Master storyteller to perform ‘Vietnam: A Soldier’s Story’

Nationally acclaimed author and master storyteller Robin Moore will deliver a free public presentation titled “Vietnam: A Soldier’s Story” at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20, in the Moreau Auditorium, located in the J. Carroll McCormick Campus Ministry Center. The event is co-sponsored by King’s Campus Ministry, Campus Activities, and Education departments, as well as the Experiencing the Arts program.

At 19, Robin Moore was a combat soldier with the 101st airborne division in Vietnam. His presentation is the story of the 30-year friendship he had with the man who saved his life in the jungle, and their struggle to heal from the ravages of our nation’s longest war. Following the performance, a story circle will be formed in which everyone is invited to share stories honoring veterans and their families.

“Robin’s ability to portray characters with the subtle use of voice and gesture as well as his talent for involving audiences in second to none on the East Coast. He ranks with the best of today’s professional storytellers,” said Dr. Kenneth Goldstein, chairman, department of folklore, University of Pennsylvania.

Moore has told traditional and original North American and Celtic stories to more than a million children and presented more than 5,000 storytelling programs at schools in the Northeastern United States. He is the author of more than a dozen award-winning books and several audio recordings published by Harper-Collins, Random House and Simon & Schuster.

He is owner of Groundhog Press, an independent publishing house, which produces books and recordings celebrating the power of the spoken word. Among his many awards are the PA School Librarians Association Author of the Year and “Storytelling Magazine’s” National Storyteller of the Year. Before becoming a full-time author and storyteller, Robin worked as a Wilderness Guide in New Mexico, earned a journalism degree from Pennsylvania State University, and worked as a newspaper reporter and magazine editor. He holds a master’s degree in oral traditions and serves as program coordinator of the Oral Traditions Department at The Graduate Institute at Mitchell College.

For more information, contact Robert Shearn, associate campus minister, at ext. 5691.

‘What exactly do they do there anyway?’

This is an occasional feature to give readers an understanding of the duties and activities of other campus offices within the King’s College community. This week the column focuses on:

Security Department

Division: Business Affairs

Administration: Dr. Lisa Marie McCauley, vice president for business affairs and treasurer

Staff: Staff of 30, including: Dale Rinker, director of security; Bill Burge, assistant director; Donald Sipple, lieutenant of security; Russ Otway, sergeant of security; Lee Klemash, switchboard supervisor; and Lori Godleski, administrative assistant

Location: Luksic Hall, lower level

Function:

• Responsible for the safety and security of all students, staff, and faculty at the College
• In charge of the security of all buildings and grounds
• Administer parking regulations
• In charge of College switchboard
• In charge of desk assignments in the residence halls and the gymnasium

Experiencing Arts

Cantores Christi Regis Christmas Concert
Dec. 5 and 6 at 7:30 p.m.
King’s choir will perform traditional carols and holiday works.
J. Carroll McCormick Campus Ministry Center
The King’s College Theatre Department will perform Paul Zindel’s award-winning play, “The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-In-the-Moon Marigolds,” at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 19-22 in the King’s Theatre.

The play centers on Matilda “Tillie” Hunsdorfer, who believes that everyone is valuable. Her beliefs are pushed to the limits when she prepares her experiment for the science fair, but is constantly thwarted by her self-centered and abusive mother, Beatrice, and her sister, Ruth, who submits to her mother’s will.

Zindel was honored with numerous awards for this play about a dysfunctional family, most notably the Obie Award and the Pulitzer Prize. The King’s Theatre Department brings a cast of five to the stage for the performance, including: Adriane Kinner (Beatrice), Sierra Denight (Tillie), Jessica Porter (Ruth), Katie Jones (Janice) and, Elsbeth Denman (Nanny).

Theatre performances are free for King’s students, faculty, staff, and administrators. For more information or to reserve tickets, call the box office at ext. 5825 or e-mail boxoff@kings.edu.

Patron’s Day festivities

The King’s College Community will celebrate Patron’s Day, the Vigil of the Feast of Christ the King, on Sunday, Nov. 23. On this day, the college traditionally honors employees for their years of service to King’s.

This year’s celebration will begin with a celebratory Mass at noon in the Chapel of Christ the King, followed by a brunch in the Sheehy-Farmer Campus Center.

The Christi Regis medals and Twenty Year awards, which both mark 20 years’ service, will be presented during the Mass. Christi Regis honorees are: Nicholas A. Holodick, Rev. Thomas J. O’Hara, C.S.C., and, James M. Wallace. Barbara Zirnhelt will receive the Twenty Year Award.

Rev. Thomas J. O’Hara, C.S.C., president, will also present service awards and honor recent retirees during the brunch.

Employees can contribute to United Way’s fundraiser

As a part of the Live United campaign, King’s College employees will have the opportunity to contribute to the United Way of Wyoming Valley’s annual effort to raise funds for its 30 member agencies.

Monies raised will help support United Way initiatives, such as health insurance discount programs and substance abuse education. King’s College employees can make a pledge either by cash/check, credit card, direct bill or, a very popular option, payroll deduction.

Individuals who contribute at least $104 will have the opportunity to enter a raffle for a one of nine prizes, including a new car. The campus campaign will end Dec. 5.

For more information, contact Kim Cardone, Director of Annual Giving Programs for the Institutional Advancement Office at ext. 5677 or e-mail kkcardon@kings.edu.

People at King’s

Dr. Gregory Bassham, professor of philosophy, recently published the article, “Popular Culture in the Philosophy Classroom,” American Philosophical Association Newsletter, Fall 2008 (co-written with Michael W. Austin).

Dr. Marian Boscia, associate professor of accounting, and Dr. Claire Gilmore, professor of finance, have published an article on European Union equity market linkages, co-authored with Brian Lucey (Trinity College, Dublin), in the journal Physica A.

Assistant Professor of Education Dr. Russell Owens’s proposal “You Tube as a Learning Tool” has been accepted for presentation at The International Society for the Social Studies Annual Conference. The conference will be held in February at the University of Central Florida.