Multi-Purpose Field Named in Honor of McCarthy Family

Through a gift to the record-setting Legacy of Excellence Capital Campaign, the recently renovated main field at King’s Robert L. Betzler Athletic Complex was recently named McCarthy Stadium in honor of prominent local philanthropists, business and community leaders John D. ’57 and Cecilia M. McCarthy.

“The McCarthy family’s history and that of King’s College has been fortunately intertwined,” said Rev. Thomas O’Hara, C.S.C., during dedication ceremonies prior to the King’s v. Lebanon Valley Homecoming football game. “It is a relationship that began in the College’s earliest days 62 years ago and that, three generations later, remains strong today.”

The field, formerly grass, was renovated during the summer to add a synthetic playing surface and lights. The improvements expanded use of the field beyond the football team to include the men’s and women’s soccer, men’s and women’s lacrosse and women’s field hockey teams.

“It has been wonderful for us to see King’s College grow and benefit the community so greatly,” “Jack” and “CeCe” McCarthy said. “The influence of the Holy Cross Fathers in all our lives has deepened our faith and made us all better people. We are gratified to know that King’s will continue to spread its mission of education and service to all who come through its doors, includ-

King’s hosts reading by noted author, poet Luis Rodriguez

Author and poet Luis Rodriquez will present a free public reading from his works at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 3. Rodriguez is a guest of the 2008 Visiting Writer Program of King’s English Department.

A former gang member from the barrio of East LA, Rodriguez has achieved success as an award-winning Chicano author and poet. He has 10 nationally published books in memoir, fiction, nonfiction, children’s literature, and poetry.

Best known for his memoir of gang life, “Always Running: La Vida Loca, Gang Days in L.A.” Rodriguez’s memoir garnered the Carl Sandburg Literary Award, a Chicago Sun-Times Book Award, and was designated a New York Times Notable Book.

According to the New York Times Book Review, “Rodriguez’ account of his coming of age is vivid, raw...fierce, and fearless. Here’s truth no television set, burning night and day, could ever begin to offer.”

Rodriguez has earned a Poetry Center Book Award and a PEN/Josephine Miles Literary Award, among others, and is author of several books and collections of poetry, the latest of which is “My Nature is Hunger: New & Selected Poems, 1989-2004.”

Rodriguez’s reading will be held in the Burke Auditorium. Following the reading, Rodriguez will sign copies of his books. For more information, contact Rev. Anthony Grasso, C.S.C., at ext. 5631 or e-mail agrasso@kings.edu.

Share your News with the King’s Community

The next issue of Monarch Notes will be published the week of Nov. 17. If you would like to highlight an upcoming event, please send information 10 prior to publication date. Information should include: time, place, date, bio information and photo of speakers, and a brief description of the event. If you have any questions, please contact Assistant Director of Public Relations Joseph Giomboni at ext. 5957.
World Dance Theatre presents the wonder of diverse world dance styles while encouraging cultural appreciation, respect and unity among people of all ages, ethnicities and nations. The group will visit King’s for a free public performance, titled “International Express: Next Stop...Adventure!” at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 4, in the Sheehy-Farmer Campus Center.

With more than 30 different ethnic styles to share, the World Dance Theatre passionately performs to promote the art of dance on a worldwide scale.

“A fast feast of round-the-world dance – from the flamboyant decorum of the Mexican Hat Dance and a flirtatious Russian number... those are only some of the dances that this talented, enthusiastic company put on with verve and panache,” said Dr. Charles Stickney, author of “World Enough.”

The group’s performance will be held with the support of state arts funding through a grant from the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, funded by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the National Endowment for the Arts.

For more information, contact Delight Yokley, director of College Diversity, at ext. 5898.

Pair of art exhibitions showcased in Widmann Gallery

A pair of art exhibitions will be showcased in King’s Widmann Gallery during the month of November, including the photography of Tara Zavada and the creative works of local high school students.

With a passion for imagery, Zavada depicts the beauty and decay of the human form in color and black-and-white images of abandoned buildings and industrial sites. Her works will be on display through Nov. 7.

Original works by local high school students will also be on display during The Sixth Invitational Emerging Artists Exhibition from Nov. 17 through Dec. 19. This year’s presentation, coordinated by artist Sue Hand, will showcase original works that pay homage to the teachers of the evolving young artists.

The young artists will discuss their work during a gallery talk from 6-8 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 21.

The exhibitions are free and open to the College community. Gallery hours: Mon. through Fri., 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Sat. and Sun., as arranged. For more information, see the Experiencing the Arts Calendar at www.kings.edu or contact Widmann Gallery Coordinator Michelle Leonard at ext. 5328.

OVS’ week of events ‘Hunger for Justice’

King’s College will again be participating in Hunger for Justice Week from Nov. 16-23 to spread awareness about the issues facing individuals who are less fortunate.

The observance begins from 1-4 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 16, with a walk-a-thon to benefit Ruth’s Place Women’s Shelter. At 7 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 17, the 60-hour Homeless Experience in Monarch Court will begin as students, faculty, and staff will experience firsthand the challenges of survival that the homeless face each day in an effort to raise awareness about the reality of homelessness.

There will also be a hunger display along Lane’s Lane from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

As the 60-hour watch continues, King’s will hold a candlelight vigil at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18, at the homeless camp in Monarch Court to remember all those who have died homeless.

Also on Tuesday, Gary Clark, renowned photographer and chronicler of the homeless will present a slideshow titled, “Faces of Homelessness: ‘Essential Humanity,’” followed by a panel discussion from 7- 8:30 p.m. in the Burke Auditorium.

On Wednesday, Nov. 19, the Fast for Hunger, which allows students, faculty, and staff the chance to donate money or one of their meals, will be held to benefit Ruth’s Place. At 6 p.m. the Oxfam Hunger Banquet will take place in the Sheehy-Farmer Campus Center.

At 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 20, there will be a screening of “The Judge and the General,” with an introduction by Dr. Beth Admiraal, assistant professor of political science, on human rights in Latin America. The location is TBA.

From 9-11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 21, students can volunteer to help with Meals on Wheels. Students will meet at the OVS building to pick up meals and deliver them to the elderly.

From 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 22, students can help with the Commission for Economic Opportunity Thanksgiving distribution. There will be two shifts during the day. On Sunday, Nov. 23, there will be a clothing and toiletry drive outside the Chapel.

For more information on ‘Hunger for Justice Week,’ contact Avé Moran, community outreach coordinator, at ext. 5394.