

# New Housing Program Makes Headlines



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John J. Hurley '78 (at podium) outlines the Employer Assisted Housing Program to the Canisius community. Pictured on stage (l-r); Rep. Jack Quinn (R-30, NY); Bob Bannister, director of Fannie Mae's Western and Central New York Partnership Office; Rep. John J. LaFalce '61 (D-29, NY); and Canisius President Rev. Vincent M. Cooke, S.J.



The college's continuing commitment to the city of Buffalo is making headlines again this winter. Local print and broadcast media were in attendance on January 17 when Canisius President Rev. Vincent M. Cooke, S.J., announced the establishment of an Employer Assisted Housing Program (EAH).

Described as a "win-win" situation for the city, the college and its neighboring community, the EAH Program gives full-time employees loans of either 10 percent (up to \$7,000) or five percent (up to \$5,000) toward the purchase price or closing costs of a home in targeted city neighborhoods. The loans will be forgiven at a rate of 20 percent a year, over five years, provided the employee remains at Canisius during that time.

"This is one way that Canisius College can encourage home ownership in the city of Buffalo," said Father Cooke. "The EAH Program will not only facilitate home ownership but develop greater

employee loyalty to the college and the city."

John J. Hurley '78, vice president of college relations and general counsel, spearheaded the program, with the assistance of the Western and Central New York Partnership office of Fannie Mae. M&T Mortgage Corp. and Hunt Real Estate Corp. are also partners in this effort.



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Carol L. O'Connell '93, MPA '95, director of corporate and foundation relations, is interviewed by WIVB-TV reporter Lisa Flynn, about her interest in the new EAH program.

**ArtsCanisius** will present the following performances at the Montante Cultural Center: **March 11** - *Meet-the-Faculty Recital*, Richard Falkenstein, on lute (12:30 p.m.); **April 24** - *Canisius College Jazz Ensemble* (7:00 p.m./\$3 admission); **May 4** - *Canisius College Chorale* (7:30 p.m.). **For more information, contact the Canisius College Music Office at 716-888-2536.**

The Office of **International Student Programs** will celebrate ethnic diversity during its weeklong **International Fest**. The events are as follows: **February 26**, *Cultural Night*, an evening of unique ethnic activities; **March 1**, *Festival Night*, an international buffet of exotic foods from around the world. **Contact the International Student Program Office at 716-888-2784, for times and locations.**

"**Racism and America's Churches**" will be the subject of a lecture by **James Cone, Ph.D.**, distinguished professor of theology at Union Theological Seminary, on **February 23** at 7:30 p.m. in the Montante Cultural Center. **Robert Wuthnow, Ph.D.**, professor of sociology at Princeton University, will discuss "**Spirituality in America**," on **April 29** at 2:30 p.m. in the Student Center. The lectures are presented by the Center for the Global Study of Religion at Canisius.

The 4th Annual **Shoes for the Shelter 5K Run/Walk** will be held on **April 14**. Registration starts at 9:30 a.m. and the race begins at 12:00 p.m. Adults can pre-register for \$15 (\$17 day of race); children 12 and under and Canisius College students pre-register for \$8 (\$10 day of race). **For more information, contact John Maddock, associate athletics director/external affairs at 716-888-2977.**

## Morris Dees Speaks at MLK Celebration

Noted civil rights attorney **Morris Dees** will bring his powerful message of tolerance and diversity to Canisius on Tuesday, February 12 as the speaker for the college's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration.

Dees' efforts in promoting diversity have resulted in several achievements including a Civil Rights Memorial. He is also noted for lawsuits that have bankrupted the KKK, imprisoned perpetrators of hate crimes and increased awareness of radical militias. Dees is chief trial counsel for The Southern Poverty Law Center, a nonprofit group he co-founded in 1971, which specializes in lawsuits in-



Morris Dees

volving civil rights violations, domestic terrorists and racially motivated crimes.

Dees will speak at 8:15 p.m. in the Montante Cultural Center. The event, sponsored by the William H. Fitzpatrick Lecture Series, is free and open to the public. Seating is limited.

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[www.canisius.edu/athletics](http://www.canisius.edu/athletics) or [www.gogriffs.com](http://www.gogriffs.com) — the college's new interactive athletics Web site.

Personalize your page to become a Griff-Fan and receive regular E-mail on everything from



sports scores and news to game day schedules and ticket information! Go Griffs!

## Architectural and Engineering Excellence



The beautifully restored Montante Cultural Center is receiving some prestigious recognition for architectural and engineering excellence. The NYS Chapter of

the American Institute of Architects presented the college with a merit award for the historic preservation and adaptive reuse of the former St. Vincent DePaul Church. The Montante

Center also received national recognition from the *American School and University* magazine, which designated it a gold-citation winner for excellent restoration.

## Leading the Way

Canisius College is proud to be among the top 100 colleges and universities in the country for Hispanic students. In December, *Saludos Hispanos* magazine awarded Canisius

its Educators Distinction Award for "leading the way and providing high standards of education, career planning and counseling to Hispanic students."

Other colleges and

universities rated in the Top 100 include Columbia, Fordham, Georgetown, Harvard, MIT, Johns Hopkins and Rutgers.

## IN MEMORY

Canisius is saddened to report the passing of **Rev. Vincent F. Blehl, S.J.**, a former Jesuit scholar and professor of English at the college.

Although he spent only a brief time on campus (1959-1961), Father Blehl will be remembered as the man who led the

campaign to have England's most celebrated Roman Catholic convert, Cardinal John Henry Newman, declared a Saint.

Father Blehl died on November 14, 2001

in Freiburg, Germany where he was a visiting professor at the Albert-Ludwigs Universität. He was 80 years old.

Rev. Vincent F. Blehl, S.J.  
1921-2001



## Father Cooke – A Community Champion

The WNY Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society presented Canisius President **Rev. Vincent M. Cooke, S.J.**, with its Community Champion Award in November. The honor recognizes local leaders who give generously of their time to make the community a better place. Father Cooke was cited for his unwavering

vision for the college and contributing to the revitalization of the city of Buffalo.



Rev. Vincent M. Cooke, S.J., accepts the MS Community Champion Award from Jacquie Walker, WIVB-TV news anchor.



## Commencement 2002

Commencement ceremonies are being finalized as the Canisius College Class of 2002 begins its final semester before graduation. Undergraduate ceremonies are set for *Friday, May 17 at 1:00 p.m. in*

*the Niagara Falls Convention & Civic Center.*

**John W. Rowe '66 M.D.**, president and CEO of Aetna Inc., will present the keynote address. He, along with **Lillian M. Levey '67**, the **Hon. Nancy A. Naples**, and **Peter**

and **Mary Lou Vogt**, will also receive honorary degrees.

Delivering the keynote address to graduate students on *Wednesday, May 15 at 7:00 p.m. in Kleinhans Music Hall* will be Sue Gin McGowen, chair and CEO of Flying Food Group Inc.



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John W. Rowe '66 M.D.

## Political Pundit Mark Shields to Speak at Canisius

The political wit of nationally-known columnist and commentator **Mark Shields** will engage the Canisius community on Wednesday, March 6, at the William H. Fitzpatrick Chair of Political Science Lecture Series.

A much-revered political pundit, Shields is the moderator of CNN's "The Capital Gang" and co-host of "Evans, Novak, Hunt & Shields," the network's in-depth interview program featuring top newsmakers.

Considered to have unmatched credentials as a U.S. political analyst, Shields is the author of the 1989 book *On the Campaign Trail* and his

highly-regarded political column, which he began writing in 1979 for *The Washington Post*, is now syndicated nationally.

The Shields lecture begins at 8:15 p.m. in the Montante Cultural Center. The evening is free and open to the public. Seating is limited.



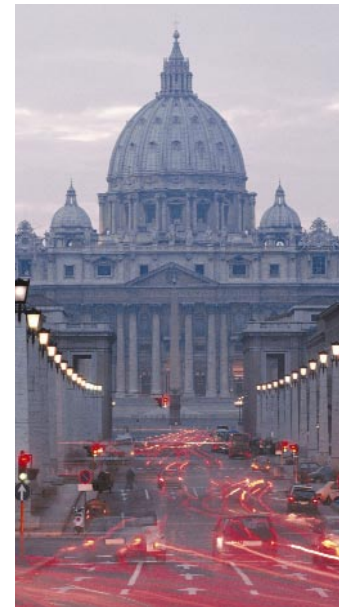
Mark Shields

## Italian Excursion

If you ever dreamed of touring the "Old World" of Italy, now is the time to make the trip. Canisius alumni and staff are invited to travel with **Dr. Richard J. Thompson**, professor *emeritus* of English, on a 13-day Italian excursion that begins in Venice and journeys to the culinary gem of Parma, the exquisite Italian Riviera, the historic Florence, Pisa, Siena and Assisi before concluding in Rome, with guided visits to the Vatican, the Forum and the Colosseum.

Those interested may extend their Italian excursion with an additional six days of travel along the beautiful coast of Sicily.

The Italian tour departs from Toronto on June 25, 2002 and returns on July 8



(July 13/optional package). To reserve your seat, contact Dr. Thompson at 716-888-2652/716-836-5606.