



The unusually rainy summer here has taken some of the luster off what is typically Buffalo's finest time of year. We've had a share of sunny, low humidity days but it seems as though the rain clouds are always just around the corner.

There have been very few storm clouds in a summer of good news at Canisius. We concluded our last fiscal year with the largest surplus in the college's history, as solid enrollment and conservative spending paid off. We took in a record \$14.3 million from fund-raising activities, thanks to the college's comprehensive campaign, *A Legacy of Leadership*, and a record \$2.389 million raised from the annual fund (page 21).

This fall, we will welcome another large freshman class of approximately 810 students, 73 percent of whom will live on campus. The truly encouraging news is that the average SAT score for this class will be up by more than 25 points over last year's class. We have not seen a jump of that magnitude in the academic profile of the class in the 15 years I have been at Canisius.

In July, we learned that *The Chronicle of Higher Education* rated Canisius as one of the best colleges and universities in the United States at which to work (page 4). This ranking was the result of an independently-administered survey of our own employees and the results are quite gratifying.

Good news, indeed, and further confirmation that our efforts to make Canisius one of the great comprehensive universities in the Northeast are bearing fruit.

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ON THE COVER



This issue of *Canisius College Magazine* celebrates the accomplishments of our student-athletes in 2008 and the college's commitment to an increasingly competitive, higher-quality intercollegiate athletics program. The story begins on page 14. We couldn't single out just one sport on the cover, so we've printed four different cover images for this special summer issue!

Cover 1: Michael J. Goemans '10 is only entering his third year as a pitcher on the Canisius baseball team but already he has started a game in the MAAC Tournament, each of the last two seasons.

Cover 2: Lacrosse mid-fielder and team captain Tom D. Hensel '08 earned All-MAAC honors for the second consecutive season in 2008. Hensel finished at Canisius with 92 career points. He recorded a point in 26 of the 30 games, in which he played, during the past two seasons.

Cover 3: Softball pitcher Mallory J. Aldred '09 received NCAA accolades as the nation's leader in saves for the 2008 season. Aldred finished the year with 15 saves, a new NCAA Division I single-season saves record.

Cover 4: In her 33 career games, women's lacrosse mid-fielder Brett Poissant '10 has recorded 39 points. This past season, she led the team with 28 draw controls.

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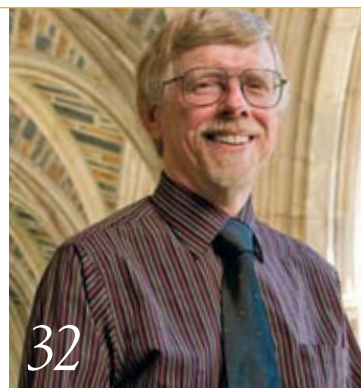


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