

New M.V.P.



although the Golden Griffins may be losing a "Starr," we are gaining a new most valuable player. Timothy J. Dillon will assume the reigns as the college's new Athletics Director in July 2000. With a solid foundation already in place, Dillon will ensure that the college's athletics program continues to grow.

Dillon is now president of the Jotimaz Group of Anchorage, Alaska, which specializes in event management. He was formerly the director of athletics and recreation and vice chancellor for university advancement at the University of Alaska Anchorage. During his eight-year term at UAA, Dillon increased revenue by more than \$2.5 million through donations, promotions, sponsorships, licensing, television, ticketing and merchandising.

"There is no doubt that athletics plays a big part in promoting the college to a larger, more regional audience," said Rev. Vincent M. Cooke, S.J., president of Canisius. "Just as we are striving to benchmark with top-ranked regional

colleges in academics and facilities, we need to make sure that our athletic program is also top-notch."

Dillon was selected in a nationwide search conducted by a search committee chaired by John J. Hurley, vice president for college relations and general counsel.

"We had high expectations going into this search and we think that Tim's 20-plus years in sports management, fundraising, marketing and media relations give him the skills to meet the challenges here at Canisius," Hurley said.

Dr. Ellen O. Conley, vice president for student affairs, whose office oversees athletics, is equally enthusiastic.

"I know that Tim will be a great addition to the Canisius team. He is strongly committed to making our athletics program first rate while continuing our emphasis on academics and true sportsmanship," said Conley.

Dillon's accomplishments also include a multi-million dollar contract with ESPN for the nationally televised broadcasts of the Great Alaska

Shootout (Men's Basketball) and the Northern Lights Invitational (Women's Basketball). He directed the 1999 NCAA Frozen Four Division I Ice Hockey Championships that were held at the Arrowhead Pond in Anaheim, CA. Also noteworthy, was Dillon's efforts to raise the standard of academic performance among all UAA student athletes to a 3.0 average resulting in 21 'Seawolves' honored as Academic All Americans and 52 'Seawolves' recognized as All Americans during his tenure.

In previous years, Dillon also served as director of intercollegiate athletics at the University of North Carolina Asheville, assistant commissioner of the Colonial Athletic Association and director of games operations for the International Summer Special Olympics Games. He has served on numerous NCAA committees and is an active community leader.

"I am attracted to Canisius because of its rich athletics tradition," said Dillon. "Many have described it to me as a 'diamond in the rough' and I think that I can help add to its luster in the years



to come. I am a very strong believer in doing things in a first-class way, in challenging the status quo and in advocating for the student athlete. There are many challenges but I accepted the job because I was convinced that the top administration of the college is committed to getting the job done."

A native of New Jersey, Tim Dillon holds a master's degree in athletic administration from Eastern Kentucky University and a bachelor's degree in physical education from Slippery Rock State College.

Griffs "score" a new football coach

the Golden Griffins football team will start its fall 2000 season with a new head coach.

Edward W. Argast joined the blue and gold lineup in February when he was formally introduced to the college and the community.

Argast comes from Colgate University with 12 years of experience coaching the Red Raiders. During most of his tenure, he served as defensive line coach and helped lead the team from a rock bottom season in 1995 to its recent

ranking of 18th in the nation.

For the past four seasons, Coach Argast acted as the recruiting coordinator for the Red Raiders while fulfilling his everyday coaching duties. Prior to that he was the team's offensive line coach—a position he held for nearly five years.

Argast is a native of Irvington, New Jersey. He earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Colgate and a master's degree in social

foundations from Rutgers University. In accepting the position at Canisius, Argast becomes the 12th varsity head coach in the 54-year history of the Golden Griffins football program. He replaces Chuck Williams who was 16-34-0 during his five seasons at the college.

Coach Argast joins the Canisius College family with his wife Jane and their five children; Deidre, Daniel, Charlie, Patrick and Jack.

