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## President's Perspective

A S W E B E G I N 2 0 0 3 , there are many challenges and opportunities before Canisius College. During the fall semester, we announced the planned acquisition of the BlueCross BlueShield building and parking ramp, and our intention to convert that building into a comprehensive science center. We also announced a major realignment of the college's intercollegiate athletics program designed to focus more resources on a smaller number of sports, in an effort to improve the quality and competitiveness of all programs (see page 6). Finally, in December, the college's Board of Trustees authorized us to commence the planning for a new residence hall to be built on the site of the parking lot directly adjacent to Christ the King Chapel and completed in time for the fall 2005 semester.

These decisions are the result of strategic planning that has been ongoing at Canisius over the past two years. Last summer, the college's Long Range Strategic Planning Committee, consisting of eight faculty representatives and eight administrators, met with a strategic planning task force of the Board of Trustees to refine our thinking about the critical strategic decisions that needed to be made to continue to enhance our position as a first-rate comprehensive university in the Northeast.

The result of those meetings is a new strategic plan for Canisius College, which is now being reviewed by the campus community. This plan contains five very specific goals:

➤ Acquire the BlueCross BlueShield building and ramp, convert it into a comprehensive science center, and develop reuse plans for the current Health

Science Center, the Horan O'Donnell Science Building and the Wehle Technology Center

➤ Develop plans for two new residence halls: (1) a 300 bed dormitory on the Chapel lot to be ready for fall 2005 and (2) a 400 bed facility to be ready by 2010 or 2011

➤ Attract a more diverse, more residential and increasingly talented student body by recruiting from outside Western New York and increasing the number of minority and residential students.

➤ Enhance the profile of our graduate programs in regional, national and international markets

➤ Develop a high quality, competitive athletics program consisting of 16 sports in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference

➤ Enhance the intellectual life of the campus by pursuing the priorities of the plan for academic excellence and developing complimentary co-curricular programs

That is not to say that we will be doing only five things over the next few years; rather, we think these five goals are the critical steps that we need to take in order to achieve our vision. Also, this plan does not contain all of the detailed steps that will need to be taken to achieve these strategic goals. Many of those steps are contained in more detailed plans being formulated by the appropriate departments or divisions within the college.

The full text of the plan is available on my President's Web site at [www.canisius.edu/president](http://www.canisius.edu/president). I welcome your comments, reactions and suggestions to the plan. Together, we can chart a bright future for Canisius College.

With all personal best wishes from the campus!



## A S Y O U W E R E A N S W E R S

1. RAY HALL '85 All-time leading scorer (2,226), drafted by Utah in 1985 (fifth round)
2. HENRY NOWAK '57 All-time leading rebounder (880), sixth (6th) all-time leading scorer (1,449), led Golden Griffins to three NCAA Tournaments
3. CRAIG WISE '96 Third all-time leading scorer (1,799), fourth all-time rebounder (784), led Golden Griffins to NIT appearance in 1994, led Golden Griffins to NIT semi-finals in 1995
4. MICHEAL MEEKS '96 Second (2nd) all-time leading scorer (1,827), all-time leading Canadian scorer in NCAA history, third (3rd) all-time rebounder (838), played in NIT Tournament (1994, 1995) / NCAA (1996), member of the Canadian National Team
5. ANTHONY MASIELLO '69 Ranks 18th on all-time scoring list (1,069), ninth (9th) all-time rebounder (634), drafted by Indiana

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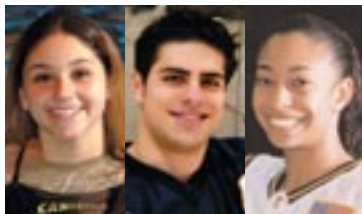
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