



At the May meeting of the Board of Trustees, I opened my customary President's Report with the announcement that the upcoming academic year, 2009-2010, would be my last as president of Canisius College.

Next year will be my 17th year as president, at a time when the average tenure of a college president is about five years. It has been a remarkable run for Canisius over that time. We have invested more than \$142 million in 24 major projects on the central Buffalo campus, including \$67 million in eight residence hall projects, making the college one of the most significant private developers in the city of Buffalo. We have raised the bar for academic quality at the college. We have transformed the college from a mostly commuter school to a predominantly residential college with more than 70 percent of each incoming class living on campus.

Simply stated, we – faculty, administrators, staff, students, alumni and friends – have made Canisius a demonstrably better school in every respect by working together. Our success has been good for Canisius, good for our neighborhood and good for the city of Buffalo.

Our success has been made possible by the outstanding generosity of our alumni and friends who have contributed more than \$150 million to the college during my tenure. When Canisius has called, our alumni and friends have been there to answer the challenge.

While Canisius is riding a wave of some very impressive accomplishments, it is nonetheless time for the college to begin the process that will provide new leadership as we move into the second decade of the 21st century. A search committee has been formed by the Board of Trustees to supervise this process.

Much remains to be accomplished over the next 12 months, including the completion of our \$90 million *Legacy of Leadership* campaign. I will be devoting my full energies to this and to an orderly transition to the next president.

There will no doubt be many opportunities for farewells over the next year. In the meantime, please know how grateful I am for your continued devotion to our great college.

God bless you,



ON THE COVER

(l-r): Daniel G. Fisk '09, Erin Robinson, PhD, assistant professor of sociology, and Daniel C. LaFever '10 meet at the Peoples Park, near the Tri-Main Center on Main Street, to study the new urban agriculture movement of community gardens.

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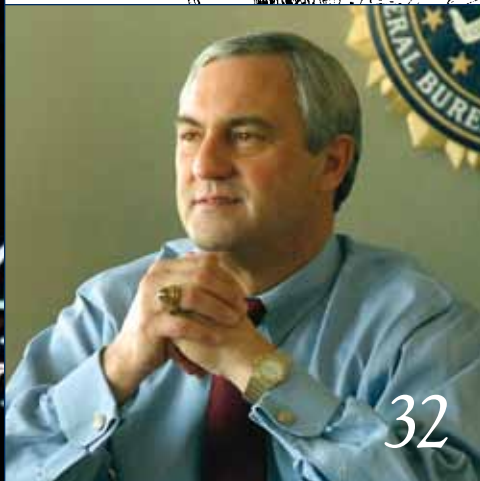
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