

School Obtains Satellite Dish

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The roof of the Horan O'Donnell Science Building has become the home for a newly installed satellite dish.

The dish will receive programming through satellite transmission, enabling Canisius to acquire connections to international news, educational broadcasts and teleconferences.

The dish will be used "to bring the world to Canisius," said Dr. Carl Schmidtke, dean of continuing studies.

The science building provides the best location, climate and reception for the dish. The instrument is extremely sensitive and precision is essential.

The dish is capable of receiving both C-band and Ku-band transmissions which greatly increase the number of programs that Canisius will have access to.

Schmidtke submitted a request last summer to Rev. James M. Demske, College President, for authorization to finance the project.

The college paid for the dish out of last

year's budget.

The dish will provide valuable services to the language, communication, political science and international relations departments.

SCHOLA, a transmission through Creighton University in Nebraska, will bring in news from Russia, China, Africa and many other countries.

Educational services will be provided through panels and conferences across the country and around the world. It will also be possible to tape the services for future use by students and faculty.

Schmidtke sees the project "as a futuristic thing." There is great potential for expansion, he said.

For the present, Schmidtke is in the process of establishing guidelines for its uses and goals for the future.

According to Schmidtke, it is possible that as soon as February Canisius will be participating in a national teleconference with the National Conference of Bishops on the role of women in the church.