

Canisius Composes New Major in Music



Beethoven has the "Violin Concerto in D Major." Mozart has his "Piano Sonata in C Major." And now Canisius has a music major of its own. Composed by **Jane Cary**, associate professor of fine arts and director of music, the undergraduate program is now the second major to be offered by the Fine Arts Department, in addition to art history.

The music major will provide students with a thorough training in music history, theory and performance; complement the college's solid liberal arts education; and fill an educational void among local college's and universities.

"Western New York

has strong music programs in the high schools, with many exceptionally talented students. But many of the local universities that offer music degrees are larger, public institutions," says Cary. "The creation of this new music major at Canisius will not only enhance the academic perspective of the college but offer music students an opportunity to attend a private, medium-sized liberal arts college in the Jesuit tradition, known for caring faculty, small class sizes and personal attention."

The new music major will be available in fall 2003. Students who enroll in the program will graduate with the necessary skills to pursue music-related careers and/or graduate studies in the fields of music history, music theory, music performance, music administration and the music industry.

Canisius Poll Measures Political Opinions



Drs. Hardwick (left) and Haselswerdt (right) oversee students as they interview Erie County residents on such issues as war, terrorism and homeland security.

A new poll, conducted by political science professors **Drs. Kevin Hardwick** and **Michael Haselswerdt** and their students, is revealing some interesting information about the political opinions of Erie County residents. The survey included telephone interviews with more than 400 county residents, over the age of 18. Residents were questioned on a variety of issues including the approval ratings of local elected officials, casino gaming, smoking in public places and tax

increases. Students also polled residents about their opinions on the war with Iraq, terrorism and homeland security, and found:

- 52% believe the war with Iraq will make the United States safer, while 32% feel the opposite
- 94% of the people polled did not buy duct tape or plastic sheeting in preparation for a terrorist attack

To read the full results of the political science poll, visit www.canisius.edu/poll/.

Kruly '70 Named Director of Government Relations



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returned to *alma mater* this spring as the new director of government relations. Kruly is the former first deputy Erie County Clerk, and will now be responsible for all federal, state and local government relations for Canisius.

"As our vision for what Canisius can and should be has grown over the past decade, it has become clear that we need to engage our elected officials on every level and seek their help in making that vision a reality," said John J. Hurley '78, vice president for college relations and general counsel at Canisius.

Kruly holds a degree in political science from Canisius and a master's degree in public affairs from the State University of New York at Albany.



IU Soul Revue Rocks Montante Cultural Center

The Canisius College community was dancing in the aisles when the IU Soul Revue performed at the Montante Cultural Center in March. Made up of a full ensemble that features horns, a seven-piece rhythm section, strings and dance performers, The Revue delivered the

sounds of timeless R&B, soul, funk and contemporary urban black popular music. The IU Soul Revue is part of the Indiana University of African American Arts Institute and one of the premier university performing arts programs in the nation.



New Round of Peter Canisius Professorships Awarded

The Peter Canisius Distinguished Teaching Professors Program awarded this year's second round of professorships, which began in May.

Established in 1998 with a gift from the John R. Oishei Foundation, and renewed in May 2002 with joint funding from Canisius, the three-year grants provide the college's best faculty with the resources to create innovative programs that enhance undergraduate teaching through exciting initiatives such as interdisciplinary projects, scholarly travel, experimental courses and the incorporation of technology into the classroom. Recipients of the new professorships include:

Dr. Mariusz Kozik, professor of chemistry, **Dr. Mary O'Sullivan**, associate professor of chemistry and **Dr. Steven Szczepankiewicz**, assistant professor of chemistry, will continue to refine the Center of Teaching Excellence in Chemistry, which was established through a professorship received by Kozik in 1999. "Center of Excellence in Chemistry Teaching at Canisius College – Phase II" will introduce peer-led team workshops for both general and organic chemistry students, and will invite famous scientists to present interdisciplinary research-based seminars twice a year for freshman and sophomore science majors during general chemistry recitations. The professorship will also continue to enhance the successful summer research program for local high school

students by pairing each high school student with a Canisius undergraduate student.

Dr. Coral Snodgrass, professor of management and **Dr. Julia Wescott**, professor of modern languages, will build on their previously funded professorship, which focused on the Americas. "Culture, Language and Management" will refine the present program in Mexico and link it to other existing programming in other parts of North America. The program will expand geographic involvement in Latin America and begin a project that will contribute to the long-term financial sustainability of the college's efforts in Latin America.

Dr. Anthony Weston, associate professor of mathematics, will explore how mathematical ideas, methods and constructs increasingly play a central role in disciplines once considered to be entirely unrelated to mathematics. The project, "New Mathematical Topographies," will delve into the interface between mathematics and widely disparate areas such as modern art, cultural studies, computer science, history, neurobiology, philosophy, physics, psychology and sociology. Over the next three years, Weston will invite 18 internationally renowned mathematical scholars to conduct week-long, intensive courses culminating in a hands-on workshop on the topic. Each visiting scholar will also present a public lecture while here at Canisius.

Canisius Recognized for Preservation Excellence



Canisius received statewide recognition in May when the Preservation League of New York State presented the college with its prestigious Preservation League Award for Excellence in Historic Preservation. The award is bestowed to organizations that have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to the preservation of New York State's irreplaceable architectural heritage. Specifically, Canisius was recognized for the renovation and restoration of Old Main, Lyons Hall, the Montante Cultural Center and George M. Martin Hall.

"The college's commitment to preserving the historic resources on its campus, and its investment and involvement in the surrounding historic neighborhoods are true contributions to the quality of life in the city of Buffalo," said Scott P. Heyl, president of the Preservation League of New York State. "The efforts by all those in your institution are truly commendable."

The Preservation League Awards Program raises the visibility of outstanding preservation efforts to New Yorkers statewide.

It Figures!

Multiply outstanding professional achievement times dedicated community service and you have the equivalent of **Michael P. Pinto**, the Canisius College Accountant of the Year. Awarded in April at the college's annual Accounting Society Banquet, Pinto is chief financial officer and executive vice president of M&T Bank Corporation, responsible for the finance and corporate services divisions, and the technology and banking operations. A member of the Shea's Performing Arts Center finance committee and a board of trustees member for Daemen College and Canisius High School,

Pinto also serves on the Canisius College Business Advisory Council and Council on Accountancy.

The Accounting Society also recognized **George F. Kermis III '70, PhD**, at its annual banquet. The associate professor of accounting received the Dr. Joseph R. Coppola Award, presented for outstanding achievement by a Canisius College accounting graduate. Kermis is a certified public accountant in New York State who worked for the international accounting firm KPMG, prior to joining the Canisius faculty in 1978. He has since published several articles on cost accounting for financial institutions and service enterprise.



Michael P. Pinto



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