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King's community unites to raise funds for Haiti

A catastrophic earthquake rippled through portions of Haiti on Jan. 12, crippling one of the world's poorest nations. The original 7.0 earthquake has been followed by equally debilitating aftershocks, which have ranged from 4.5-5.9 in magnitude. The capital, Port-au-Prince, is in ruins. The death toll could exceed 200,000. Now, the people of Haiti are challenged with the daunting task of rebuilding their Caribbean country.

The relief effort has been a massive undertaking in the United States, ranging from multi-million dollar fundraisers hosted by celebrities to student groups doing their best to help on a smaller and more personal basis.

College Chaplain and Director of Campus Ministry Rev. Richard Hockman, C.S.C., and seniors Gary Lambert and Chris Ward have teamed to organize relief efforts on campus that have raised more than \$7,000 to aid the nation's revitalizations efforts.

Student Government organized the fundraiser, Hoops for Haiti, for a double header against Misericordia University. Members of the men's and women's basketball teams wore ribbons in the colors of the Haitian flag on their shoes for the event, which raised more than \$2,000. Future fundraising activities include a dance planned for later this week. During Masses at the College Chapel, a collection is taken and the money is donated to Haiti.

King's contributions have been distributed to Catholic Relief Services in the amount of \$4,500 to purchase food, water and medical supplies. Nearly \$3,000 was sent to the Congregation of Holy Cross to support Holy Cross priests and brothers in Haiti.



Senior Chris Ward and Fr. Richard Hockman, C.S.C., have helped organize Haiti relief effort on campus. Photo courtesy of The Times Leader.

The consequences of the earthquake will have a lasting effect on the Congregation of Holy Cross, which houses Our Lady of Perpetual Help Province of Haiti. The tragedy claimed the life of Holy Cross seminarian Emmanuel Jacques Guillame. A secondary school is in ruins, and a Provincial House and other residences in Port-au-Prince are destroyed or severely damaged.

If you are interested in donating to the King's Haiti relief fund, please contact Fr. Hockman at ext. 5892.

King's receives grant of collaborative software

King's College was one of only 10 colleges and universities in the United States and Canada to receive a grant of collaborative computer software from DyKnow, an interactive educational technology company headquartered in Indiana.

The grant includes 30 licenses for two DyKnow software packages, DyKnow Vision and DyKnow Monitor, as well as one year of server hosting and technical support from DyKnow. The grant also includes the use of a plugin that allows users to create content and initiate DyKnow sessions directly through PowerPoint.

The software, which facilitates presentations over the Internet and can extend the use of collaborative workspaces, will be

employed primarily by the King's McGowan Hispanic Outreach Program. The software will be used for the existing High School Mentoring Program and by English as a Second Language classes for adults as well as by a new after-school program designed for Latino middle school students, titled Pathways to Success, which will begin this spring.

The interactive software will also be available to various academic disciplines at King's. King's provides 440 public computers for daily instructional and general purpose use.

The DyKnow Vision and Monitor software packages recently received Awards of Excellence from "Tech & Learning" magazine.

Biology department showcases student research



The King's College Biology Department recently held its fourth annual Senior Research Poster Presentation. Senior biology majors who have conducted research over the summer and/or fall semesters had their research posters on display in the Sheehy-Farmer Campus Center and were available for questions/discussions regarding their research.

King's seniors who presented their research during the biology department's annual poster presentation are, seated from left: Laura Satterfield, Hazelton; and Kimberly Daley, Pittston. Standing: Mohammed Rahman, Wilkes-Barre; Chelsea Harrison, Inkerman; Jeffery Bowlby, Mount Holly, N.J.; Jamie Rafter, Scranton; and, Craig Terrill, Luzerne.

People at King's

Dr. Warren Bareiss, department chair, mass communications, recently had his article, entitled "Middlebrow Knowingness in 1950s San Francisco: The Kingston Trio, Beat Counterculture, and the Production of 'Authenticity,'" published in the journal *Popular Music and Society*. This study argues that the trio's meteoric rise in national popularity was due to the group's ability to carve a middlebrow niche between Cold War conservatism and a nascent countercultural movement rooted largely in 1950s San Francisco.

Professor of Philosophy Greg Bassham recently published a review of Stanley Fish's book, "Save the World on Your Own Time" in the *Journal of College and University Law*. Bassham also published a review of Mark C. Murphy's book, "Natural Law in Jurisprudence and Politics," in a recent issue of the *Journal of Catholic Social Thought*.

Dr. Claire G. Gilmore (Finance) presented a paper coauthored with **Dr. Marian Boscia** (Accounting), entitled "Comovements in Government Bond Markets: A Minimum Spanning Tree Analysis," at the Ninth International Business and Economy Conference in Prague, Czech Republic.

Dr. Robert Paoletti, Pre-Health Professions Advisor, recently announced that King's College and Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine have signed an affiliation agreement whereby up to 10 King's pre-medical students who satisfy specific prerequisites will be guaranteed admission to the medical school each year. King's has similar agreements with other schools offering a variety of medical studies.

Campion hosts open reading

The Campion Literary Society will host an opening reading for students, faculty, and community members to present their original creative writing or that of a published author in an informal atmosphere at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, in the Gold Room, sixth floor of the Administration Building.

For more information, contact Jennifer Yonkoski at ext. 5487.

Call for alumni nominations

The Alumni Office is seeking nominations of alumni who have distinguished themselves with outstanding accomplishments for four annual alumni awards: Outstanding Professional Achievement, Outstanding Service to Alma Mater, Service to Society, and the Leo Award.

Presented during Reunion Weekend (Oct. 8-10), the awards were established in honor of King's Golden Jubilee, 1996-1997. Recipients are chosen by the president of the college with the assistance of faculty and staff.

The Alumni Award for Outstanding Professional Achievement is awarded to a graduate that has attained exceptional professional success. The Robert J. Ell Award for Outstanding Service to Alma Mater is awarded to a graduate or a current faculty or staff member who has shown outstanding service, dedication, and commitment to King's College. This award is in honor of Robert J. Ell '50, the college's first director of Alumni Affairs.

The award for Service to Society recognizes a graduate who has demonstrated selfless and compassionate dedication to benefit others. In addition, the Leo Award is given to an alum within 15 years of their graduation, who has displayed exceptional success in their professional or community activities.

Nominations can be submitted to awardnominations@kings.edu. Provide the nominee's name, address, business, and business address. Information? Call the Alumni Office at ext. 5879.

Notes schedule announced

The spring publication schedule for *Monarch Notes*, the College's internal newsletter, is listed below. If you would like to include an event in *Monarch Notes* that is open to King's faculty, students, staff, and administration, please send the information at least 10 days prior to the publication date.

Publication dates are: Feb. 15, March 1, March 22, April 12, and May 10. Information should include time, place, date, bio information and photo for speakers, a brief description of the event, and your contact information. Questions? Call Joe at ext. 5957.