



We have concluded a very busy year at Canisius College with 12 different reunions, including the 50 year reunion of the famous Class of 1955 ("Stay Alive with 55") and the 50th anniversary of the founding of the ROTC program at Canisius College.

These events allow alumni to take stock of what has happened over the past year (or in the case of the Class of '55, the past 50 years) and to think about the important role Canisius has played in their lives and in the life of our community here in Buffalo.

For those of us in college relations, it's a hectic time but also a very satisfying time that puts us face-to-face with hundreds of Canisius people. We're proud to show off the campus to our visitors and to talk about our exciting plans for the future. We're only too happy to answer questions. I wanted to share with you some of the most frequently asked questions (and answers) at college reunions:

When will we acquire the BlueCross BlueShield (Sears Roebuck) building?
In the last quarter of 2007.

Will the college demolish the Churchill Tower? While this architecturally-challenged building has its fair share of detractors, the fact remains that it is very functional and we will continue to need the office space, even with the acquisition of BlueCross BlueShield. So, the answer is "No, at least not in the foreseeable future."

Will Canisius join the Big East or some other major athletic conference?
Not likely. We have our eyes set on becoming consistently competitive in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference, which consists of schools and athletics programs very similar to Canisius. When we begin to win the MAAC Commissioner's Cup each year, we can talk about the next step for Canisius athletics.

Who is the most popular Canisius Jesuit of all time? Hard to say but without a doubt, the one talked about most frequently at reunions is the late Rev. Charles W. Lemkuhl, S.J.

How many Jesuits live and work at Canisius? At the Loyola Hall Jesuit community, there are currently 31 Jesuits. Of that number, 16 either teach or work in an administrative capacity at the college. The balance teach at Canisius High School; are engaged in other pastoral work within the diocese; or are retired.

How much theology and philosophy is required at Canisius today?
Six courses totaling 18 credit hours.

Will Canisius merge with Medaille College? No. While it may look like a natural fit because the campuses share a common boundary, they are quite different institutions with different visions and missions.

Enjoy the summer. Let us know if you are on campus and want to see what's happening here.

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