, breakfast throughout and several dinners. Theater tickets and entry fees are also included.

Thompson previously announced that his 2006 trip to Northern Ireland would be his last but requests for a return visit prompted him to host an encore excursion. For more information or to reserve your space, contact Thompson at 716-836-5606.



## Former Canisius Football Coach, Bill Brooks, Dies

Former Canisius College football coach **William T. Brooks** passed away on October 27 in Greensboro, NC. He was 62 years old.

Brooks came to Canisius in 1974 to serve as the team's offensive coordinator during the program's final year at club level. He became head coach of the college's varsity football team in 1975, when the sport was reinstated at Canisius following a 26-year reprieve. During Brooks' seven-year tenure, he led the Griffins to five winning seasons, including a 6-3 season in 1976 at the Division III level. Brooks ranks third in career wins and third in years of service in the school's football record book.

"When the NCAA Division III level became a reality in 1974, Bill immediately jumped at the chance to bring

football to Canisius and make it a success," recalls **Daniel P. Starr '58, PhD**, *emeritus* professor of history and former director of athletics. "He was a first-rate coach and a real leader."

In addition to his coaching duties, Brooks served as director of recruitment for the college (1975-1979). He was also the school's dean of students from 1978-1979.

Brooks retired in 1982 and later founded The Brooks Group, a highly successful sales consulting firm based in Greensboro. He authored 19 books on the subject, including three best sellers.

Brooks is survived by his wife, Nancy Greever, and his sons, Wil and Jeb.

## Canisius Extols Local Business Executives

The Richard J. Wehle School of Business recognized two outstanding executives at its 39th annual awards dinner in October.

**Scott R. Bieler**, president of West Herr Auto Group, received the Business Executive of the Year Award, presented to a person who has achieved professional success and demonstrated a broad interest in civic affairs.

Under Bieler's leadership, West Herr has become New York State's largest automotive group with 20 franchises, 17 locations and a combined total of 23,527 new and used retail vehicles sold for 2006. *Business First* named West Herr "The Best Place to Work in Western New York."

Bieler serves on the boards of directors for the Roswell Park Alliance Foundation and the Buffalo Zoo. West Herr supports more than 600 local organizations.

**Catherine F. Schweitzer MBA '99** was the recipient of the Dr. Bernard L. Martin Award, presented to a graduate of the college's MBA program who has excelled professionally and provided significant service to the community.

Schweitzer is executive director of The Baird Foundation of Buffalo, which provides critical funding for many of Western New York's premier not-for-profit organizations to help strengthen education and the arts, ensure the preservation of historic landmarks and protect natural spaces.



**Scott R. Bieler**



**Catherine F. Schweitzer  
MBA '99**

## Destination Abroad

Canisius students can now choose from a wider selection of study abroad destinations.

The Office of International Student Programs announced six new locations: John Cabot University in Rome, Italy; the Mediterranean Center for the Arts & Sciences in Sicily, Italy; Lorenzo De'Medici in Florence, Italy; the Berlin School of Economics in Berlin, Germany; Sacred Heart University in San Juan, Puerto Rico; and the Beijing Center for Chinese Studies in Beijing, China. Canisius offers a total of 16 study abroad destinations.

"With these offerings we can more effectively address student areas of interest, such as business, international relations, art history or language," says **Esther A. Northman**, director of international student programs and study abroad.

The college's Study Abroad Program also received a prestigious grant from the European Union-United States Atlantis Program. The U.S. Department of Education and its European counterpart administer the grant, which provides a \$1,200 monthly living allowance to Canisius students, who study in Strasbourg, France or Antwerp, Belgium. Students are able to earn joint or dual undergraduate degrees through the program.

The United States Department of Education awarded only seven Atlantis grants in 2006.

