

A Golden Cardinal Gives Back



Kit and Dougal Casey

Not only does **Dougal Casey, B.A. 1966, J.D. 1975**, remember his own experience at Catholic University with great pleasure, he hopes his \$100,000 commitment, made in honor of his 50th reunion will ensure that same positive experience for current students.

Casey first set foot on the Catholic University campus when his brother Kevin, B.M.E. 1963, M.S.E. 1964, was a sophomore in 1961. Both brothers were from Long Island, NY, and were first generation college students. As a high school student, Casey was impressed.

“When I visited Catholic U, I was captured by Washington — what a great place to be.”

Casey majored in politics and pledged to Phi Kappa Theta fraternity. He went on to Ohio State University where he earned his master’s in city and regional planning. Eventually, he returned to Washington and to the Columbus School of Law, where he earned his law degree.

What Casey remembers most from his time at the University are the supportive, close relationships among the students, who he described as hardworking, driven, and motivated by a strong work ethic and their appreciation of the value of an education.

“The best thing about this place was its students,” says Casey. “I liked the students that Catholic U was admitting 55 years ago. My guess is that I would like the ones Catholic U is admitting today. In retrospect, my fellow students graduated with a solid education, great skills, and a desire to be industrious, productive citizens. I would guess that is still true today.”

Likewise, he was inspired by the work of former University tennis coaches Marty and Jone Dowd and their longstanding influence on the University. That is why, when Casey made his first gift to the University in 2006, he directed it to the athletic department.

“Now that I am 72, I realize that you go around exactly once. No do-overs. The choice Marty and Jone made as young people was to spend their adult lives helping Catholic University and supporting our reputation. I think that’s tremendous. They only had one life to live, and that’s how they did it. I didn’t know them, but they touched the University — they stayed and stayed, contributed and contributed. I think they’re wonderful.”

— E.L.W.