

## Dr. Ferguson Studies DOWN UNDER



PHOTO: Dr. Janet Ferguson takes a day off from her sabbatical to tour the Australian rain forest at the Botanical Gardens in Brisbane.

Associate professor of teacher education, **Dr. Janet M. Ferguson**, recently returned from Australia where she concluded her spring sabbatical studying student perceptions of the classroom environment. Her research yielded some surprising results.

Of the more than 4,000 junior high math students surveyed in Australia, Great Britain and Canada, Dr. Ferguson discovered that



boys “self-handicap” or deliberately procrastinate studying, as a way to protect their ego should they do poorly. Dr. Ferguson’s research also revealed that girls suffer lower academic “self-efficacy,” or less belief in their ability to do well academically.

Dr. Ferguson collaborated on the research with Dr. Jeffrey Dorman, professor of education at Australian Catholic University. Their findings were presented at the American Educational Research Association national conference in Seattle.



Drs. Birx (center) and Delaney (right) pose with Dr. Vladimir V. Mironov, dean of the Faculty of Philosophy at Moscow State University.

**Drs. H. James Birx** and **Tim Delaney**, professors of anthropology & sociology, traveled to Moscow in June for an international conference entitled “Darwin, Evolution & Values.” Among the 17 presenters, including Drs. Birx and Delaney, were Canisius students Robert Guagliardi '03, David Lukaszek '02, Patrick Scott '02 and Canisius alumnus Logan Windram '00. Their papers focused on the value of truth, freedom, consciousness and brotherhood.

## Banking on a New Oishei Professor

Wall Street’s loss will be the college’s gain when **Nelson D. Civello** joins the

Canisius faculty this fall as the new, visiting Oishei professor. A native of Buffalo and a 1967 alumnus of Canisius, Civello is the former president of Dain Rauscher’s Fixed Income Capital Markets Group and past chair of the Bond Market Association. This past year he served as co-director of the Carlson School of Management’s Center for the Financial

Services Industry at the University of Minnesota.

At Canisius, Civello will put his financial expertise to work in the Economics and Finance Department creating and teaching new courses on the U.S. financial industry. He will also help further enhance the college’s ties with Buffalo’s financial community.

The visiting Oishei Professorship Program is funded by a \$1.5 million gift to the college from the John R. Oishei Foundation.



Nelson D. Civello '67



Rev. Michael F. Tunney, S.J.

**Rev. Michael F. Tunney, S.J.**, of the Fine Arts Department, showcased his oil-on-canvas painting at Buffalo’s Art Dialogue Gallery in May.

## D R . P A T H U T T O N

### *Distinguished Professor*



Dr. Patricia A. Hutton

of economics and finance, Dr. Hutton earned a BSA in agricultural economics from the University of Manitoba and was only the second woman, at the time of her graduation, to complete a Ph.D. in the Agricultural Economics Department at the University of Wisconsin.

The Canisius College Alumni Association named **Dr. Patricia A. Hutton** the recipient of the 2001 Kenneth L. Koessler '29 Distinguished Professor Award. A professor

The Distinguished Professor Award is given annually to a professor who demonstrates exceptional teaching, scholarship and service.