

New "Digs" on Delavan



(l-r) NY Sen. Alfred Coppola (D); NY Sen. Dale Volker (R); Canisius USA President Greg Heeb; Rev. Vincent M. Cooke, S.J.; Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Ellen Conley; and Buffalo Mayor Anthony Masiello (D) "dig in" to the site of the new Delavan Townhouses.

Nearly one year after the swing of a wrecking ball razed the old Delavan Street Armory, the once-uninhabited site is now a "hub" of new construction for Canisius. With the Rev. Vincent M. Cooke, S.J., at the controls of a front-end loader, the college broke ground in September on the future home of the Delavan Townhouses.

"Today we take another important step for Canisius College; for this neighborhood; and for our city," said Father Cooke at groundbreaking ceremonies.

Located on West Delavan Avenue, between School 17 and the corner of Harvard Place, the student townhouse complex is a \$15.5 million project that will provide Canisius with much needed resident hall spaces for its growing population.

"This fall, the college's existing residence halls are filled to capacity and we could have easily accommodated another 100 students if we had sufficient beds," noted Father Cooke.

Construction on the Delavan

Townhouses will be completed in two phases. The first, which will be ready for occupancy in August 2001, will include 200 beds in 3, 4 and 5 single bedroom apartments and a 7,000 square foot community center that will have classroom and study spaces, lounges, meeting rooms, laundry facilities and offices. The second phase of the project will add another 125 beds in two buildings and is scheduled for completion in August 2002.

The Delavan Townhouses will be funded by a bond issue through the State Dormitory Authority and was made possible with the assistance of federal, state and city lawmakers,

including Buffalo Mayor Anthony Masiello '69, who pledged his full support to the college.

"You have my commitment as your mayor that we are going to partner with Canisius in providing the college with the infrastructure needs and the housing needs of this particular community so that we have another strong, viable neighborhood in the city of Buffalo," stated Masiello.

New York State Senator Dale Volker '63 added that the development of the Delavan Armory site will be looked at down the road as a huge step forward in the growth of Buffalo's Linwood-Oxford neighborhood. Father Cooke agreed.

"The impact of the Delavan Townhouse project will be felt far beyond the walls of Canisius College and we hope that it will spur future investments on the West Side of Main Street," said Father Cooke. "There is much work to be done. But as Canisius continues on its path toward the top ranks of regional colleges and universities in the Northeast, we will be a part of the renaissance of our city!"

Rev. Vincent M. Cooke, S.J., at the controls of the front-end loader that hauled away the first pile of dirt from the Delavan Street Armory.



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The **Communication Studies**

Department will cut the ribbon to its new fourth-floor home in Lyons Hall on **Thursday, November 2** during an open house for alumni from **5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.** American Medicine in the 21st Century will be the topic of discussion when Dr. Donald Theodore Lewers, chair of the American Medical Association Board of Trustees, visits Canisius on **Wednesday, November 8 at 8:00 p.m.** in the Grupp Fireside Lounge, as part of the **Dr. George E. Schreiner '43 Pre-Medical Center Distinguished Speakers Series.** Spend an evening with U.S. Rep. Jack Quinn (R-NY) on **Wednesday, November 15 at 8:15 p.m.**, in the Grupp Fireside Lounge, sponsored by the **William H. Fitzpatrick Chair of Political Science Lecture Series.** The **Oishei Teaching Professorship Program** will welcome Michael Phayer, professor of history at Marquette University on **Monday, November 21 at 8:00 p.m.** in the Grupp Fireside Lounge. The title of his talk will be "Pius XII and the Holocaust."

Investing in Canisius



Paul J. Strassberger '38 accepts a bronze statue of St. Peter Canisius from Rev. Vincent M. Cooke, S.J., at dedication ceremonies for the Center for Entrepreneurship.

Canisius College named its Center for Entrepreneurship this summer in honor of a man who has generously shared his success

with his *alma mater*. Paul J. Strassberger '38 traveled with his family from the West Coast for a ceremony marking the

dedication of the **Paul J. '38 and Rita Strassberger Center for Entrepreneurship.**

The Center, which provides students and members of the business community with the techniques and skills necessary to identify new business opportunities, was named in honor of Strassberger and his late wife for their \$1 million gift to the *Imagine Canisius* capital campaign.

Paul Strassberger is a California-based investor and entrepreneur who grew up in North Buffalo. He was highlighted in the summer issue of the *Canisius College Magazine*.

Enrollment on the rise

This fall, the college proudly welcomed its largest freshman class in 11 years. As of mid-October, 825 students were enrolled in the class of 2004. That number surpasses the fall 1999 enrollment count by 81 students!

Canisius is also enjoying its highest resident population in the college's history. With a

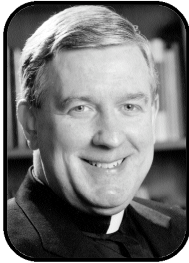
record 1,200 resident students attending this year, the college instituted a waiting list for its residence halls, for a second straight year.

"The demand for Canisius is increasing because students want high quality programs and facilities," said Rev. Vincent M. Cooke, S.J. "In the last seven years, we have started or

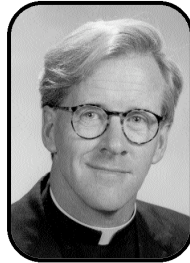
completed \$60 million in capital projects on campus and we are now reaping the benefits of that investment."

The class of 2004 is comprised of students from 17 states and 13 foreign countries including Belgium, Bulgaria, England, France, Jordan, Nigeria and Sweden.

Board of Trustees Elects Five New Members



Rev. Robert R. Grimes, S.J.



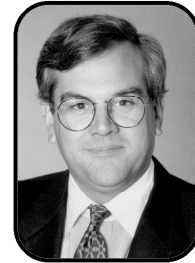
Rev. Francis G. Hilton, S.J.



Luiz F. Kahl



Patrick P. Lee



Daniel W. Stanton '79

A new fiscal year means new faces on the Canisius College Board of Trustees. Five new members were elected this summer to fill vacancies left by outgoing board members. New members include the **Rev. Robert R. Grimes, S.J.**, academic dean and associate professor of music at Fordham College at Lincoln Center. Father Grimes serves on the college's Advisory Board of the Archbishop Hughes Institute and is a member of the American Musicological Society, the Society for American Music, the Society for Ethnomusicology and the New York Historical Society; the **Rev. Francis G. Hilton, S.J.**, professor of economics at Baltimore's Loyola College. Father Hilton

serves on Loyola's Leadership Advisory Council and is a member of the U.S. Catholic Conference, for which he advises bishops on pastoral responses to issues of global warming; **Luiz F. Kahl**, chair of the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority (NFTA) and president of The Vector Group, LLC, in Williamsville. Kahl is a former member of the Canisius College Board of Regents and a past recipient of the college's Distinguished Citizen Achievement Award; **Patrick P. Lee**, CEO and chair of International Motion Control Inc. A Regent *emeritus* of Canisius, Lee sat on the executive committee for the college's *Imagine Canisius* campaign. It was his generous gift to that campaign that made possible the con-

struction of the Patrick P. Lee Student Recreation Center; **Daniel W. Stanton '79**, partner and managing director of the investment firm Goldman, Sachs & Co. in Frankfurt, Germany. Stanton is a member of the DiGamma Honor Society, a past member of the Board of Regents, former co-chair of the college's *Imagine Canisius* campaign and a former recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award.

Ex-officio members of the Board of Trustees include **Rev. Vincent M. Cooke, S.J.**, president of Canisius College, **Laura A. Zaeffel '86** and **Sebastian W. Fasanello '85**, president and first vice president of the Canisius College Alumni Association Board of Directors; the **Rev. James P. Higgins, S.J.**, secretary; and **Dr. Laurence W. Franz**, treasurer.

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Thomas A. LaFleur

There is a new force behind Canisius' annual fund drive. **Thomas A. LaFleur** was named the new director of the annual fund this summer. He comes to Canisius from the University at Buffalo where he served as associate director of annual fund pro-

grams and spearheaded the department's highly developed and innovative annual giving program. As director of the annual fund at Canisius, LaFleur will continue to build on the success of the college's recent *Imagine Canisius* capital campaign.

He will manage fund raising in eight divisions, recruit annual fund volunteers and donors and organize recognition events. LaFleur replaces **Francine M. Mergl '73** who was recently named director of development services and research at Canisius.

Townhouse Tribute



Bob Warren (center), son of the late Rupert and Eileen Warren, tours the Warren House with Warren scholar Michelle Harris '02 (left).

Canisius College paid tribute to the late Rupert Warren in September. The former president of Trico bequeathed \$1.27 million to the college at the time of his death in 1998. In recognition of this generous gift, the college named one of its student townhouses in memory of Rupert Warren, long time supporter of Canisius.

The Warren House was dedicated during an outdoor ceremony followed by a tour of the three floor, 12 unit facility that accommodates as many as 54 students.

Rupert Warren also established the Eileen and Rupert Warren Scholarship Fund in 1992, in memory of his late wife.

Father Fiore's Christmas Story

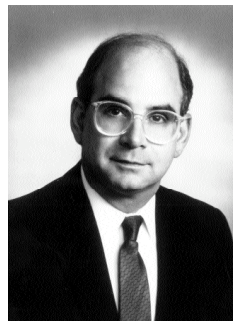


Fr. Fiore "on the set" as a television crew lights the room for his interview.

The Rev. Benjamin Fiore, S.J., chair of religious studies, retraced the footsteps of the Holy Family in a soon-to-be-released Christmas documentary that will air during prime-time on PAX TV in December. Produced by

Associated Television International, "The Road to Bethlehem" will explore the miracles that occurred from the birth of Jesus through his visit to the temple in Israel at age 12. Watch your local listings for air dates.

Business leaders lauded



Angelo M. Fatta '66

Some of Buffalo's most successful business leaders took a break from their busy schedules on October 17 to attend the college's Business Awards Dinner, sponsored by the Richard J. Wehle School of Business.

Receiving this year's Business Executive of the Year Award was **Angelo M. Fatta '66**, who founded ACTS Testing Labs Inc., in the basement of his home in 1973. The company grew to 1,500 accounts worldwide and was recently acquired by Bureau Veritas, a French quality assurance giant that designated ACTS as the new Consumer Product Division of its multi-million dollar company and appointed Fatta vice president of its North American Zone.



Andrew J. Shaevel '88, MBA '90

Andrew J. Shaevel '88, MBA '90, co-founder and CEO of Remarketing Services of America Inc., received the Dr. Bernard L. Martin Award, given annually to a distinguished graduate of the college's MBA program.