



UNDER CONSTRUCTION

**TAKE A DRIVE DOWN MAIN STREET
IN BUFFALO ON ANY GIVEN DAY
AND YOU WILL MOST LIKELY SEE A
FLOCK OF YELLOW HARD HATS
AND A FLEET OF CONSTRUCTION
EQUIPMENT LINING THE CANISIUS
CAMPUS. THE COLLEGE IS IN THE
MIDST OF A MASSIVE STATE-OF-
THE-ART MAKEOVER, WHICH WILL
INCLUDE THE TRANSFORMATION
OF LYONS HALL, THE MONTANTE
CULTURAL CENTER, OLD MAIN AND,
NEW THIS SUMMER, CONSTRUCTION
ON THE SITE OF THE OLD DELAVAN
STREET ARMORY.**

DELAVAN ARMORY — \$12 MILLION PROJECT

As enrollment at Canisius continues to rise, the college is faced with the demand to furnish more student housing. Providing the solution is the site of the 84-year old West Delavan Avenue Armory in Buffalo's Linwood-Oxford neighborhood.

Built in 1915, the Armory served as a military training site during World Wars I and II. The site was later abandoned and years of neglect turned it into a dilapidated structure. Rev. Vincent M. Cooke, S.J., however, saw promise in the old Armory site: for the college – a potential residence hall, for the city – the eradication of an eyesore.

Fr. Cooke's vision is fast becoming a reality. Construction crews will break ground in August 2000 on the future Delavan Student Housing Complex. Canisius is attempting to acquire all of the property from the Armory site to Harvard Place and has or expects to reach agreements with the

City, New York State and private landowners within the next few months. The City acquired the Armory site from the state two years ago and arranged for the demolition of the building last fall.

“When Canisius College begins to build residence facilities at the Delavan Armory site, we will push beyond our current boundaries and bring dollars, students and safety to this neighborhood,” says Fr. Cooke.

The preliminary plans call for a three-story masonry building designed to provide a modular townhouse look from the Delavan Avenue side. The development will feature units with four single bedrooms, two bathrooms, a kitchen and a large living room with floor-to-ceiling windows. Phase I, consisting of 3 modules built along West Delavan Avenue, will house 175 students. Future phases could bring the total count to 300 beds on the site. Dr. Ellen O. Conley,

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vice president for Student Affairs, says the goal is to change the purpose of residence halls on campus.

“Throughout the design phase, the architects (Cannon Design) have worked very closely with Residence Life and student focus groups to identify those things that we needed to really create a special community over on that site, and I think that will happen,” says Dr. Conley.

Among the features to be included in the new facility will be cable and Internet hook-ups in each bedroom and a 6,500 square foot commons area, with offices for residence life, public safety, study centers and a laundry room.



The mezzanine level in Lyons Hall is accented with raised ceilings and exposed trusses.

LYONS HALL — \$9.7 MILLION PROJECT

The modernization of the former Mt. St. Joseph's High School, now known as Lyons Hall, will be completed this spring. The renovation will create a new home for the Enrollment Management Office, the Fine Arts Department, the Media Center and Communication Studies.

The most dramatic change will take place on the fourth floor,

Down the hall, a high-tech lab for digital video production will be installed to accompany the college's new bachelor of science degree in Digital Media Arts (see page 7). Communication Studies will move from Old Main to the third floor of Lyons Hall, occupying classrooms, faculty offices and labs for digital imaging production.

The renovation will also establish a new gateway to the college for prospective students and other visitors. Once the soaring

where the Peter and Mary Lou Vogt Art Studio will be housed. High ceilings and exposed trusses allowed for the construction of a mezzanine level in the art studio.

leded-glass windows, patterned tile floors and filigree stairway banisters on the first floor are fully restored, the building will serve as an impressive "front door" to Canisius.

The college relations staff will make its move to the second floor of the newly renovated Lyons Hall in summer 2001.

Newly uncovered mosaics and murals reveal the beauty inside the Montante Cultural Center.



MONTANTE CULTURAL CENTER —

\$4 MILLION PROJECT

Those who have visited the Carol and Carl Montante Cultural Center, since renovation work began in August, describe the metamorphosis of this 1920 building as "spectacular."

The inside walls, once tarnished with time, are now wiped clean and reveal subtle pink-toned brick, decorated with beautiful mosaics and murals.

Complimenting those time-worn adornments will be state-of-the-art acoustics and a full-seated balcony. When finished, the Carol and Carl Montante Cultural Center will seat 550 people for performances.

OLD MAIN —

\$12 MILLION PROJECT

Old Main will soon be new again as the campus centerpiece prepares to undergo a significant transformation in its infrastructure. Classrooms will be air-conditioned, acoustically treated and eventually reconfigured for technology. The south half of the building will be converted first. It will be ready for use in March 2001. The overhaul on the north half of Old Main will follow shortly after.

Earlier this year, construction crews rebuilt the structure's central staircase to accommodate the extensive new mechanics of the building.

For more information on the construction projects, visit the Website at: www.canisius.edu/oldmain_lyons



1978
St. Vincent's School acquired - now the Wehle Technology Center

1987
Groundbreaking for Main-Humboldt Resident Housing

1988
Mt. St. Joseph's High School closes—college acquires and renovates Maday Theatre on 1st floor

1988
\$8 million library expansion completed

1989
Groundbreaking for Demske Sports Complex

1993
St. Vincent's Church & Rectory acquired

1996
Village Townhouses open

1997
Bosch & Frisch resident halls renovated

1998
Palisano Pavilion renovated; Penfold Commons dedicated

1998
Patrick E. Lee Student Athletic Center dedicated

1999
Work begins on Lyons Hall/Old Main

1999
George M. Martin Hall dedicated