

Canisius Makes More Room for Residents



Canisius President Rev. Vincent M. Cooke, S.J., dons a hard hat as he checks progress on the site of the new residence hall.



Artist's rendering of the new Eastwood Hall.

Canisius College broke ground on the new Eastwood Hall in April.

Located between Bosch and Loyola Halls, the 270-bed residence will be ready for occupancy in August 2005.

"The demand for on-campus housing has increased dramatically over the past five years with 76 percent of the applicant pool for fall 2004 indicating their desire to live on campus," said President Rev. Vincent M. Cooke, S.J. "Not only will this new residence hall help meet the demand for on-campus housing, but it will also move us toward the college's goal of becoming a top-ranked, residential college in the Northeast."

The seven-story, 104,000 square foot building will include suites with common living areas or private baths and will feature a lounge on every floor with a kitchen, laundry facility and meeting space. It is funded by a \$28.8 million bond issued through the State Dormitory Authority.

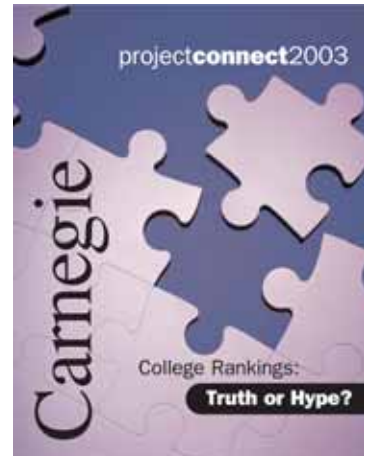
Visit the Canisius Web site at www.canisius.edu/eastwood to watch the construction progress.

Carnegie Study Ranks Canisius in Top 25

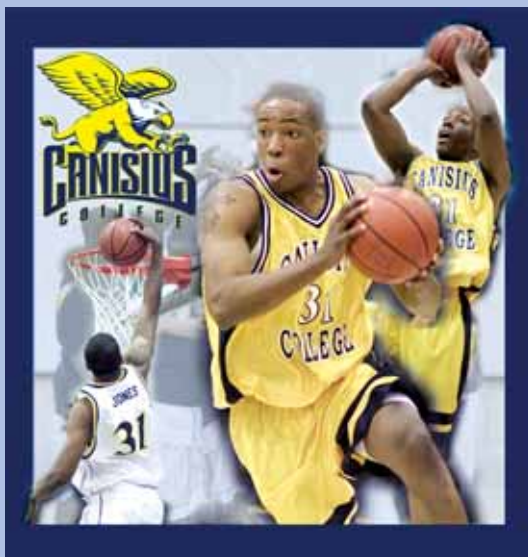
Canisius ranks among the top 25 colleges in the Northeast in a new study released by Carnegie Communications.

Nearly 4,000 college-bound high school students from across the United States participated in Carnegie's Project Connect 2003. The Carnegie survey compared the ranking criteria of the nation's rankings leader, *U.S. News & World Report*, with what students, the primary consumers of higher education, feel are the appropriate weights.

The complete results of Project Connect 2003 can be found on the Carnegie Web site at www.carnegiecomm.com.



Canisius Community Mourns Loss of Friend and Teammate Richard Jones



More than 700 members of the Canisius community honored the memory of **Richard Jones** at a service in the Koessler Athletic Center in early May. Jones, a 21-year-old, junior forward on the men's basketball team, died of a genetically enlarged heart (hypertrophic obstructive cardiomyopathy) after he collapsed during an individual workout on May 5.

A native of Boston, MA, Jones was scheduled to graduate in December and planned to pursue a master's degree in digital media arts. "It is exceedingly painful to see a young man like Rich with so much life ahead of him, to be taken from us so suddenly," said President Rev. Vincent M. Cooke, S.J. "Our hearts and our prayers are with his family, his friends and his Canisius teammates."

"Our students arranged the service because they wanted to celebrate his life," said Canisius College Director of Athletics Timothy J. Dillon. "They thought it would be appropriate to have the service in the Koessler, where Rich shined as an athlete and brought so much enjoyment into so many people's lives." A talented artist, Jones' drawings and paintings were on display, along with his framed number 31 jersey, which was placed at center court.

"Rich Jones is remembered as a tremendous, all-around athlete," said Men's Head Basketball Coach Michael S. MacDonald. "During his three years on the team, he became known as a quiet leader who was always quick to laugh. He was well-respected by the entire team and we will all miss him."

Peter Canisius Professors Named

Three Canisius faculty have been awarded Peter Canisius Distinguished Teaching Professorships. The three-year grants provide faculty with the resources to create innovative programs that will enhance their teaching through experiential courses, scholarly travel

and community outreach. This year's recipients include:



Dr. Keith R. Burich

Keith R. Burich, PhD, professor of history, who will develop a program on Native American history that allows Native Americans to tell their own stories in their own words and in their own ways. Burich will build upon his course,

Native American History, which was designed to bring Native Americans and the Western New York community together through education. The program includes several Native American speakers and a summer travel experience to Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota. (See www.canisius.edu/lakota).

Michael G. Dolan, professor of sports medicine and health and human performance, will develop the Center for Health and Sports Medicine at Canisius College. The center is intended to be the premier source for information on issues of sports



Michael G. Dolan

medicine and health in Western New York, with a mission of education, research and community outreach.

Timothy H. Wadkins, PhD, professor of religious studies, will continue an immersion-based teaching project that focuses on the global study of Christianity. This professorship will enhance The Multicultural Dimension of Christianity, a program established through a Distinguished Teaching Professorship that Wadkins received in 2000. The program will include trips to El Salvador, Namibia and the Philippines, two foundational religious studies/history courses and a speaker's series.



Dr. Timothy H. Wadkins

The Peter Canisius Distinguished Teaching Professors Program was established in 1998 with a gift from the John R. Oishei Foundation and renewed in May 2002 with joint funding from Canisius.

For more information, go to www.canisius.edu/petercanisius.

Zeh Tapped to Coach Women's Basketball

Terrence E. Zeh hit the hardwood this spring as the new head coach of the Canisius College women's basketball team. Chosen after a national search, Zeh is the eighth coach in the 29-year history of the women's basketball program.

A college basketball coach for 14 years, he holds a bachelor's degree from St. Bonaventure University and a master's degree in education from Elmira College. Zeh, who was an assistant on the Canisius men's basketball coaching staff since 1998, replaces **Michael F. Decillis**, who retired after the 2003-2004 season.

"I am very excited to have the opportunity to become a head coach again, especially at an outstanding institution like Canisius College," Zeh said. "I have seen a tremendous amount of positive change in my seven years at Canisius. I am looking forward to helping the young women achieve their goals on and off the floor."

For more about Coach Zeh's appointment, go to www.canisius.edu/athletics/news/archive.asp (4/17/2004).



Terrence E. Zeh

Vukelic Received Special Tribute at Regents Ball

Eugene Vukelic, chairman and chief executive officer of Try-It Distributing Company, received the Regents Distinguished Citizen Achievement Award at the 38th annual Canisius College Regents Scholarship Ball on May 15. The event benefits the college's Board of Regents Endowed Scholarship.



Eugene Vukelic

Vukelic received the award for his outstanding contributions to the social, cultural and economic welfare of Western New York.

New Minor Focuses on Family Interaction

Beginning fall 2004, Canisius will offer a new minor in child, family and community studies that will focus on the dynamics of family relations and the interaction of the family with society. The minor, co-sponsored by the Departments of Psychology, Sociology and Anthropology and Criminal Justice, requires 15 credits of coursework and 20 hours of volunteer work. For more information, contact **Patricia E. Erickson, PhD**, chair of the Sociology and Anthropology Department, at 888-2749 or **Harvey A. Pines, PhD**, chair of the Psychology Department, at 888-2517.

National Honors for Montante Cultural Center

The American Institute of Architects (AIA) recognized the Montante Cultural Center and Cannon Design with its 2004 Honor Award for Interiors. The renovation of the historic Byzantine-Lombardic church transformed it into a multi-purpose cultural center, while preserving its integrity and beauty.

The Montante Cultural Center has received numerous awards from the Western New York and New York State



AIA chapters but this is the first national award. Only six projects from across the country received this award.