



(L-R): REV. VINCENT M. COOKE, S.J. AND LT. COL. JAMES E. MCNICHOLAS '68

Canisius College Annual Fund Surpasses Goal for Second Consecutive Year

The 2005-2006 Canisius College Annual Fund campaign surpassed its goal of \$2.14 million, by raising \$2.275 million in pledges, gifts and gifts-in-kind. More than 8,100 alumni, students, faculty and staff, friends, parents and businesses showed their support of Canisius through a gift to the fund.

Lt. Col. James E. McNicholas '68, chair of the Annual Fund Cabinet, presented Canisius President Rev. Vincent M. Cooke, S.J., with the check at the annual volunteer picnic in June.

"It is especially gratifying to reach our

goal but even more so to see that the number of donors, who contribute to Canisius, increases each year," said McNicholas. "Thank you to everyone who made this year's campaign a success – our volunteers, staff and donors."

Gifts to the annual fund provide financial aid to students, resources to faculty and help support state-of-the-art technology across campus.

The 2006-2007 annual fund is already underway with a goal of \$2.29 million. The campaign concludes on May 31, 2007.

Leadership Walkway Provides Enduring Tribute

This spring, members of the Canisius College community paid special tribute to their late colleague, Patricia J. Wahl Shelly, who passed away in January 2006. A secretary in the Department of Chemistry/Biochemistry, Shelly's Canisius friends and co-workers purchased a paver on Leadership Walkway to serve as a permanent on-campus tribute to the woman who "made us laugh." The paver was dedicated at a ceremony on May 4, which was attended by members of Shelly's family and her friends at the college.

Leadership Walkway connects Koessler



Plaza with Christ the King Chapel and provides Canisius alumni, family and friends with an opportunity to establish a permanent legacy in their own names or in tribute to others. For more information, visit www.canisius.edu/support/walkway, call 716-888-8217 or refer to the insert card in this magazine.

Regents Ball Sets Record

The 40th annual Regents Ball raised an astonishing \$115,000 for the college's Regents Scholarship this year. That brings the current market value of the fund to \$1 million and enables the Canisius College Board of Regents to provide \$34,000 in scholarship assistance to students in 2006-2007.



Canisius President Rev. Vincent M. Cooke, S.J., presents Robert E. Sadler Jr. with the Board of Regents Distinguished Citizen Achievement Award. Sadler is president and CEO of M&T Bank Corporation and CEO of M&T's principal banking subsidiary, M&T Bank.



Canisius President Rev. Vincent M. Cooke, S.J., poses with (l-r) Regent Ball Chairs Alan and Acea Mosey-Pawlowski '92, and Robin and Robert E. Sadler Jr.



Kathleen Scully (left) enjoys the cocktail reception at the Regents Ball with (l-r) Denny Strigl '74, his wife, Amanda, and Joe Scully '54.



The Regents Ball was a family affair for the Ware's. Pictured (l-r): Don Ware '78; his wife and Board of Regents member, Nancy Ware '78, MBA '85; family friend, Emily Braseth; and Jeff Ware.

Donor Profile

EMIL "INDE" INDERBITZEN AT 2006 COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES IN MAY.



Seventy Years of Leadership

Emil R. Inderbitzen's tenure with Canisius College began his freshman year of fall 1936. Little did he know then that his relationship with the college would evolve over 70 years from diligent student to proud alumnus, dedicated teacher, steadfast volunteer, loyal donor and beloved friend.

'Inde,' as he is affectionately known, received his bachelor's degree in chemistry in 1940 and began work the very next day at Union Carbide. He served there for nearly 40 years until 1981 when Rev. Paul J. McCarthy, S.J., professor of chemistry, invited Inde to join the college's Chemistry Department in 1981. True to form, Inde wasted no time in making the transition.

He retired from Union Carbide on a Friday and started as a faculty member

at Canisius the following Monday.

One evening as he was leaving the chemistry lab, Inde heard student voices in the room across the hall.

"I don't know what prompted me to walk in," says Inde. "But I found students calling alumni on behalf of the college's annual fund and I asked if I could join them. My first call was to a fellow classmate of mine who had never given a nickel to the college. We had a great conversation and at the end, he gave me \$1,000. I almost flipped! That night was the first of many to come."

More than a quarter century later, thousands of alumni can say they experienced Inde's tireless enthusiasm to support Canisius, through a simple phone call.

"Nights in the call center are great when Inde is here,"

says student-caller **Hallie Gallagher '08**. "He really cares about people and his enthusiasm is contagious. He shows that our relationship with Canisius and each other does not end when we graduate. And we love to hear his stories!"

For 25 years, Inde served as decade chair and Class of 1940 chair for the annual fund. His fund-raising efforts on behalf of *alma mater* and his own generous gifts to the annual fund each year have earned him numerous awards from the Annual Fund Office. The Office of Alumni Relations is also indebted to Inde for his devoted volunteer service. A past member of the Alumni Association's Board of Directors (1991-1994) and former chair of two class reunion committees (1990 and 1995), Inde's commitment to Canisius earned him induction to the college's DiGamma Honor

Society. In May 2000, the Alumni Association presented Inde with its highest honor – and the one of which he is most proud – the LaSalle Medal.

"When I graduated from Bennett High School my dad asked if I wanted to go to Notre Dame," recalls Inde. "I told him I could get everything I wanted from Canisius – and I have. But I wasn't expecting to get so much more. Canisius has been there for me during the good times and the bad. When my wife, Ruth, passed away in 2000, I found companionship with fellow annual fund volunteers, good meals with friends and great conversation with alumni."

A devoted husband to Ruth for more than 50 years, Inde is the loving father of six children; two of whom are Canisius

alumni (**Robert '68** and **Paul '72**). He has 20 grandchildren, including **Paul Vartie '06** and **Heather Ostrowski '10**, and 13 great-grandchildren.

"I have known Inde since the mid-40s," states **Henry Heubusch '45**. "I've worked with him side-by-side in the Chemistry Department and as a fellow volunteer. He is one-of-a-kind and an outstanding human being."

Thinking back on his longtime relationship with Inde, Heubusch says simply, "I'm thankful to have him as a friend."

The same can be said for Canisius.