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King's to host death penalty abolitionist advocate Prejean; Theatre to stage adaptation of her book "Dead Man Walking"

King's will host two free public lectures by Sister Helen Prejean, a world-renowned advocate of abolishing the death penalty and author of the best-selling and Pulitzer Prize nominated book, "Dead Man Walking: An Eyewitness Account of the Death Penalty in the United States," on Tuesday, Feb. 12.



King's will also present for the first time in the Wyoming Valley the stage adaptation of Prejean's book at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 13 through Feb. 16.

Sister Prejean will discuss her personal experiences and her position as founder of the Moratorium Project, a state-by-state effort to abolish the death penalty, at 3:30 p.m. Feb. 12 in the Theatre and at 7:30 p.m. in the Burke Auditorium.

Prejean wrote "Dead Man Walking" based on her experiences as a spiritual advisor

in the early 1980s to two death row inmates, both of whom were eventually executed. Since that time, Prejean has divided her time between campaigning against the death penalty and counseling individual death row prisoners.

Her second book, "The Death of Innocents: An Eyewitness Account of Wrongful Executions," published in 2004, is based on

her experiences witnessing four subsequent executions of death row prisoners and her suspicion that some of the executed were not guilty.

Both "Dead Man Walking" and "The Death of Innocents" will be available for sale following Prejean's lectures. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the Moratorium Project.

The play, an adaptation of Prejean's book, was written by actor Tim Robbins, who wrote and directed the 1995 movie which earned Susan Sarandon the Best Actress Academy Award for her portrayal of Sister Prejean.

The production's cast list of almost 30 actors is a combination of King's students, faculty, staff and alumni along with members of the community. Sister Prejean will be portrayed by Meaghan Ruddy-Godwin, a King's graduate and adjunct faculty member.

The play is free for King's students, faculty and staff. To reserve tickets, call the box office at ext. 5825 or e-mail boxoff@kings.edu.

Following the Feb. 13th performance, a question-and-answer session will be held involving cast members and representatives from the local legal community.

The lectures and play are a central part of year-long academic initiatives at King's regarding the subject of capital punishment. First-year students were assigned to read "Dead Man Walking" this past summer and discussions of the death penalty were held during their Orientation and First Year Experience classes. Several campus forums to discuss the ethical, legal and theological perspectives on the issue have been held or are scheduled.

Share your News with the King's Community

If you would like to include an event in the next issue of Monarch Notes, please send the information by Feb. 15.

If you have any questions, please contact Assistant Director of Public Relations Joseph Giomboni at ext. 5957 or e-mail josephgiomboni@kings.edu.

Experiencing the Arts

The Flowers of My Soul exhibition

Now through Feb. 22

Focused on developing the soul and mind, Russian-born artist Irina Krawiz blends various colors from magazine papers and fabric to create her original works.

Widmann Gallery, Sheehy-Farmer Campus Center

FBF marks 10th anniversary

John Ward, co-founder of the Family Business Consulting Group, Inc., and co-director of the Center for Family Enterprises at the Kellogg School of Management, Chicago, will provide the keynote address at the 10th anniversary meeting of the Family Business Forum at King's College.

The event will be held at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13, in the Sheehy Farmer Campus Center. The address, titled "Perpetuating the Family Business: Lessons Learned from Successful Long Lasting Families in Business," is open free to King's students, faculty, and staff.

Ward is a noted authority on strategic management, business leadership and family enterprise continuity and has conducted research on family succession, ownership, and philanthropy.

Reservations are required and can be made by contacting Patrice Persico at ext. 5972.

King's, Wilkes team up for 'Campuses That Care' week

A blood drive and free movie will be two public events during "Campuses that Care" week, to be held Feb. 11-15, an annual combined effort by the students and staffs of King's College and Wilkes University to conduct public service activities and bring public attention to relevant social issues.

A blood drive will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11, at Wilkes University. For information on donating blood, call 1-800-GIVELIFE, ext. 2150. To volunteer, call 408-3488.

A canned or non-perishable food item will grant free admittance to a screening of "Blood Diamond" at 7:45 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13, at Movies 14, Northampton Street, Wilkes-Barre.

During the week, combined teams from King's and Wilkes will conduct public service projects for VISION and REACH, Victim's Resource Center, Kid's Café at Heights Elementary School, Kirby Family House, VA Hospital, SPCA and The Book Concern.

Daffodil Days signal spring on campus



The American Cancer Society is having their annual Spring Daffodil Days fundraiser. In addition to the standard bunch of 10 daffodils for \$8, the Cancer Society is also offering a "Vase of Hope and a Bunch of Daffodils" for \$15, and a "Boyd's Bear and a Bunch of Daffodils" for \$25. Profits benefit cancer research.

To purchase daffodils, contact Kathy Weiss at ext. 5872 or e-mail at klweiss@kings.edu. Orders must be received by Feb. 15. Checks are payable to the American Cancer Society. Flowers will be delivered to the Academic Advisement Office the week of March 24-30.

Zbiek to ride for scholarship in 7th annual Spin for Life

After losing a third member of his family to cancer in 2007, Paul Zbiek is planning to pedal even farther this year in his effort to raise money to fight the disease. The 56-year-old King's professor of history and geography will "warm up" for his annual 12-hour cycling marathon on Feb. 23 by pedaling "indoor centuries," rides consisting of at least six hours on the bike, every day from Feb. 8 through Feb. 22 (15 days).

Zbiek will be riding indoors on the second floor of the brand new Wellness Center on Feb. 10-15, and Feb. 17-19. He will also be riding at Sickler's Bike Shop, Exeter.

Funds raised by Zbiek during his prelude and during the 7th annual Spin for Life, a 12-hour event, to be held Saturday, Feb. 23, will benefit the Brandon J. Case Memorial Fund at King's and Candy's Place, a cancer resource center in Forty Fort. Brandon Case was a King's student who died in 1999 after a three year battle with Hodgkin's Disease and leukemia. The fund endows an annual scholarship for a student who excels in academics and community service.

The Spin for Life will be held from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Feb. 23 at Sickler's Bike Shop. More than 200 riders are expected to join Zbiek for at least 45 minutes of the 12-hour event. Zbiek will take a maximum break of five minutes per hour. Additional teams of five or individual riders may still register to participate.

Calendar of Events

Daily Mass

Chapel of Christ the King

Monday-Friday: 12:05 p.m.

Sunday: 11 a.m., 7 and 9 p.m.

Monday, 2/11

Tai-Chi, Wellness Center, 12:15 p.m. (Mon and Fri)

Let's Laugh, Sobieski Room 115, 4 p.m.

Yoga Classes, Moreau Auditorium, 4:45 - 5:45 p.m.

Aerobics Classes, Wellness Center, 4:45 p.m. (Mon, Wed, Fri)

Tuesday, 2/12

Toning, Wellness Center, 12:15 p.m. (Tue and Thur)

Wednesday, 2/13

Ab Labs, Wellness Center, 12:15 p.m.

Yoga Classes, Gold Room, 4:45 - 5:45 p.m.

Men's Basketball at Penn College, 7 p.m.

Friday 2/15

Big Bands presentation by John McKeown, Burke Aud., 7 p.m.

Wrestling at Wilkes University, 7 p.m.

Saturday, 2/16

Women's Basketball vs. Manhattanville College, home, 1 p.m.

Men's Basketball vs. Manhattanville College, home, 3 p.m.