

School of Education Accredited by NCATE



The School of Education & Human Services received a formal endorsement this spring, when the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) granted the school professional accreditation.

NCATE's performance-based accreditation system requires institutions to provide evidence of competent teacher candidate performance. NCATE

accreditation is extremely important to Canisius College, as it comes on the heels of program revisions made by Canisius to address significant changes in New York State education preparation standards.

"We are proud to have been accredited by this highly respected, national organization," says Margaret C. McCarthy, PhD, dean of the college's School of Education & Human Services. "We are also pleased that NCATE recognizes that Canisius College graduates highly competent, professional and socially committed educators and counselors, who are prepared for today's challenges and opportunities."

Canisius' School of Education & Human Services places a strong emphasis on service-learning and continues to create programs that benefit the larger community. A new Literacy Center offers tutoring services to neighborhood children, and the School of Education has several partnerships with area elementary and secondary schools. Canisius is also a member of the Autism Spectrum Disorders Research Consortium, in partnership with Summit Educational Resources and the University at Buffalo.

The U.S. Department of Education recognizes NCATE as a specialized accrediting body for schools, colleges and departments of education.



IN MEMORIAM

Brother Thomas J. Casey, S.J., a former college administrator and treasurer of the Jesuit community died March 30 following a long illness. He was 83.

A Jesuit for nearly a half century, Brother Casey first became a member of the Canisius College Jesuit Community in 1965 when he was appointed associate director of the Jesuit Bureau in Buffalo. He served in the position four years before leaving to become an administrator at St. Joseph's Hall in Bronx, NY and later at St. Peter's Prep in Jersey City, NJ. Brother Casey also oversaw the 1970-71 move of the Jesuit seminary, Woodstock College, from Maryland to Manhattan to be near Columbia University and Union Theological Seminary.

He returned to the Jesuit community at Canisius in 1975 when the college named him director of personnel. Brother Casey held the position for two years and then went on to serve the Canisius Jesuit community, for 27 years, in a variety of capacities including assistant treasurer and treasurer, and manager of the Jesuit summer residence in Port Colborne, Ontario.

Brother Casey entered the Society of Jesus in 1957.

Eastwood Residence Hall on Schedule

Work on the new Eastwood Residence Hall is nearing an end. As of July 1, the seven-story building, designed to house 270 freshman and sophomore students, will be substantially complete. The walls are painted; the floors are carpeted; the windows are decorated with blinds and valances; and lighting, showers and toilet facilities are in place. Throughout the month of July, furniture will be moved into the new residence hall and the contractors will continue "commissioning" of the building (testing of the fire and sprinkler, heating and cooling, and plumbing and electrical systems). Site work and landscaping associated with the new dormitory project will be completed in August.

Eastwood Hall opens August 10 to student leaders and athletes. The remaining student body arrives August 27 for the 2005-2006 academic year.



GOLDEN GRIFFINS END YEAR WITH NEW LEADERSHIP



Pictured (TOP TO BOTTOM): (PHOTO 1) Bill Maher '89, athletics director (PHOTO 2) Rev. Vincent M. Cooke, S.J., Canisius president; Bill Maher, Ellen O. Conley, PhD, vice president for student affairs; Cary M. Anderson, PhD, dean of students (PHOTO 3) Dave Smith, head coach, men's hockey (PHOTO 4) Mike Trzybinski, assistant coach, men's basketball

The season may be over for the Golden Griffins but a new era is just beginning for Canisius athletics. After a nationwide search, the college named former Golden Griffin Bill Maher '89 as its new athletics director. Maher came to Canisius in June from the University at Buffalo where he served as the Bull's interim athletic director since 2003. Prior to that, Maher was the senior associate athletic director for the Bulls and director of compliance.

"Bill has an in-depth knowledge of intercollegiate sports, marketing, planning and fund raising in addition to a familiarity with Canisius College and the Western New York community," says Canisius President Rev. Vincent M. Cooke, S.J. "We are excited to have him back at Canisius and know that he will be a great leader for our athletic program."

During his tenure at U.B., Maher helped oversee \$3.6 million in capital improvements to the university's athletic facilities; restructure the school's Blue & White Club fund drive for athletics; and develop marketing campaigns that increased attendance at athletic events.

"I am excited to have the opportunity to return to Canisius College as the director of athletics," states Maher. "Canisius has a great tradition of athletics in the Western New York community and I am eager to help the college achieve the important goals of providing quality experiences for the student-athletes and winning conference championships."

Maher was a four-year letter winner on the Canisius football team (1985-1988) and earned All-America honorable mention honors as a senior. He holds a bachelor's degree in physical education and a master's degree in sport management from East Stroudsburg University. Following an internship with the New York Knicks, Maher served seven years as the assistant athletic director at *alma mater*.

NEW HEAD COACH FOR HOCKEY

Less than a month before Maher's appointment, the college formally introduced Dave Smith as the new head coach for the men's hockey team. Smith spent the past three seasons as an associate coach and recruiting coordinator at fellow Atlantic Hockey member Mercyhurst College, where he guided the college to two league championships and two

NCAA Division I Tournament appearances.

"This is a very exciting moment for me as a coach and for my family," Smith said. "We look forward to becoming a part of the Canisius College community and the city of Buffalo. I am committed to continue the strong tradition of Golden Griffin hockey and the challenge of taking the program to the next level."

Smith was a four-year letter winner for the Ohio Buckeyes and spent six seasons in professional hockey, including five seasons in the American Hockey League (AHL) and the International Hockey League (IHL), and a brief period in the East Coast Hockey League (ECHL). He was under contract with the New York Rangers in 1994-1995.

Mike MacDonald MS '95, head coach, men's basketball



CANISIUS EXTENDS MACDONALD'S CONTRACT

A contract extension for Mike MacDonald MS '95 means the 2005-2006 campaign will be the ninth for the head coach of the men's basketball team. Under MacDonald's leadership, the Golden Griffins finished their 2004-2005 season with an 11-18 record, which included a 62-60 victory over Marist in the MAAC Tournament. It was the first tournament win for the Griffs since they advanced to the semifinals in 2002.

The Golden Griffins will also start their 2005-2006 season with a new assistant coach. Mike Trzybinski was promoted to the position this spring. He has spent the past three seasons as director of basketball operations at Canisius, during which time he assisted with scouting and game preparation.

Trzybinski replaces Michael Wernicki, who left the college to accept the assistant coaching position at Youngstown State.