Dear Fellow Alumni,

On September 15, I and six other members of the King’s community were privileged to witness the beatification of Father Basil Moreau, the founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross, the sponsoring religious community of King’s College. This blessed event took place in Le Mans, France, the site of the founding of the Congregation. Thousands of people, including Holy Cross religious and their lay collaborators from every part of the globe, attended the Mass.

As I was concelebrating the Beatification Mass, I felt a deep connection to the King’s community, knowing that 3,000 miles away they, too, were celebrating this historic day. Hundreds gathered on our campus for a Mass and reception. I also deeply felt that Basil Moreau, who said of Holy Cross educational institutions, “the mind would not be cultivated at the expense of the heart,” would be proud of King’s College. King’s College continues this mission of striving for academic excellence while at the same time challenging students to be persons of character and service. The examples are numerous and several are presented in this edition of Pride. Students doing service projects locally, nationally and internationally, alumni serving the common good in government and alumni in the healing profession, all serve as examples that King’s has truly inherited the vision of Moreau of responding to life’s situations with both the mind and the heart.

May God bless you and your families. And through the intercession of Blessed Basil Moreau, may God bless King’s College.

Sincerely,

Rev. Tom O’Hara, C.S.C., ’71
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Before this year, King’s has never had an incoming class of more than 500 students. This year’s first-year class – the Class of 2011 – numbered almost 570. Who are these students? What attracted them to King’s? What makes each member of a record class unique? Following are thumbnail profiles of eight members of the new class.

For Erica Molino, King’s has proven itself to be a perfect fit. “As soon as I stepped onto campus I knew it,” Erica said, “The atmosphere here is great.” Erica added that she loves the location of King’s. She likes to be in a city and still be able to walk everywhere. Erica’s mother and father both graduated from King’s. She also has family in the Hazleton area, which makes being three hours away from her hometown of Frederick, Maryland, easier to handle. Erica is majoring in special education. Her brother has autism so she wants to be able to help children with special needs. Erica is following in her father’s footsteps by having a work-study job in the Admissions Office. Erica’s father worked in Admissions when he was a student at King’s and was an admissions counselor following graduation. Erica also volunteers at Mercy Services in Wilkes-Barre, where she tutors “at risk” children.

Football has been a part of Olayinka Soda’s life since he was in fifth grade. When choosing a college, he looked for one where he would be able to continue to play the sport that he loves while receiving a good education. “I was recruited to play football by a lot of schools in my home state of New Jersey,” said Olayinka, “but I wanted to go somewhere new, I wanted to experience a different place.” This year, Olayinka played defensive back for the Monarchs until the last two games of the season. In the final game, he started at quarterback and led the Monarchs to victory by passing for a touchdown and running for another. In his senior year in high school, Olayinka quarterbacked his team to a conference championship. Olayinka chose King’s because he knew of the College’s internationally accredited business program. He is majoring in economics. Both of Olayinka’s parents emigrated from Africa to attend college in America. His name translates in African to “God is great.”
Tara Swett will be the first freshman student to know the name of every member of the staff, faculty and administration at King’s. Her work-study job at the College’s switchboard is getting Tara familiar with the entire campus.

Tara commutes daily from the Hazleton Area. Although aware that she is not receiving the full college experience by not being a resident student, she enjoys the time she spends on campus.

Tara is majoring in secondary mathematics and enjoys the smaller class size at King’s. She explained that while in high school, she took dual enrollment classes at a branch campus of a large state school.

“It’s just a whole different experience in the classes here,” Tara said, “Everyone here is just so nice and friendly.”

Tara added that the professors at King’s are very willing to help and are very easy to approach.

Tara is the only girl out of four children in her family. She believes that her brothers have shaped her personality and made her a better person.

“They take care of me,” explained Tara. “They know that they are the only people that can mess with me.”

One would think that the King’s College campus would be a seemingly unfamiliar place to a first-year student. That, however, was not the case for Veronica Zasik.

“My dad always used to bring me here,” explained Veronica, whose father, Joseph, was a 1973 graduate. “Typical of a child, I didn’t like the campus because I was told I ‘had to’ go. When I looked at the campus as a potential student, I saw it with a whole new set of eyes.”

Veronica and her family would travel from Bethlehem to make visits to campus and also participated in swim meets in the College’s pool. After visiting larger schools that offer athletic training degree programs, Veronica decided that the size and location of King’s was perfect for her.

One thing that Veronica really enjoys about her first semester of college is that she can already take classes in athletic training. She is taking an intro to athletic training this semester and is enjoying it very much. She also enjoys the freedom and responsibility of being a college student.

Veronica is part of the Emergency Response Team and the Sports Medicine Society at King’s. She also enjoys horseback riding and swimming.

When most students go away to college, it is the first time in their lives that they are separated from their family members. This is not the case for a set of triplets from Vandling who live on the tenth floor of Holy Cross.

“We do everything together,” said Jared Pisarcik, “So coming here was the same thing.”

When looking for a college, Jared and his brothers, Jason and Justin, looked for the same things, an area school that is not too far from home and that would provide individual attention with small class sizes.

“I really loved the atmosphere here at King’s when I visited campus last spring,” said Justin. “I also liked how the class sizes were small because then I could get more individual attention from the professors.”

Justin was awarded a Presidential Scholarship. He is also involved with intramural volleyball at King’s.

Jason is the youngest of the brothers. He is interested in business and looks forward to getting an exciting internship while he is at King’s.
Moreau Beatification

Moreau’s beatification is the third of four steps in the process of declaring a person a saint in the Catholic Church. Beatification means that the Roman Catholic Church throughout the world acknowledges and celebrates how Father Moreau has positively affected the Church through the religious community of priests, brothers, and sisters that he founded in 1837. The King’s delegation joined representatives from other Holy Cross institutions from around the world. Organized by Moreau to help rebuild the Church in the wake of the French Revolution, the Congregation of Holy Cross now numbers more than 3,000 religious serving in 19 countries in North and South America, Asia, Africa and Europe.

The King’s Community held a Mass of Thanksgiving on September 15 to celebrate the event.

Joe Desciak ’04, assistant director of residence life, was a member of the King’s delegation. He wrote a journal while in France and provides, in italicized sections below, his perspective on each of the weekend’s events.

On September 14, the delegation was part of an opening celebration, a gathering of family, held in Laigne–en-Berlin, the town of Moreau’s birth and baptism. The ceremony was highlighted by a simultaneous ringing of bells in all churches of the Le Mans diocese.

“Members of the Generalate and Provincial administration greeted those gathered in the name of Holy Cross with the sounding of a small yet mighty bell. As a bell may have been used to summon the start of a teachable moment by Holy Cross educators, so a bell would ring to call a family and ring joyful news of an awaited moment in the history of our church. The crowd sang Chant de joie: Alleluia to God and the bells of every Catholic Church in the Diocese of Le Mans rang out to the people of France – honoring the blessed son of their land.”

Later that evening, a prayer vigil was held in the Church that Moreau built and where his body now rests, Notre-Dame de Sainte-Croix.

“The most humbling aspect of this vigil was to take note of those gathered. Assembled were a people noticeably international yet identifiable as Holy Cross. We were people from the United States, Chile, Haiti, Ghana, Bangladesh, France, Brazil, Canada, India, Kenya, Mexico, Uganda, Peru and Tanzania. We were from all over the globe with a common affection and affiliation with Basil Moreau. This, of all the scenes of the entire celebration, was most impressive. A man, encouraged by the Spirit to bring hope to the hopeless and act as an auxiliary and educator to the Church, would truly put down roots and grow “like a mighty tree.” These people constitute the modern image of Father Moreau. They are the product of a visionary concerned with and dedicated to the poor, marginalized and thirsting persons of our society.”

The beatification ceremony was held on September 15, the feast day of Our Lady of Sorrows, the patronal feast day of Holy Cross. Four thousand people attended the ceremony, led by the representative of Pope Benedict XVI, Cardinal José Saraiva Martins, C.M.F., Prefect for the Causes of Saints. Moreau’s beatification was the first to be held on French soil.

“We gathered in joyful prayer and awaited the official written decree by the Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI. Representing the Supreme Pontiff was Cardinal José Saraiva Martins, C.M.F., Prefect for the Causes of Saints. The Cardinal spoke the joyful words with esteem and congratulation to those of us who are encouraged and humbled by the life of Moreau. Now Blessed in the eyes of the Church, the congregation rose in joyful acclaim for the life of Basil Moreau. The image of Blessed Basil was lowered over the main altar which was, by far, the most moving visual of the entire ceremony.”

Shown following the beatification ceremony are members of the King’s College delegation, from left, Edward Rafter, Student Government President; Fr. Thomas O’Hara, C.S.C.; King’s College President; Robert Zavada, alumnus; Fr. Hugh Cleary, C.S.C., Superior General of the Congregation of Holy Cross; Joe Desciak, Office of Residence Life; Fr. Tom Bertone, C.S.C., Counseling Center; Denise Reboli, Education Department faculty member; Bob McGonigle, Associate Vice President of Student Affairs; and, Dr. Barbara Wall, member of the King’s College Board of Directors.
Physician Assistant Program turns 30

“Rocky” was awarded an Academy Award for best picture, Elvis was found dead at his home in Graceland, Jimmy Carter began his term as the thirty-ninth President of the United States, and the first class of Physician Assistant (PA) students graduated from King’s College. Can you name the year? If you said, “What is 1977?”, you are correct.

It’s been 30 years since eight students were the first graduates of the PA program. Among the students was Jocelyn Chemetsy ’76 of Luzerne, who is currently known as Professor Jocelyn Hook by the King’s community.

Jocelyn is currently assistant clinical professor in the Physician Assistant Program. She says the program, curriculum, and the role of physician assistants in the workforce have changed dramatically since the program began.

She enrolled into the certificate PA program after obtaining a bachelor’s degree in biology. At the time, students didn’t have the option of pursuing a bachelor’s degree in Physician Assistant Studies. Today, King’s students can obtain a bachelor’s and master’s degree in five years. Since its inception, the program has graduated more than 500 students.

“When I was a student, I never thought the program would grow into such an intense discipline of study,” says Hook. “Students today are responsible for so much more information than 30 years ago. Advances in medicine occur rapidly and the PA must keep up with those advances and changes in order to provide quality healthcare.”

King's program began with limited resources and has grown into a cornerstone major for the college. It was the third program in the state of Pennsylvania, which now has 15 programs. The program currently has a director, six full-time and two part-time faculty members, several adjunct professors, and a medical director. As a testament to its strength, the program has been nationally accredited since 1977.

Upon completion of King’s master’s degree program, PA graduates must pass the Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination (PANCE) in order to practice as a PA. Since King’s PA program began, the college has a 99.8% pass rate on the PANCE exam, and last year, every King’s graduate passed the exam on the first attempt.

John McKeown, who worked to obtain the PA program’s first accreditation, is proud to state that King’s program is now locally and nationally respected among its peers.

The PA profession has also grown through the years. Physician Assistants have gained the respect of other health care providers and work along side physicians in all medical specialties. The use of PAs is also expanding globally.

“The fields in which Physician Assistants practice have grown from just primary care to almost every field of medicine, increasing their exposure to many other members of the healthcare profession besides physicians,” says Frances Feudale, director of the Physician Assistant Program.

Physician assistants perform many of the services previously reserved for physicians, thus freeing the physician to extend his or her time and expertise to a larger number of patients and concentrate on difficult cases, improving the overall quality of patient care. However, physician assistants cannot practice medicine independently.

King’s PA graduates work throughout the country in a variety of medical fields. Physician assistants are trained to assist in surgery; perform histories and physicals, order and interpret lab tests, make diagnoses, develop treatment plans, write prescriptions and educate patients.

“PAs have been recognized for their contributions to medicine through academics, clinically and through research,” said Feudale. “Over these past 40 years, they’ve gained the respect of their peers and are constantly looking to the future of healthcare and their profession.”

Recent PA Graduate Making National Headlines

A member of the Physician Assistant August graduating class has already positively impacted the life of a fellow human being, but the setting was not an examining room.

Jeremy Reneau ’07 was part of a volunteer search team and he was the first person to spot an 18-year-old autistic hiker after the young man had been missing for five days. The story garnered national media attention in October.

Reneau, a resident of Grafton, West Virginia, and his father, a retired school teacher, are both avid outdoorsmen. They read about the search for the Morgantown resident that was occurring in the nearby Canaan Valley and wanted to help.

“Thursday, the fifth day of the search, was the first chance Dad and I had to drive down there and get involved,” Jeremy recently told The Cumberland Times-News.

Jeremy and his dad arrived at the search coordination site at 6 a.m. Officials in charge of the search briefed volunteers on the situation and separated the group into teams before busing them to the rescue site. Jeremy and his dad, Jim, were assigned to Team Oscar. The elder Reneau was selected as team leader.

About 50 yards into a grid search, “I saw something that just didn’t fit with the rest of the forest,” Jeremy said. “As I zeroed in on it, I realized it was him. I started calling his name and he responded . . . He was dirty, but he looked to be in good condition, considering.”

Reneau said he spotted Allen’s blond hair peeking through a canopy of foliage surrounding a small clearing in the brush. When he called Allen’s name, the teenager rolled over and made eye contact with Reneau - a move that surprised him based on Reneu’s experience with autistic patients.

Jeremy’s medical training came in handy. He checked Allen’s vital signs while Team Oscar waited for medical backup.

“We felt comfortable,” said Jeremy’s father, “knowing he was there as we were trying to assess Allen’s condition. We relied on him to make sure we didn’t miss something.”

Jim Allen, the father of the rescued hiker said it was particularly comforting to have someone with Jeremy’s experience find his son. “To have that kind of person find him who could immediately assess what kind of condition he’s in, it was just part of the miracle,” Allen said.

Jeremy appeared on CNN and The Today Show as a result of his experience. His time since graduation has been event filled. He had already passed his Physician Assistant National Certifying Exam, was waiting for his license to begin practicing, and was moving to Morgantown the following day. The fact that his humble hope to help a fellow hiker thrust him into a national spotlight was just an unexpected great end to his “vacation.”
"We shall always place education side by side with instruction; the mind must not be cultivated at the expense of the heart. While we prepare useful citizens for society, we shall likewise do our utmost to prepare citizens for heaven."

Those words of Blessed Basil Anthony Moreau, C.S.C., founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross, were said almost 100 years before members of his order founded King’s College.

"King’s teaches students not only how to make a living, but how to live."

The words of Father James Connerton, C.S.C., first president of King’s, were uttered more than 60 years before the College’s students, faculty and staff combined to contribute more than 42,000 hours, the equivalent of almost 5 years, of volunteer service during a nine-month academic year. Coordinated through the College’s Office of Volunteer Services (OVS), the volunteer efforts took place at sites in the Wyoming Valley, across the United States, and in several foreign countries.

"If at times you have a marked preference for certain people, it should be for the poorest, the most abandoned, the most ignorant, the least gifted by nature. If you surround them with the most assiduous attention, it is because their needs are greater and it is only just to give more to those who have received less." — Moreau

A tone of volunteering is set for first-year King’s students during their Orientation activities. As part of the annual CitySERVE, (Students Engaged in Reflective Volunteer Experiences) all first-year students volunteer time to various projects in Wilkes-Barre and the Wyoming Valley. In August, almost 600 students, along with faculty, administrator and staff leaders spent time at 56 sites. The event is one of the largest one-day volunteer efforts in the Wyoming Valley.

Staff of OVS attempt to find volunteer opportunities that best suit the interests and talents of each student and staff member. As a result, volunteers find themselves working with the homeless, underprivileged youth, elderly, and other traditionally disadvantaged groups.

"Society has a greater need for people of values than it has for scholars" — Moreau

OVS makes students aware of issues regarding social justice that surround them on a daily basis. Staff members organize students to participate in annual community events like the Commission on Economic Opportunity’s annual Thanksgiving Food Distribution project and the Big Brothers/Big Sisters annual Bowl-a-thon. The office also sponsors awareness and action events, such as Hunger for Justice Week and Campuses that Care Week, bringing campus-wide attention to important issues.

"With the eyes of faith consider the greatness of your mission and the wonderful amount of good you can accomplish." — Moreau

Eager to advance the idea that “communities in need” extend far beyond the King’s campus, OVS facilitates trips outside of campus to perform service work and to learn more about other communities. The most notable of these trips are the alternative fall and spring break service trips in which students, staff, and faculty work with Holy Cross affiliated sites and national organizations, like Habitat for Humanity, in cities across North and Latin America. In recent years, these service trips have sent King’s students to Georgia, Alabama, Maryland, Mexico and El Salvador. King’s also assists Hispanics living in the Wyoming Valley through the McGowan Hispanic Outreach Program.

The impressive amount of organized service by King’s Community members is in addition to efforts students make in their hometowns, the time King’s faculty and administrators spend in service to local non-profits and their schools, churches, cities and townships. Members of the Holy Cross Congregation spend countless hours each year in service to parishes in the Scranton Diocese.

Following are first-person accounts from two current King’s students and two graduates about their individual experiences with service at King’s College. Also included is an account from President O’Hara about the next likely frontier for King’s service, the continent of Asia and the country of Bangladesh.
Congressman Murphy has established MurphyCorps, a group of volunteers to do community service in his district. Congressman Murphy and the MurphyCorps joined the Bristol Borough Community Partnership in May for a clean up effort in Bristol Borough. Volunteers helped clean everything from statues and parking lots to playgrounds and walking trails.

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My experiences at St. Vincent’s has taught me that none of these statements are true. After speaking with the people there and listening to their stories, I have come to realize that many poor individuals do have jobs. The only dilemma is that they do not earn enough money. I have also learned that no one chooses to live in poverty, for it is a life full of uncertainty. Most importantly, I have come to realize that poverty is not the cause of problems in our society; it is a symptom of greater problems. Poverty is the result of flaws within the institutions and policies that govern our nation.

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Growing up in a working class row home in Northeast Philadelphia, I learned about service, honor and family. These values are ones King’s reinforced in my brother J.J. and me throughout our time there.

I carried those values with me when I was a professor at West Point, throughout my time in Iraq and even today as I serve in Congress. I feel very strongly that we all have a duty to give back – whether through volunteer work in our communities or in public service to our country. That is what drives me as a Congressman, a husband and a father.

At King’s, my friends and I involved ourselves in many activities because we wanted to soak up every opportunity King’s had to offer. I was honored to serve as the student body president, captain of the hockey team, part of the Sigma Kappa Sigma service fraternity and an Army ROTC cadet. Many of us contributed to a sandbagging effort after the flood of 1995. By encouraging hard work and giving of oneself, King’s creates leaders of character for generations past, present and future.

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When I came to King’s as a first-year student and experienced orientation, I was highly impressed with the message King’s was sending, that service and outreach to the community was an integral part of the College’s mission. Since I was involved quite a bit in service work as a high school student and found those experiences some of the most fun and enjoyable times in my life, I wanted to take advantage of every opportunity offered. Orientation weekend gave students exposure to volunteer life at King’s and the atmosphere surrounding that experience was nothing but positive and friendly. I wanted to give back as soon as I could because King’s offered me the opportunity to be a student first and foremost.

After finishing my first semester, I was given the opportunity to go on a WinterSERVE trip. It was then that I first became associated with André House. It was such a wonderful blessing and terrific opportunity to go with a group of upperclassmen who pushed me to mature quickly. It was through that experience that I understood the values that King’s embodies in action first-hand.

André House is inspired by and named after a Holy Cross Brother, André Bessette, who was known for offering a growing presence to the afflicted, hope for the discouraged and healing for the sick. The facility is operated by the Congregation of Holy Cross and was founded in the tradition of the Catholic Worker Movement. It was easy to see the similarities between King’s College and André House and it was very fortunate that I could continue to grow under the Holy Cross education.

While I was on that first trip to André House, I was informed of my grandmother’s death. To be surrounded with such support and love from King’s and André House staff through the time shortly after her death was inspiring and empowering to the point that it made me realize the grace and tremendous gifts both have to offer. The family atmosphere was so strong and powerful that I knew both were communities that would last with me forever.

When I decided to do post-graduate service after leaving King’s, I kept coming back to André House as my primary choice because over the four years at King’s I was on the trip each year. I was strengthened to educate my heart along with my mind as well as to give back to others as others had so graciously and abundantly given to me. These strong feelings of commitment, service, and family initially began with the invitation King’s had extended to me, the privilege of being a student at King’s. Graduating with a primary degree in Theology and a secondary degree in Philosophy, I wanted to put the education I received to work and practice through service.

I feel that my participation in the Office of Volunteer Services and Campus Ministry over four years shaped who I am as a person more than any other activity that I have been a part of. The values, morals, responsibilities, and life lessons that I experienced while involved with those two offices was invaluable. They allowed me to know God as a verb and gave me comfort in knowing my transition out of King’s into a year of volunteer service at André House would be one of fulfillment and gratitude.

Growing up we are all told that we must use our gifts and talents for the good of all. We mustn’t keep them to ourselves. Each individual has their own passions and goals in life that all play a part of the world. But how are we to know what those gifts and talents are? How are we meant to use them? Well, I believe that everyone can discover their talents and truly enhance their lives through the act of serving others.

Communication has always been a forte of mine. As a Spanish and English double major and through my studies of linguistics, I have heightened my desire to help build bridges between languages and cultures – in particular, the Spanish language and culture. I always jump at the chance to work with Spanish speakers to improve my speaking skills. But after a while, I knew that I needed to learn more about the people rather than simply gather knowledge for its own sake. I did this through King’s College SERVE.

At King’s College, there is a wonderful place on campus called the Office of Volunteer Services (OVS). This office is
The reach of service efforts by King’s students and staff may soon reach Asia as partnerships form between our College and several Holy Cross programs in both urban and rural Bangladesh. I, along with Dr. Nick Holodick, vice president for academic affairs, visited Bangladesh last fall to explore potential academic and service partnerships with our sister Holy Cross institution, Notre Dame College, which is located in the center of Dhaka, and also with the Dinajpur diocese of Bishop Moses Costa, a member of the Congregation of Holy Cross.

I believe that these service opportunities will benefit greatly the faculty of Notre Dame College, which is located in a very crowded city of 12 million people. Faculty from King’s have already shared via e-mail ideas on teaching methods in a number of different subject areas with Notre Dame faculty. Learning opportunities exist for our students in several public service efforts by Notre Dame College to benefit its surrounding community, including a clinic and literacy program.

Bishop Costa’s diocese is located in a very rural area and will warmly welcome help from our students and staff. His work with the people of Bangladesh is phenomenal and he was very deserving of the honorary doctorate that King’s awarded him several years ago.

While the people of Bangladesh will no doubt benefit from the service efforts of our students and faculty, it is my firm belief that the members of the King’s Community will receive the greatest benefit from these service efforts. One cannot visit this area of the world without being profoundly affected by the resiliency of the people, despite the depressing conditions in which they live. It is this “life experience” that will serve as a perfect complement to the education that King’s students receive in the classroom and it is the mutual cooperation between these two Holy Cross institutions that will continue the legacy of our Order’s founder, Blessed Basil Anthony Moreau, C.S.C.

dedicated to providing students with volunteer opportunities in the local area, nation-wide, and abroad. The major opportunities are referred to as SERVE, which is offered during the King’s Fall, Winter, and Spring Breaks.

Each SERVE trip varies and is normally focused on a slightly different social justice issue. As a sophomore at King’s, I went on SpringSERVE 2006 to Monterrey, México. During this trip, the King’s SERVE team was called upon to administer the ministry of presence to the poor of the city. We visited with the people of Monterrey; listening and talking, but mostly listening. The beauty of this was the fact that we found a universal language between our cultures. This universal language could be as simple as a smile and as difficult as un partido de fútbol – a soccer game– against the natives!

Through the people of Monterrey, México, we learned about the injustices of their country. Even though, to our eyes, the people were beyond dire poverty, the people showed us their riches: each other. These people sparked a different aspect of living. That was, to learn more about the people of the country, to see life through their eyes. I did this through the ministry of presence on the SERVE trip to México; and it did not stop there.

I now volunteer my time not for my own benefit (although that is, in a small sense, how I began) but to offer my gifts and interests to all I am able to reach though service. Beyond my international SERVE experience, I have also gone on a SERVE trip to Camden, New Jersey.

I feel the goal of service is not simply to serve with your time or financial resources, but to find the root of the problems. But first, we must become aware of the issues. We must communicate with others to work together to make the world a better place. At the risk of being the Uncle Sam of service: The world needs YOU to put yourself out there and serve others. Guaranteed, the experience will give right back.
On that fateful day in June when Dr. Fath looked at my file, he pushed back in his chair and said: “Looking at my notes, seeing the record of the stress you were under since we first met in 2004, it’s amazing that you did not have this happen a long time ago.”

When I left Dr. Fath’s office, I had an authorization for a cardiac catheterization, and a zillion questions about where it would be done, what it would be like and how painful it would be.

Two family friends, both King’s college graduates, Tom, ’80 and Sean McGrath ’94, helped us to see through the maze of the medical decisions we were facing.

In the ’70 and ’80’s, Sean was at our home virtually every day. His older brother, Tom, knows the medical profession in special ways. For almost three decades he and his company, McGrath Medical Associates, have been involved with the implantation of pacemakers and defibrillators.

When Sean and Tom were infants I held these youngsters in my arms, I watched them grow into consummate professionals, and now they were literally holding me up as I approached the most important decision of my life.

Tom knows the doctors and he knows the hospitals because of his job. Sean was my liaison to Tom. They both were most kind to both Kitch and me.

I was apprehensive, and Tom was able to put everything into context for me. Every morning during my hospital stay, he came to visit and talk.

His recommendations and suggestions were absolutely accurate. The results of my catheterization were not good… four blocked arteries. The descending aorta was 95 percent blocked and the others had 70 percent blockage.

Grim news, indeed, yet there was hope.

If I wanted to live, I had to have open-heart surgery.

To my good fortune, Dr. Michael Harostock ’75 was available.

The sign on the highway reads:

20 years of Open Heart Surgery Success!
Over 9,000 Cardiac Surgery Procedures
Heart and Vascular Institute
Wilkes-Barre General Hospital

Impressive to be sure.

If I had seen it one month earlier, I would have noticed it and thought little. Today as my wife and I passed it on our wedding anniversary, it meant a lot more.

You see, I am one of those 9,000 surgery procedures.

I’ve never been very comfortable in hospitals. At five, my brother, sister, cousin and I were lined up outside the operating room at a local hospital waiting for Dr. John L. Dorris to remove our tonsils.

My gurney was the last in line, and I was frightened out of my wits. At the appropriate moment, I bolted.

It must have been quite a scene. A tiny five-year old in a surgical gown racing down the hallways trying to find a place to hide while hospital personnel followed in pursuit.

The ending to this scene was very predictable. They won. My tonsils were removed, and for the next six decades I kept an unhealthy distance from doctors and hospitals alike.

Then, on a brilliant Memorial Day, at the start of the parade in Kingston, I stood up in the Grand Marshal’s car, lifted my video camera above my head, and my world changed forever.

Pain like I had never experienced before filled my chest and then my left arm. A knife-like pain attacked my neck and gums. Perspiration rolled off my forehead like the great falls at Niagara.

I knew I was in trouble.

My brother, Ken, died of a heart attack at 50, and since that day I always carried Bayer aspirins. On this day they may have saved my life.

I took one with water, and, five minutes later, I chewed another. The pain stabilized enough that I was able to finish my work.

Later that evening the pain returned with a vengeance, and I knew that my life was in danger.

A visit to our family physician, and King’s College graduate Dr. Michael Fath,’95 resulted in arrangements for a cardiac catheterization.

I like Dr. Fath. He’s young, energetic, respectful and proactive. To me he is more than my doctor. Maybe it’s because we are both King’s grads. Maybe it’s because we come from the same kind of blue collar families. Or maybe it’s because we just like one another. Whatever the case, I feel very comfortable talking with him.

He knows me. He knows my situation, and I get the feeling he genuinely cares about me.

Shown in front of Wilkes-Barre General Hospital is Dr. Tony Mussari, center, with members of his King’s College medical and moral support “team.” Shown, from left, are Sean McGrath ’94, Tom McGrath ’80, Dr. Linda Ferraro Slavaski ’86, Mussari, Dr. Michael Harostock ’75, Dr. Michael Fath ’95, and Joe Devizia ’64. Absent from photo is Dr. Marylouise Decker ’87.
On this day, however, in a small hospital room three days have had our share of that misunderstanding and in some instances conflict, and Kitch and I. It does not make one's life easy. It can lead to great frustration and in some cases, it can lead to great stasis. As one of my heroes said often: “I dream dreams that are more profound than I can even begin to explain.”

Throughout most of my life I have tried to be an optimistic person. I have tried to see the best in everyone. I have tried to see the best in every situation. I have tried to see the best in every day. I have tried to see the best in every moment. I have tried to see the best in every person. I have tried to see the best in every life.

During one of these visits he asked me this question: “Would you like to know how I started your operation?” I did, and he explained it this way.

“Remember our first conversation when you told me about your situation. We discussed your life and let’s do our best work to give this man a second chance at life.”

He paused, and, looking me right in the eyes, he followed with a sentence that I will remember until the day I die. “I am honored to meet you, and I want to thank you for being an outstanding teacher.”

Never in a million years did I ever expect to hear anything like that. It was one of the most important moments of my life. My apprehensions dissolved into complete trust.

He was available. My wife was characteristically optimistic and determined. We would go forward with the operation.

On June 12, 2007, my heart and my life were in Michael Harostock’s gifted hands for about four hours. He and his team worked with discipline, competence and precision on my 65-year-old heart.

I lost no blood. The muscle was strong. The replacement vessels were harvested from my left arm, and my right leg and some from behind my heart.

In less than six hours, I was off the ventilator, and the next day I was about to begin rehab in the step down unit of the hospital.

Every morning Michael Harostock came to visit. Our conversations were brief but very reassuring. The more we talked, the more I began to appreciate his enormous talent and his humanity. He combines the best in science and an understanding of the human condition.

During one of these visits he asked me this question: “Would you like to know how I started your operation?” I did, and he explained it this way.

“Remember our first conversation when you told me about your GARDEN of LIFE, and you asked me to give you a word that speaks to life?”

“Well, the day of your operation, I asked each member of my team to give me a word that speaks to life. They did and then I said to them. This is a man who has dedicated his life to giving life to his students. As we work here this morning think of your word for life and let’s do our best work to give this man a second chance at life.”

To say that I was overwhelmed with emotion is an understatement. Throughout most of my life I have tried to be an agent of change. All of the people I admire are people who worked for change. As one of my heroes said often: “I dream dreams that never were and ask Why Not?”

It does not make one’s life easy. It can lead to great misunderstanding and in some instances conflict, and Kitch and I have had our share of that.

On this day, however, in a small hospital room three days after my operation, the man who saved my life put my life into perspective. His thoughtful, caring nature made me whole again. It was without question everything I had ever dreamed of and everything I silently hoped for.

Michael Harostock, surgeon extraordinaire, King’s College graduate, working in the shadow of the place where his father worked two jobs so that he could get his education gave an old teacher the kind of affirmation he never expected. He fixed my heart, and he gave me hope and fulfillment.

He understood that there is more to an education than making a living. He knew that there is more to medicine than chemicals in a bottle. He knew that there is more to healing than science. He knew that healing is as much about the kindness of an understanding heart as it is about the best in science.

Michael Harostock and his wife, Beverly, demonstrated to Kitch and me everything we hoped for in every student we ever taught, and in so doing, they filled us with optimism and a desire to live.

There were, however, some anxious moments. During one of his visits, Dr. Harostock told us that they saw something in my lung and my blood system that they could not identify. They ruled out several of the known infections, but some doubt remained.

He wanted to be very cautious so he called in an infectious disease specialist, Dr. Linda Ferraro Slavoski, ’86, a King’s College graduate who visited my room and explained what she was about to do.

Her last name was familiar, and so I asked the obvious question. “Are you related to John Slavoski?”

“Yes. He’s my father-in-law.”

The irony here is that John, who attended King’s for three years 1948-1950, served on a jury with me the October after my retirement. During the trial, we became fast friends.

On another day, Dr. Marylouise Decker, ’87, another infectious disease specialist, and King’s College graduate, came to discuss the situation. She was quite sure that they had identified the problem, but Dr. Harostock wanted to be on the safe side, and so she would analyze another blood culture.

In the end, it turned out that the original blood cultures had been contaminated in the lab. We all breathed a sigh of relief.

My doctors were fine people all. They were excellent at what they did. They were, in a sense, my teachers about my new life.

The work of a teacher is about giving… not taking. It is about forgiving… not rejecting. It is about understanding… not alienation. It is about affirming… not demeaning. It is about optimism… not pessimism. It is about community… not isolation. It is about standards, expectations, dreams, accomplishments and values… not ego.

Teaching is about taking young people to new places and introducing them to new people. It is about challenging them to be the best people they can be, and in my case it was about helping them to change behaviors that will hold them back.

The King’s College graduates who cared for me at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital were impressive, competent, thorough and very human. I enjoyed meeting them. I enjoyed their visits, and I felt very comfortable with them.

They represented themselves, their families and their alma mater with dignity and class. They are some of our best and brightest graduates. Their expertise saved my life.

There was another King’s grad, Joe Devizia ’64, who visited me every day and offered prayers for my recovery. My friendship with...
Anonymous $750,000 donation to fund Theatre renovations

When the curtain rose in the King’s theatre for the first production this fall, the lights were brighter, a result of the first phase of a five-year renovation project. The new lights and other planned changes are the result of an anonymous $750,000 donation to the Theatre Department.

Andrew Campbell ’94 of Campbell Studios was hired to lead the theatre renovations. Campbell worked with theatre students and faculty to install a new electrical and lighting system, which included new circuitry, dimmer boards, light trusses and ceiling panels. The first phase of the renovation project was completed in time for the first production, Shakespeare’s *The Comedy of Errors*, in early October.

During the second phase of the project, which is scheduled for 2008, renovations will include incorporating moving lights on stage to follow the actors. Over the next four years, additional theatre renovations will include a new sound system, more comfortable seating, and a new audience riser. Funds will also be used to replace furniture and the Shakespeare stage, furnish the lobby, install carpeting, and construct a sewing room.

“We believe King’s will have the most technically advanced theatre in Northeastern Pennsylvania when the five-year renovation project is completed,” said Bro. Jim Miller, C.S.C., ’74, chairman of the Theatre Department.

King's U.S. News & World Report Ranking Improves

“U. S. News & World Report” ranked King’s College 34th in the category of Best Universities – Master’s in the Northern United States in the magazine’s 21st annual rankings issue. It marks the seventh consecutive year that the College is ranked in the “Best” category of institutions in 10 states from Maryland in the south to Maine in the north which offer both bachelor’s and master’s degree programs.

King’s ranked 36th in the same category in last year’s rankings issue.

“King’s is proud that we continue to be ranked among the top echelon of colleges and universities in our category, ranking with or ahead of many colleges much larger in size,” said the Rev. Thomas O’Hara, C.S.C., ’71.

“King’s current ranking is equally impressive since the College is inherently an undergraduate college, and had, until 1999, been ranked among the best schools in that category,” added O’Hara.

“While King’s is gratified by our improvement in the rankings, the College considers these subjective studies as external reinforcements to comments we receive from our most important evaluators: our current and prospective students, their families and our graduates.

Students and parents continue to praise their educational experience at King’s and our adherence to the principles of a liberal arts education grounded in the Catholic tradition. Also, our graduates continue to attain prestigious post-graduate fellowships and professional positions,” O’Hara concluded.

Joe Devizia dates back to my high school days at St. Mary’s. Joe and I were both protégés of a magnificent teacher, Sister Mary Hilary.

Joe was one of the very first people to become a deacon in this diocese. He is one of the most spiritual people I know. His goodness radiates in his very quiet and unassuming way.

I looked forward to his visits, his words of encouragement, and his prayers. On one occasion he gave me communion. It was a beautiful moment of redemption.

On Father’s Day my wife, Kitch, and my daughter, Elena, took me home.

Before I left the hospital, Dr. Harostock asked me to evaluate the experience.

Without hesitation, I replied: “It’s been the most positive learning experience of my life.”

“No one has ever said that about this operation,” he replied with that infectious grin.

I meant every word. I am writing and producing a 16-part series for our program, *Windsor Park Stories*, that will document exactly what I experienced.

On the way home I saw the billboard for the first time: 20 years of Open Heart Surgery Success!

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As our van sped by, I thought to myself, I am so fortunate to be one of them.
If a student in one of Bill Irwin’s philosophy or honors courses is asked a question about Homer, it would be wise of them to ask for a clarification – is the subject of the question Homer, one of the fathers of philosophy, or Homer Simpson, the father of Lisa, Bart and Maggie?

Irwin has authored and/or edited more than 30 books that have used the analytical eyes of philosophy to examine some of the pillars of popular culture. The first book in the series, *Seinfeld and Philosophy: A Book About Everything and Nothing*, was published in 2000, four years after he arrived at King’s.

*The Simpsons and Philosophy: The D’oh of Homer* was the second book in the series and sold more than 250,000 copies. *The Matrix and Philosophy: Welcome to the Desert of the Real*, was the third book in the series and appeared on The New York Times bestseller list.

Since then, many other staples of popular culture have been featured in books, including *Star Wars*, *The Lord of the Rings*, *The Sopranos*, *The Beatles*, Harley Davidson motorcycles, *South Park*, and, most recently, the music of *Metallica*. *The South Park* book actually formed the basis of a class taught last spring at King’s.

“Philosophy has had a bad reputation for several centuries. I believe in serving philosophy to students and the general public in a way that is palatable and digestible. My credo is: Don’t dumb it down, but do spice it up. Get them salivating with a tasty appetizer before you serve them an unfamiliar main course. To quote Mary Poppins, a famous British philosopher, ‘we need a spoonful of sugar to help the medicine go down,’” said Irwin, an associate professor of philosophy and director of the King’s honors program.

“If philosophy could be found only in the writing of philosophers and were relevant only to the lives of professors, then philosophy would be the dull and sterile discipline too may people mistakenly believe it to be. But philosophy is relevant to and can illuminate everyone’s life. Socrates made use of the popular culture of his day, the myths and epics, to begin philosophical discussions. Similarly, we can begin philosophical discussion with any of the subjects in the book series,” added Irwin.

The books consist of essays by some of the leading philosophers in the country tying the subject matter of the book to philosophy. Most of the books contain essays either written or co-written by Irwin or other members of the King’s philosophy department. “Good philosophy takes teamwork, and I couldn’t ask for a better team than the philosophy department at King’s. My department chair

Bill Irwin with “professional friends” Fredrich Nietzsche and Socrates.

Greg Bassham has edited books in my series on *Lord of the Rings and Narnia*; Bill Drumin, a senior member of the department, has co-edited a book on Hitchcock; and Kyle Johnson, the newest member of the department, will be editing a book on the TV show *Heroes,*” said Irwin.

Besides devoted readers, Irwin’s efforts have also drawn the attention of popular media. He has done numerous radio and television interviews, many in light to the summer release of *The Simpsons Movie*. He has also appeared recently on MSNBC’s *Countdown with Keith Olberman* discussing the theory of a British philosopher and contributor to the Matrix book that there is a 20 percent chance that our lives on earth are actually a computer simulation. He spoke about his Metallica book with the BBC.

Irwin’s efforts were also noted in a recent issue of *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. The author of the article, “Looking Up From the Gutter: Philosophy and Popular Culture,” referred to Irwin as the “chief architect, or hardest worker” of the effort to bring more attention to philosophy through the filter of popular culture.

“Popular Culture is always changing, and so I’m always on the lookout for the latest subject to connect with philosophy. Yesterday it was *Seinfeld*, today it’s *The Office*; who knows what it will be tomorrow?” In the very near future, editions are planned for *The Daily Show*, *Lost*, *Family Guy*, and 24.
Faculty Update

Dr. Garrett Barr, assistant professor of biology and environmental science, recently published a paper, “Trout affect the density, activity, and feeding of a larval plethodontid salamander,” in the July issue of *Freshwater Biology*.

Dr. Gregory Bassham, professor of philosophy, recently published an essay titled “Running With the Seven Cs of Success” in *Running and Philosophy: A Marathon for the Mind*.

Dr. Bridget Costello, assistant professor of sociology, Dr. Bernard Healey ’72, professor of health care administration, and Michele McGowan, assistant professor of health care administration, received the Distinguished Researcher of the Year Award at the fall conference of Allied Academies in Reno, Nevada, for her paper, “The Prescription for Good Health May Not Be Found in Access to the Health Care System.” The complete peer reviewed journal article will be published in *The Academy of Health Care Management Journal* later this year.

Dr. James P. Dolhon, professor of speech communication, recently presented, “Tracking Information Processing Patterns: Patterns of Self-Persuasion in the Classroom,” at the 31st Annual Conference of The National Association for Developmental Education, in Nashville, Tenn.


Dr. Mark Ness, assistant professor of education, recently presented a paper entitled “Earth Science Curriculum Project Revisited - Applying Spreadsheets to Earth Science Laboratory Investigations,” at the National Association of Geoscience Teachers Annual Eastern conference held at Penn State/Hazleton.

Dr. Russell Owens, assistant professor of education, recently presented the research paper, “Animation and Visual Imagery with Microsoft Moviemaker as a Learning Tool,” at The International Society for Teaching and Learning conference in Atlanta, Ga. The paper is co-written with Dr. Barbara Fralinger of Rowan University.

Dr. Brian Pavlac, professor of history, has had his manuscript, “The Deeds of Albero,” a translation from Latin into English of the life of a twelfth-century Archbishop of Trier, accepted for publication by the Pontifical Institute for Medieval Studies, housed at St. Michael’s College at the University of Toronto.

Rev. Jack Ryan, C.S.C., Ph.D., director of the McGowan School of Business, and Joan M. Blewitt, Ph.D., assistant technical professor in business administration, recently presented their paper “Utilizing Business Advisory Groups to Increase Student Self-Efficacy,” at the 72nd annual Academy of Management meeting held in Philadelphia.

Dr. Cristofer Scarboro, assistant professor of history, recently published two articles: “Keith Hitchins si occidentalismul balcanic,” in *Vatra*, and “Socialist Humanism on Tour: Monuments, Public Spaces and Subjectivity in Haskovo, Bulgaria,” in *Ethnologia Balkanica*.

Phil Yacuboski, professional instructor of mass communications, recently published an article titled “A Greater Purpose to Life” in the fall issue of *Susquehanna Life*.

The way to the future still needs paving.

Buy a brick, mark your place forever in the King’s community

Monarch Court, dedicated on Oct. 11, 2003, features a large patio of brick “pavers” encircling a brick design of the King’s College ‘K.’ Inscribed with names of over 600 donors, Monarch Court is a permanent reminder of the ties that bind our alumni and friends with the College.

This area is important to the College, our neighboring community, and the larger community. Potential riverfront development currently under consideration promises to be an alluring and logical complement to, and natural extension of, the King’s College neighborhood.

As the College begins plans to supplant this year’s addition of personalized gifts into Monarch Court, we ask you to become part of this year’s installation and join a generous group of alumni and friends who wanted to become a part of King’s College history. Consider dedicating a brick in Monarch Court to honor or memorialize friends, classmates, family members, or a member of the faculty who was instrumental in your life.

We continue to accept requests for commemorative bricks. The price remains $150 per brick. If you would like additional information on how you can celebrate your reunion anniversary and make a lasting impression on King’s, call or e-mail us. Visit us online at www.kingsalumni.info/paver2007

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Faces of King's

Diane Basta

Some parents have a feeling of sadness when a child leaves home for the first-time to attend college. But for Diane Basta, the empty-nest syndrome occurs after her students graduate from King's College.

As the administrative assistant for the biology, psychology, neuroscience and environmental studies departments, Diane says that one of the most rewarding aspects of her job is supervising student aides.

Over the years, Diane has bonded with many students from all over the United States and many continue to keep in touch. She has been invited to their weddings, graduation parties, and two students invited Diane to their ordinations: Very Rev. James G. Hayer '85 and Rev. Scott Lingenfelter '89.

“To see them leave at the end of their four years can be sad for a moment, but then you realize that you have been a part of four important years in their lives,” says Diane. “A new semester will begin and the process starts over again.”

Politely and with a smile, Diane has gone above and beyond what is needed to lend a hand to students and members of the King’s community for the past 26 years. Most alumni will remember Diane from her days in food service as a cashier in the student center for nearly eight years.

Diane left food service and worked in the print shop for a short time. A new department, the Copy Center, was created and Diane managed it for nine years before the department closed. At that time Diane had to decide whether to go back to the print shop or apply for a new position that just opened up in the biology department for an administrative assistant. Diane applied for the biology department assistant position and the rest is history.

“I have enjoyed working at King’s and I am very proud to be a part of the King’s community,” says Diane. “But most of all, I’m very proud my two children both graduated from King’s.” Diane’s daughter Holly ’96 is currently a principal IS business consultant for AstraZeneca and Joseph, Jr. ’89 is the vice president of information systems at Wilmington Trust.

Outside of her life at King’s, Diane has a passion to travel. Her trips have included stops in London and Wales, and she regularly visits Clearwater Beach, Florida, with her husband Joe, who she has been married to for 40 years. Diane says her main voyage is to the Philadelphia-area to visit her children and grandchildren.

When she is not traveling the globe or planning family get-togethers, Diane enjoys playing bingo and the slot machines in Atlantic City. She is a super-fan of the Philadelphia Eagles, and recently attended a game at Lincoln Field when the Eagles played the Dallas Cowboys.

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Winter Previews
King’s Wrestling, Basketball Teams Looking For Big Results

The King's College wrestling team along with the men's and women's basketball squads are primed and ready for what are expected to be exciting, successful seasons. An abundance of talent returns on all three teams and visions of NCAA national tournament competition stands as realistic goals.

The wrestling team will be highlighted by the return of defending 133-pound NCAA Division III national champion David Morgan. The Monarch standout, who was 35-2 a year ago while becoming King’s first national titlist in any sport, will enter the season ranked first in Division III. He hopes to become a repeat national champion when the Division III Tournament is held in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

One of the focal points of the season will be a highly-anticipated match between Morgan and NCAA Division II national champion Joe Kemmerer of Kutztown when King’s hosts the Huskies January 17. The two were slated to meet last season but Morgan was unable to compete due to an illness.

King’s lost four key starters from last season, including all-American Jason Reilly who was fourth nationally at 197-pounds. The Monarchs return a number of quality wrestlers, including three wrestlers who placed in the top-four in the Metropolitan Wrestling Conference Championships: Junior Zach Wilkinson was third at 184-pounds; sophomore Anthony Miele was third at 141-pounds; and fellow sophomore Taylor Green placed fourth at 157-pounds.

A promising group of freshmen will add depth to the squad, headed by Maryland state champion Rich Dorsey at 125-pounds, and Mike Reilly, younger brother of Jason, who will compete at 174-pounds after placing seventh in the Pennsylvania state tournament.

“We will probably get off to a slow start as we have some injuries that are going to keep a few guys out of the lineup, but when we get to full strength, I like our chances,” said veteran coach Ned McGinley, who enters his 39th year at the helm. “We have a team with depth and balance and I think we have what it takes to be successful. We are looking for David (Morgan) to have another great year and will do all we can to help him repeat as national champion.”

Men’s Basketball

The men’s basketball team has high aspirations after winning the 2007 Freedom Conference championship and earning a spot in the NCAA Division III National Tournament.

J.P. Andrejko, who begins his seventh year as the Monarchs mentor, welcomes back an experienced squad that consists of eight seniors, including four returning starters and the team’s top five scorers from last year.

Leading the list of veterans is 6-4 senior point-guard Jamie Cousart, a two-time first-team All-Freedom Conference selection. The Monarchs standout led King’s in scoring last season with 13.5 points per-game, while standing second with 6.6 rebounds and first in distributing 4.4 assists. Senior Vince Scalzo, a 6-4 power forward earned second-team all-conference honors for the second straight year. Scalzo averaged 12.5 points, 4.4 rebounds, and 2.5 assists. Senior Kofi Dwebeng returns to his off-guard spot after tallying 10.0 points, 2.6 rebounds, and 2.5 assists with 42 three-pointers. The Monarchs’ fourth returning starter is senior 6-6 center John Soboleski who added 9.0 rebounds while contributing with team highs of 6.7 rebounds and 36 blocked shots.

Other key returnees include senior forward Ryan Nenstiel, who transferred to King’s last season mid-year from Division II East Stroudsburg University and averaged 9.4 points and 2.0 rebounds with 24 three-pointers in 15 games with the team. Also back are two senior three-point specialists, Jim Welsh and Jared Black.

“With all the experience we have back, we expect a lot of good things to happen,” Andrejko noted. Our senior class has been through a lot during their careers in terms of playing big
John Zimich '62 - The Voice Of King's Athletics

John Zimich has always been a part of King's College Athletics. Or at least it feels that way to both he and King's supporters alike.

Zimich is a proud King's graduate – Class of 1962 – and is well-known as the public address announcer at King’s basketball and football home games. For the past 20 years, John has also worked as the director of public relations at Pocono Downs Raceway and has served as host of the Mohegan Sun/Pocono Downs television show which is seen nationwide. But away from his full-time job, his passion for King’s athletics looms large.

With a smiling face and a distinctive voice, Zimich has been the voice of King’s athletics since the 1981-82 men’s basketball season. After 25 years behind the microphone, John relishes his role as public address announcer and holds many fond memories of King’s athletic events and of the coaches and student-athletes who have come and gone.

John began his work behind the microphone in the early 1970’s as a radio play-by-play announcer covering high school football and basketball games at WLK and later at WBAX. When Zimich was approached to become the men’s basketball public address announcer at King’s, he came aboard during the tail end of an era when the colorful Ed Donohue patrolled the Monarch sidelines.

Fierce local rivalries with the University of Scranton and Wilkes University drew huge crowds and Zimich enjoyed being the voice that evoked emotion in the crowd. When the three-point line was introduced at the collegiate level in the late 1980’s, Zimich was in search of a catch phrase that would capture the moment whenever a King’s player connected on a three-pointer. Then one day an idea popped into his head and his famous call “BINGO” was born.

“I was looking for something to say that was colorful and sounded good but I also wanted it to be different,” Zimich recalled. “I wanted to see if the fans liked it and fortunately they really took to it. I remember one year kids brought big signs to the games that said ‘Bingo’ and they would hold them up whenever we made a three-pointer. It was great to see the fans take to it.”

Zimich began serving as the public address announcer for the King’s football team when the program was reinstated at the varsity level in 1993. He also became the public address announcer for the Lady Monarch basketball team after he was approached by former King’s coach Bryan Whitten just prior to the 1993-94 season. By his count, Zimich has missed “two or three games at the most” during his time as public address announcer.

In recanting his most unusual experience doing the public address announcing, Zimich, unable to pinpoint a year, recalled an event that happened prior to a men’s basketball game. “In a game in the mid-1980’s, everyone stood for the playing of the National Anthem and the tape did not come on. Maybe four or five minutes went by and the crowd was getting restless. Joe Cantazaro, who was the referee, and I looked at each other and decided to sing the National Anthem. We started singing and when we finished the crowd gave us a big ovation. That was quite a night.”

Zimich recalled the football team’s thrilling four-overtime 35-32 victory over Albright in 2001 as the most exciting game he worked during his tenure. More recently, he enjoyed watching the 2005 men’s basketball team that won the Freedom Conference championship and reached the Division III National Tournament “Elite Eight,” as well as the 2007 Freedom Conference championship squad.

“Deep down I am a fan of King’s,” he said. “I feel down when the teams lose and up when they win. It has been fun to see the programs develop into some of the best in the MAC. I am especially looking forward to basketball season right now because both men’s and women’s teams should be very good.

Through all the events he has seen over the years, he holds special memories of the numerous King’s games he witnessed against Wilkes and Scranton. He also expressed a great deal of disappointment when Scranton announced last year it was leaving the Middle Atlantic Conference to join the upstart Landmark Conference. With the Royals’ departure, King’s and Scranton will not play each other this season and the scheduling of future games remains uncertain.

Although he has never kept track of how many games he worked as King’s public address announcer, a rough estimate of 475-to-500 games seems logical when past schedules are examined and games played are tabulated. And how much longer will he continue to work behind the microphone at King’s?

“I don’t know, but I enjoy what I do and I hope the fans enjoy it as well,” he stated. “It is exciting to be at the games. It helps keep me young and if I was not doing the announcing I would probably still be there watching the games as a fan. As Division III athletes, these are kids who do what they do for the love of the game and they are also the purest kind of student-athlete. It has been a wonderful experience to be a part of all of that.”
Teacher, Student Climbing Through the Coaching Ranks Together

When former King’s College women’s basketball coach Bryan Whitten coached Kate Bowes from 2000 through 2003, the program reached unparalleled success as it achieved a 92-21 record, four straight trips to the NCAA Division III National Tournament, and falling one win short of reaching the “Final Four” in 2002. Bowes was a key utility player on the team, playing 106 games with the Lady Monarchs. She was known for her toughness, intelligence, and ability to play defense.

Ironically, four years later and within one day of each other, Whitten and Bowes both fulfilled dreams. Whitten achieved his long-time goal of becoming a collegiate head coach at the NCAA Division I level when he was hired at Mt. St. Mary’s University in Maryland. Meanwhile, Bowes was named the head women’s basketball coach at NCAA Division III Rutgers-Camden University in New Jersey.

Both took different paths to reaching their goal. Whitten began his coaching career as an assistant with King’s women’s team while still a student under former head coach Robin Cummins. Whitten left King’s temporarily and served as an assistant high school coach in his native Delaware while also coaching AAU teams. After Cummins stepped down following the 1992-93 season, Whitten returned to King’s when he was hired as head coach. He enjoyed a highly successful run at King’s, spending 12 years with the Lady Monarchs and stands as the all-time winningest coach in program history with 220-103 mark while producing 14 Division III all-Americans.

Whitten stepped down following the 2004-05 season to become the lead assistant coach at Virginia Commonwealth University. After two years with the Richmond-based program, Whitten wanted to again become a head coach and interviewed for a number of jobs. Finally, Whitten reached his goal when he was hired by Mt. St. Mary’s on September 11. Now, with an opportunity to run his own program again, he faces the task of rebuilding a Mt. St. Mary’s program that has fallen on hard times in recent years. The program does have a history of success as evidenced by the Mountaineers’ ranking in the Top-50 in NCAA Division I history in wins (357) and winning percentage (.664) while standing just three victories shy of earning the 600th overall win in program history. Last year, Mt. St. Mary’s was 12-17 and lost 70-67 in the quarterfinals of the Northeast Conference Tournament to Sacred Heart University.

“Becoming a Division I head coach was a goal of mine, but to do so I had to take a step backwards in a sense that I had to give up coaching my own program to become an assistant at the Division I level,” Whitten explained. “It was important for me to get the experience of being in Division I in order for me to become a serious candidate for a head coaching job at that level. Even though we had a lot of success at King’s, I had to get into Division I to be able to take the next step as a head coach. Thankfully things worked out and I am in a situation where I can run my own program and hopefully build Mt. St. Mary’s back up to the level it has been.”

Bowes, meanwhile, took a unique path of her own. Immediately following her graduation from King’s in 2003, she headed to New Orleans, as part of the AmeriCorps volunteer program where she worked with underprivileged children. She would become the director of athletics at Bishop Perry Middle School and was also appointed the head coach of the eighth-grade boys basketball team where she eventually led the team to the New Orleans city championship. It was there she caught the coaching bug and decided to pursue the craft as a career. She would eventually gain an assistant coaching position at Division III Albright College where she helped the Lady Lions steadily improve each season. When the position at Rutgers-Camden opened, she applied for the job but also faced a difficult career choice. She was working as a full-time substitute teacher and was in the midst of being hired as a full-time teacher in the Council Rock High School district.

While the process was unfolding, Bowes had confided in Whitten, soliciting advice from her former mentor. “He helped me a lot,” Bowes recalled. “We talked about my options and what my goals were and he told me that it was an opportunity that I could not pass up. So I took the coaching job and am really happy with the way things have gone so far.”

Bowes, who was appointed head coach at Rutgers-Camden on September 10, faces a challenge of her own as she takes over a program that comes off an 8-17 season and returns just four players along with a few recruits. With a small roster consisting of just 10 players, the 26-year old Bowes is realistic of her team’s chances.

“I am hoping to finish .500 this season, but more important, I want to make my mark on the players by teaching them my philosophy,” she stated. “I learned a lot from Coach Whitten and head coach Janice Luck at Albright and will
take something from each of them into how I am as a coach. “Whit” always preached defense and I really believe in defense as well. As a coach you can teach skills, and I am big on conditioning and defense as the foundation of my coaching philosophy.”

Whitten will look to do the same at Mt. St. Mary’s as he introduces his style and coaching philosophy to a new group of players. Like Bowes, he takes over a team that has few returning players with extensive playing experience and will have seven freshmen on his 14-player roster. Unlike Bowes, however, Whitten faces a series of more diverse recruiting challenges due to the rules differences in Division I. In upper division programs, recruiting is done far in advance of Division III. While the vast majority of Division I programs already have their 2008-09 freshmen class signed to athletic scholarships, Whitten does not and is hitting the road hard attempting to track down unsigned players with the ability to play Division I women’s basketball.

“That is one of the biggest differences I will have to learn, the way recruiting is done in Division I compared to Division III,” Whitten observed. “In Division III you can pretty much talk to a kid all year round, but in Division I you have dead periods, observation periods, and quiet periods. There are restrictions on when you can contact players, how you can contact them, talk to them, and go and see them play. Players are signing scholarship offers earlier and earlier and in Division I it is almost two years in advance that you have to start making kids offers. I am still looking to sign players for 2008-09, but also have to look at signing kids for the following year as well. It is a tremendous difference from what I did at King’s.”

Despite the differences in recruiting, Whitten and Bowes will share one common trait in building their programs. Each will look to instill a true family atmosphere at their respective programs, similar to that employed at King’s by Whitten.

“Whit always talked about ‘family’ at King’s and that was a big part of our success,” Bowes said. “That is what I want to do at Rutgers-Camden. I want to make the players realize that we are not just a team, but a family. We have to be able to trust each other on and off the court and when you feel like you are a family you will play more like a team and not a group of individuals.”

Whitten said the building of relationships is the most important and rewarding aspect of being a head coach and that he remains in close contact with many of his former players.

“I tell the players they are on the ‘Four-to-40 Plan’, that they have me as a coach for four years and a friend for 40 more,” he said. “I tell my players that if you need me, I will be there. When basketball is done and whether they need a job recommendation or invite me to their wedding, the personal stuff is what coaching is all about. You may remember winning a championship, but what you will remember most are the people you played with and the experiences you shared together.”

With Bowes embarking on her first collegiate head coaching experience, Whitten is confident his protégé has what it takes to be successful.

“I think Kate is going to be a super head coach,” he predicted. “She is a student of the game and a leader. Kate has the type of personality that will make people want to follow her and believe in her. She is a very passionate person and that passion will help the Rutgers-Camden program grow.”

When Bowes began to get organized for her first season as head coach, she made a discovery that she says will help her prepare for the upcoming year.

“I was doing some cleaning and sorting through things and I found my old King’s playbook, so I am going to be stealing some drills and plays from Whit,” she joked.

On November 25, just four games into her head coaching career, Bowes will experience a bit of déjà vu when her Rutgers-Camden squad ventures to Scandlon Gymnasium for a contest against King’s. While the opportunity to coach against her alma-mater will provide some awkward feelings, Bowes looks forward to her return to King’s.

“I have not been in the gym for two or three years and the last time was while scouting for Albright,” she recalled.

“When I got the job at Rutgers-Camden, I received a number of emails from faculty and staff at King’s congratulating me. There was a great deal of response and support from the King’s family and I am very appreciative of that. I really look forward to coming back but know it will be a different experience. Hopefully I won’t walk to the wrong bench.”
In September, Laurie Anthony joined the King’s College athletic department as the new full-time head coach of the women’s lacrosse program as well as the college’s director of intramurals. She replaced Justine Reeber who stepped down to relocate to Colorado after two years at the Lady Monarch helm.

Anthony is a 2006 graduate of Drew University, where she was a four-year standout playing defensive midfielder while serving as a team captain during her junior and senior years. She was named to the Middle Atlantic Conference all-star team in 2005 and 2006 while being named to the Intercollegiate Women’s Lacrosse Coaches Association Regional All-American squad both seasons. Additionally, she was selected to play in the 2006 IWLCA North-South Senior All-Star Game.

As a sophomore, she helped Drew to a Middle Atlantic Conference championship in 2005 along with an Eastern College Athletic Conference title in 2004. She was also a four-year member of the Drew women’s soccer team. Coach Anthony has also taught lacrosse and soccer at numerous camps and clinics since 2002.

“We are excited to have Laurie join the King’s athletic department,” Athletic Director Cheryl Ish stated. “She is young, dynamic, and was an accomplished player possessing a great deal of experience in the sport. Laurie is someone who we believe has the ability to not only effectively teach the sport, but will bring an enthusiasm to our developing women’s lacrosse program.”

Anthony earned a bachelor of arts degree in political science from Drew while adding a minor in women’s studies. She was also a member of the Drew Student-Athlete Advisory Committee during the 2005-06 year.

Coach Anthony came to King’s after spending the past year as the head lacrosse coach, physical education teacher, and personal health and safety education teacher at Haileybury College, a private school in Hertford Heath, England. She directed the lacrosse program, teaching the sport to girls ranging from 11-18 years of age, coaching three teams in the process.

“After coming back from England I realized that I wanted to coach at the collegiate level,” Anthony stated. “Being the women’s lacrosse coach at King’s allows me to reach this goal. In addition, this position gives me the opportunity to lend my knowledge and skills of lacrosse to a program that is continuing to improve and grow every year. My short term goals for women’s lacrosse at King’s are to improve the overall skills of the players and hope that each person that participates enjoys their time on the team. My long term goals are to become a competitive element in the conference and to have each player take away skills that they can use for the rest of their lives.”

Anthony takes over a King’s program that has qualified for the Middle Atlantic Conference playoffs two of the past three seasons. The 2006 Lady Monarch squad will be led by 2007 MAC All-Star Grace King who returns to the squad after taking a year off to study abroad last spring. Anchoring the defense will be four-year standout Melissa Gates while senior Heather Kelley returns in goal.
### Men’s Basketball

**November**
- 16 Fri. @ Lycoming College Tip-Off Tournament
  - Lycoming vs. PSU-Altoona: 6:00 p.m.
  - King’s vs. College of New Jersey: 8:00 p.m.
- 17 Sat. @ Lycoming College Tip-Off Tournament
  - Consolation Game: 2:00 p.m.
  - Championship Game: 4:00 p.m.
- 20 Tues. @ Albright College: 7:00 p.m.
- 28 Wed. @ Kean University: 8:00 p.m.

**December**
- 1 Sat. @ Widener University: 3:00 p.m.
- 6 Thur. @ Baptist Bible College: 7:00 p.m.
- 8 Sat. Baruch College: 3:00 p.m.
- 18 Tues. King’s Ramada Inn/Monarch Classic
  - Susquehanna vs. Hood: 6:00 p.m.
  - King’s vs. Lebanon Valley: 8:00 p.m.
- 19 Wed. King’s Ramada Inn/Monarch Classic
  - Consolation Game: 5:00 p.m.
  - Championship Game: 7:00 p.m.

**January**
- 2 Wed. York College: 7:00 p.m.
- 5 Sat. Wilkes-Barre Challenge - Round Robin
  - Wilkes vs. Tufts: 6:00 p.m.
  - King’s vs. Misericordia: 8:00 p.m.
- 6 Sun. Wilkes-Barre Challenge - Round Robin
  - Wilkes vs. Misericordia: 1:00 p.m.
  - King’s vs. Tufts: 3:00 p.m.
- 8 Tues. Wilkes University*: 8:00 p.m.
- 12 Sat. @ Delaware Valley*: 3:00 p.m.
- 19 Sat. FDU-Florham*: 3:00 p.m.
- 23 Wed. @ DeSales University*: 8:00 p.m.
- 26 Sat. Arcadia University*: 3:00 p.m.
- 30 Wed. @ Manhattanville College*: 8:00 p.m.

**February**
- 2 Sat. @ FDU-Florham*: 3:00 p.m.
- 6 Wed. DeSales University*: 8:00 p.m.
- 9 Sat. @ Arcadia University*: 8:00 p.m.
- 13 Wed. @ Penn College: 7:00 p.m.
- 16 Sat. Manhattanville College*: 3:00 p.m.
- 19 Tues. @ Wilkes University*: 8:00 p.m.
- 23 Sat. Delaware Valley College*: 3:00 p.m.
- 20 Wed. Freedom Conference Semi-Finals: TBA
- 23 Sat. Freedom Conference Championship: TBA

*Freedom Conference Games

### Women’s Basketball

**November**
- 16 Fri. @ Marymount University
  - Tip-Off Classic - Arlington, Va. vs. The College of New Jersey: 1:30 p.m.
- 17 Sat. @ Marymount University
  - Tip-Off Classic - Arlington, Va. vs. Salisbury or Dennison
- 18 Sun. @ Marymount University
  - Tip-Off Classic - Arlington, Va. vs. TBA

**December**
- 1 Sat. @ Messiah College Tournament
  - King’s College Monarch Tournament: 11:00 a.m.
- 20 Tues. Delaware Valley College: 6:00 p.m.
- 26 Wed. The College of New Jersey: 6:00 p.m.
- 30 Fri. @ Messiah College Petrofes Tournament: 12:00 p.m.

**January**
- 5 Sat. @ New York/Pennsylvania Duals - @ Lycoming: 1:00 p.m.
- 7 Mon. @ Kutztown University/ Hunter College: 3:00 p.m.
- 12 Sat. @ Ursinus Tournament: 9:00 a.m.

*MAC Freedom Conference Game

Events are subject to change; for most current King’s listings, go to www.kings.edu/athletics.

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### Swimming

**October**
- 27 Sat. Lebanon Valley College: 11:00 a.m.

**November**
- 4 Sat. Tri-Meet @ King’s College w/Cabini College & College of Notre Dame: 1:00 p.m.
- 14 Wed. @ Wilkes University: 6:00 p.m.
- 16 Fri. @ Kutztown University Invitational: 11:00 a.m.
- 17 Sat. @ Kutztown University Invitational: 11:00 a.m.
- 28 Wed. @ Misericordia University: 6:00 p.m.

**December**
- 1 Sat. @ Wells College: 2:00 p.m.
- 5 Wed. @ Cazimova College: 6:00 p.m.
- 8 Sat. Ocean County Comm. College: 12:00 p.m.

**January**
- 12 Sat. Tri-Meet @ King’s College Susquehanna University & Drew University: 1:00 p.m.
- 16 Wed. Tri-Meet @ Wilkes-Barre C.Y.C.: 6:00 p.m.
- 19 Sat. Arcadia University: 1:00 p.m.

**February**
- 8 Fri. MAC Championships @ Wilkes-Barre C.Y.C.: Prelims: 12 p.m.
- 9 Sat. MAC Championships @ Wilkes-Barre C.Y.C.: Finals: 7 p.m.
- 10 Sun. MAC Championships @ Wilkes-Barre C.Y.C.: Prelims: 10 a.m.
- 15 Fri. MAC Championships @ Wilkes-Barre C.Y.C.: Finals: 5 p.m.

Home games in **Bold**
The King’s College Alumni Phonathon reached a very successful conclusion on Sunday evening, September 30. A record amount was raised in alumni support.

A total of $543,196 was reported by Chairperson Sue Henry ’87. Alumni called friends and classmates from September 17 through September 30.

King’s recently appointed William Behm to the position of director of alumni relations, only the fifth person in the history of the College to hold the title.

Bill previously worked at King’s as director of major gifts and planned giving and director of annual giving programs. “I’m honored to return to King’s as Alumni Director, hopefully in the tradition of Bob Ell and Louise Wasserott,” said Behm. “I’ve said this before, but it is very true, I’m returning home.”

Bill’s first few days in his new position coincided with the kickoff of this year’s Alumni Phonathon. In addition to fundraising programs like the Alumni Phonathon, Behm’s primary responsibilities include planning, developing, organizing and coordinating alumni events, including homecoming and reunion weekends.

“I’d like to build relationships during my tenure at King’s,” says Behm of his plans for the Alumni Office. “I want our more-experienced graduates to reconnect with King’s and rediscover this special place. I also hope that our more recent graduates remain committed to their Alma Mater.”

Behm earned his bachelor’s degree from King’s in 1973. He also holds a master of public administration degree from Marywood College. Prior to taking his new position at the College, he worked as the director of development at Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton. Behm is a board member for Wyoming Valley Children’s Association, vice chair of Mountain Top Area Joint Sanitary Authority, president of Wyoming Valley Serra Club, immediate past president of Wilkes-Barre Rotary Club, and a board member with Big Brothers Big Sisters. He is also associate director of King’s Irish Teacher Program.
Alumni Events & Gatherings

Congressman Patrick Murphy
Philadelphia Reception
Union League, Philadelphia, PA
August 22

Forty two alumni and guests came out to the Union League in Philadelphia to greet Congressman Pat Murphy ’96. Congressman Murphy spoke eloquently about the affect of King’s College on his life. Father Tom O’Hara, C.S.C., ’71, President; Frank Pasquini ’71, Vice-President of Institutional Advancement; Kim Cardone ’85, Director of Annual Giving Programs; Tamer Gouda ’98, Associate Director of Alumni Relations; Bill Lynn, Director of the Capital Campaign; and, Louise Wasserott ’75, Director of Advancement were all in attendance to greet area Alumni.

Congressman Pat Murphy ’96 addresses crowd.

Dallas/Forth Worth, Texas
Alumni Reception
Home of John ’66 and Mary Reynolds
Plano, Texas
June 16

Mary and John ’66 Reynolds hosted 24 alumni and guests at their home. Father Tom O’Hara, C.S.C., ’71, President, Bill Lynn, Director of the Capital Campaign, and Louise Wasserott ’75, Director of Advancement, were in attendance for this event. Special thanks to John and Mary Reynolds for being such gracious hosts. Also thanks to Vince Sullivan and Ron Ternosky for helping make contact with local alumni.

To view more pictures of this event, please go to http://www.kings.edu/Alumni/DallasTX.htm

1963 Football Team Reunion October 12 and 13

On October 12th and 13th, King’s College welcomed 47 players and their guests “back home” for a weekend of fun and memories. The event started with an on-campus Cocktail Reception on Friday night with special guest speaker, Head Football Coach Rich Mannello. The weekend continued on Saturday with a Pre-Game BBQ at Betzler Fields and on-field recognition prior to the King’s vs. Albright game. A highlight of the weekend was a mass celebrated by Fr. Pat Sullivan, C.S.C., followed by dinner on campus. Many thanks to Richard ’64 and Bob ’64 Adams for their help in organizing this special weekend.


Sitting: Ned Endler ’64, Tony Scialfa ’66, Dave Capwell ’65, Bob Connolly ’65, Bob Adams ’64, Richard Adams ’64, Milo Moran ’64, Joe Phillippi ’64, Bill Biniek ’65, Dave Rayburn ’65.
As King’s College welcomed its record-breaking class of First Year Students, the Alumni Association welcomed 15 legacy students to the Class of 2011. Forty nine Alumni and their First Year sons or daughters were welcomed during move-in at a special luncheon just for them. The legacy lunch is a tradition that showcases the King’s College family.

Homecoming 2007

This year’s Homecoming saw terrible weather and an enthusiastic showing of dedicated alumni and friends who came to pre-game festivities and stayed to cheer King’s through our annual battle with cross-town rival Wilkes University.

Over 70 dedicated alumni and friends enjoyed the fun, shared memories and a slightly soggy barbecue under the tent at Betzler Fields. This was our largest crowd for this annual tradition.

First Annual King’s College Casino Night

Over 120 alumni and friends of King’s College gathered at Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs for the first King’s College Casino Night. Guests enjoyed 3 hours of delicious food, beverages and faux table games. Entertainment stations included Craps, Roulette, and Blackjack. A special feature included a Texas Hold’em tournament won by Michelle Pushefski. The night’s grand prize, a 50” plasma TV, was won by Bob Morgan ’85.

Thank you to Brian Vinsko ’99 for his leadership in chairing the event and thank you to Jim Bone ’83, Robert Kaluzavich ’99, Kathy Kane, John Leighton, Lore Majikes, Rose Marie Panzitta, Paula Radick ’93, and Jane Smedley ’98 and Bill ‘69 and Joan Vinsko the volunteers who helped make this event a complete success. Also, thank you to all the sponsors and guests who helped make this night a success.

Proceeds from King’s Casino Night will go to the King’s College scholarship fund.

Joe Habersky ’69, Bill Behm ’73, Director of Alumni Relations

Mario and Julio ’80 Amadeo, Nancy Harworth, Alumni Office

Standing: Paula, Bill ’97, and Brian ’99 Vinsko. Sitting: Mercedes Leighton, Bill ’69 and Joan Vinsko. Special Thanks to the Vinsko family for their hard work in gathering sponsors, selling tickets, and donating prizes.
Alumni Profile

Scott Sanfilippo ’93

Throughout the annals of American business, Solid Cactus is probably the only partnership which was originally based on a mutual interest in ferrets. Scott Sanfilippo ’93 and Joe Palko were King’s classmates and ferret owners. Their shared frustration about the lack of ferret supplies in local pet stores, an entrepreneurial spirit and the good timing of starting their effort just as e-commerce was exploding onto the national scene has resulted in an old-fashioned All-American success story.

Ferretstore.com began in 1994, prior even to the establishment of Amazon.com. Scott, a life-long resident of the Wyoming Valley, was working for the local phone company as it launched an internet service. He saw the possibility of using the internet to sell ferret and other pet supplies and ship them directly to consumers. Scott and Joe lined up suppliers and the inventory was kept in a closet in Scott’s apartment.

The success of Ferretstore.com was slow, but steady. For the first four years of the company, Scott continued to hold a full-time job and work on the business in his “spare” time.

“I was management, Scott was technology,” said Joe. “We had one employee.” Within two years, Scott’s closet grew into a garage, and eventually the Ferretstore.com had twenty-two employees, a 20,000 square foot distribution center, 4,800 unique SKUs, 250,000 customers, a quarterly print catalogue and annual sales of more than $5 million.

Ferretstore.com was the proverbial tortoise compared to the rabbit of online e-commerce pet supply competitors like Pets.com. While Pets.com was buying a million-dollar ad in the Super Bowl and had a multimillion-dollar IPO, Scott and Joe knew that slow and steady would win the race. Their company eventually purchased Pets.com’s inventory for pennies on the dollar.

The next logical evolution in the business was for Scott and Joe to use their experiences running an Internet-based business for the benefit of other companies that were just starting to join the e-commerce groundswell. In 2001, Solid Cactus was born.

While e-commerce is not a profession one would normally associate with a communications major, Scott’s experience in the industry did result in a long running radio show, titled “The Pet Guy,” in which he answered questions about animal health and behavior.

This year has been an eventful one for the company. It sold Ferretstore.com and other pet supply web sites (such as ActiveK9, Rabbit Central, The Kitty Store, The Critter Store, and Pet Care Central) to the largest pet supply catalog company in the country and it was named one of the best places to work in Northeastern Pennsylvania for the second consecutive year. The company announced that its growth to 118 employees with more than 250 projected in 2009 resulted in a move from downtown Wilkes-Barre to nearby Shavertown. Solid Cactus was also named the 28th fastest growing private information technology company in America by Inc. magazine.

Currently, Solid Cactus is associated with more top 500 online retailers than any other e-commerce provider.

Scott considers corporate public relations to be his niche in the growing business. He does, however, still use his communications training. Callers to Solid Cactus are greeted by his dulcet tones on the voice mail system and it was his decision to make game show themes the music callers listen to as they wait to be transferred.

A “Tax – Free” Giving Opportunity

A new giving option that can pay huge dividends at your tax time or for your heirs has been made available via the Pension Protection Act of 2006. For a limited time, owners of Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) who have reached age 70 1/2 can make tax-free charitable gifts directly from their plans.

The new law removes previous obstacles by allowing qualifying IRA owners to exclude “qualified charitable distributions” from their gross income. This benefit will be especially attractive to donors who do not otherwise itemize their tax deductions.

Under normal circumstances, distributions from IRAs can be taxed at the top federal rate of 35%, well above the 15% taxation rate for other certain capital gains and qualified dividends. IRAs can also be one of the most expensive assets to pass along to heirs, in some cases taxed up to 46%.

You can exclude up to $100,000 in 2007.

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Donor Profile

Jim and Christine Schneider ’92

For Jim and Christine Schneider, service to alma mater and community organizations is a team effort. However, unlike many “King’s couples” they did not have a long and storied history of dating as students. “Although we were in the same class and King’s is certainly not a huge campus, we did not meet until the second semester of our senior year,” Jim said.

Christine lived in Margaritaville for three years of college and Jim was a four-year resident of College housing and was a member of the residence life staff in Holy Cross Hall. Jim was an economics major, while Christine earned her degree in marketing. While not a typical King’s romance, the College and other benefactors of the couple’s generosity are glad their paths finally crossed.

The Schneiders live in Morris Township, NJ. Jim is vice president of institutional equity trading for Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. in New York City. Christine is president of Schneider Family Rearing, Inc., and counts among her vice presidents James, Ryan, Cate and Lauren.

Both express a deep appreciation for the time they spent at King’s. “I am where I am today directly because of King’s College,” said Jim. “They provided me a full academic scholarship. I would not have the job I have today if it wasn’t for the education I received at King’s.”

“I helped organize a reunion of former Margarita Apartment residents when the building was rededicated as Alumni Hall,” said Christine. “We come back to campus on a regular basis for President’s Club functions.”

Jim also participated in the first McGowan School of Business Forum when it was held several years ago in New York City. He has coached various youth sports in Morristown. Christine, a four-year member of the King’s cheerleading squad, is very active in the family’s home parish and Catholic school. Her activities have ranged from directing the Moms and Tots program to being a room mother, participating in a fashion show fundraiser and helping out in the school library.

Father Tom O’Hara, C.S.C., King’s president and resident counselor on the same floor in Holy Cross Hall where Jim was a resident assistant, married the couple and has baptized all four of their children. “The couple even returned home from their honeymoon one day early to attend some of Father O’Hara’s inauguration activities.”

“I was fortunate enough to have pre-president Father O’Hara as a teacher in several classes and Jim and he lived on the same floor in Holy Cross Hall,” said Christine. “The College has meant so much to both of us, we still feel a strong connection to it today. We feel it is only natural to support it in any way we can.”

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Alumni Profile

Cathy Serafin ’83

Following what was then the biggest victory of her professional legal career, Cathy Serafin ’83 wanted to find some activities to take her mind off her cases. Fortuitously, an invitation to a meeting of Washington, D.C., King’s alumni passed her desk. Several years later, she is a driving force in the King’s College Club of Washington, D.C.

Serafin had just spent the winter in Ohio representing the Goodrich Corporation against more than 30 insurance companies in an environmental-related case, which ended with a jury verdict worth more than $150 million for her client. Upon returning to the Washington office of Howrey LLP, where she is a partner and a member of the firm’s Insurance Recovery Group, Serafin decided to reconnect with her alma mater by attending a meeting of Washington, D.C. alumni and hearing a presentation from Father O’Hara.

“I was pleasantly surprised to see how many King’s graduates live and work in this area,” said Serafin. “I knew some of my closest friends from King’s are here, but I had no idea how many both older and younger alums there were.”

King’s is a family affair for Serafin. An older sister, an aunt and several cousins are graduates and her father taught computer and information systems classes part-time for more than 20 years.

After her graduation from Villanova University School of Law, Serafin began work for a Wilmington, Del., law firm, Prickett Jones. While there, she had a varied case load, but one case in a relatively new area of law foreshadowed her future area of specialization. “I represented New Castle County, Delaware, in a case against insurance companies who were refusing to reimburse the county for damages suffered with regard to municipal landfills they operated. Before this, government entities and commercial businesses weren’t litigating insurance companies when their claims were denied. They weren’t happy with the denials, but they didn’t pursue what they thought were legitimate claims.”

Serafin has been with Howrey LLP, an international firm which specializes in antitrust, global litigation and intellectual property cases, since 2004. At Howrey and other firms, she has been successful arguing numerous cases against insurance companies while representing a variety of clients, from large companies who weren’t reimbursed for liability judgments to individuals whose life insurance claims were denied. “I enjoy getting for my clients what they are legally entitled to after they’ve paid insurance premiums and their claims were still denied.”

The recipient of an English degree from King’s, Serafin wants to assure her former teachers that in addition to court cases, she is also always in the middle of a book. “I love to read, always have,” she said recently. She is also an avid sailor and has taken extended trips on her time away from the legal profession.

Admission Corner

Upcoming Spring Events

College for a Day
Students who are accepted to King’s are invited to attend classes that interest them.

| January 25 | March 7 |
| February 1 | March 14 |
| February 8 | March 28 |
| February 15 | April 14 |
| February 22 | April 11 |

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April 6

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’50s
David A. Kerins ’55 published his memoirs entitled Through The Dark Valley: A Veteran’s Three Year Battle Against Tuberculosis. For more detailed information about his book please visit www.TBDarkValley.com.

’60s
Santo Loquasto ’66 recently received the TDF (Theatre Development Fund)/Irene Sharaff Award’s special Robert L.B. Tobin Award for Lifetime Achievement in Theatrical Design. Santo is a 14-time Tony Award nominee and three-time Tony winner who has designed the sets and/or costumes for 58 Broadway productions. On film, he has collaborated with Woody Allen on 24 movies. His costume designs for “Zelig” (1983) and production designs for “Radio Days” (1987) and “Bullets Over Broadway” (1994) received Academy Award nominations. In the world of dance, he has designed works for Twyla Tharp, Jerome Robbins, Mikhail Baryshnikov, Agnes DeMille, James Robbins, Mikhail Baryshnikov, and David Parsons.

Ed Christian, Jr. ’68, head football coach at East Stroudsburg South High School, was inducted into the Hall of Fame by the Pennsylvania State Football Coaches Association. Ed has been a coach for 27 years garnering 191 victories, 12 conference championships, and two district championships.


’70s
Thomas G. Eagen ’74 retired as a director with the New York State Department of Correctional Services after more than 30 years of service. Tom and his wife, Paula, have moved back to their hometown, Elmira, N.Y., and will use that as their home base while they travel during their retirement.

Frank McAndrew ’74 was named a fellow of the Association for Psychological Science (APS). Fellow status is awarded by the APS to members who have made “sustained, outstanding contributions to the science of psychology in the areas of research, teaching, service, or application” of psychological research in business or industry. Frank’s research has been profiled in a variety of media outlets, including Psychology Today Magazine, NBC’s “The Today Show” and The New York Times. His research has even been lampooned by Jay Leno in his “Tonight Show” monologue. This fall, Frank will deliver the keynote address at an international conference on media research at the University of Leicester in England. His keynote address, one of two at the conference, is titled “Information Age Media and Stone Age Minds: How the Entertainment Industry Succeeds by Pressing the Right Buttons in Our Hunter-Gatherer Brains.” He is the author of a book and approximately 50 scientific articles, and he is the Cornelia H. Dudley Professor of Psychology at Knox College in Galesburg, Ill.

Dr. Richard Langdon ’75 and Cross Valley Chiropractic were honored with Integrity Management’s prestigious Five Star Quality Service Award. The award was developed by Integrity Management as a means of promoting and publicizing superior chiropractic clinics that excel in patient treatment, customer service, and professionalism.

Robert Suda ’75 was named the acting deputy chief information officer for the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Stephen Storeck ’76 was appointed vice president and treasurer of Lycoming College, Williamsport, Pa.

Congratulations to Mike Gillen ’79 who won one gold and two silver medals at the 2007 World Police and Fire Games in Australia. Mike, who competes regularly in the games, which is a competition involving 8,000 athletes from 60 countries, grabbed the gold in the triathlon relay and silvers in the tri-athlete 200-meter freestyle relay and the individual 100-meter breaststroke. Mike is the officer in charge of the Addison Police Department, Dallas, Texas, where he resides with his wife Judy and children Christopher, 18, and Ashley, 16.

Gerald Michota ’79 retired from the Mahwah Police Department after nearly 28 years of service. He is presently working for Hudson City Bank Corp. in Paramus, N.J. as a security investigator.
'80s

Dr. Steven Locnikar '82, a renowned plastic surgeon in Scottsdale, Ariz., authored a book entitled Dr. Hyde after a 2005 Arizona State Medical license revocation for substance abuse. It explores drug addiction from inside the medical profession through the perspective of an addict. Dr. Hyde illustrates how addiction affects all aspects of our society and graphically depicts the consequences of this disease. From Hollywood to underworld terror, the reader will experience how a respected physician struggled with his inability to accept his addiction through a duel existence.

Maureen (Murphy) McBride, Esq. '82, partner in the firm of Lamb McErlane in their post-trial and litigation departments, was appointed treasurer of the Pennsylvania Lawyers Fund for Client Security by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

Congratulations to Robert and Jane North Steiner, Esq. '88 on the birth of their daughter, Emma Catherine. She joins Jane Smedley, Esq. '98 and Genene Libonati-Ritz, Esq. '91 on the birth of their children, Franklin Joseph, on June 11. He joins big sister, Isabelle Rose, 4.

Daria Walsh '91 recently held her first solo photography exhibition, "Sacred Spaces and Quiet Beauty," in March 2007 in the Upstairs Gallery at Naas Library, Naas, County Kildare, Ireland. She recently returned to her native Wilkes-Barre to attend and donate a piece to the Family Service Association of Wyoming Valley's fundraising event at ArtsYOUniverse. Daria's photography has appeared in newspapers, brochures, and posters in the United States and Ireland. She is married to Paul H. Tubb. They reside in Sallins, County Kildare, Ireland.

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'90s

Michael J. Bendick, Esq. '90 opened a law practice in Kingston, Pa., focusing on estate planning and administration as well as real estate law.

Congratulations to Charles and Janine Crafa Guder '92 on the birth of their son, Charles, on January 16. Janine is vice president, associate director of relationship management with the Publicis Groupe, a multinational advertising and communications company. She is also the IT director for Saatchi & Saatchi New York, a subsidiary of the Publicis Groupe.

Congratulations to Paula and Martin Kearney '92 on the birth of their daughter, Chelsea Grace, on April 18. Martin works for the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission, as an education and community services supervisor (an outreach position) for the Harrisburg office.

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King’s alumnae Jane Smedley, Esq. ’98, Marie Marriggi Donnelly ’92, and Carole Dieton ’91 recently worked with and chaperoned 16 students from Scranton Preparatory High School, Scranton, Pa., as they rebuilt homes in Waveland, Miss., for Habitat for Humanity that were ravaged by Hurricane Katrina. Marie, who teaches at Scranton Prep, leads a service trip for students every year, and this is the second year Jane has joined her as a chaperon. Carole has worked with Habitat in the past, but this was her first time she served as a chaperon on one of Marie’s trips. They lived in simple conditions for 10 days while working on rebuilding the houses.
Robin Katra Ciocca ‘96 completed her general surgical residency at Lankenau Hospital, Wynnewood, Pa., after serving as chief surgical resident for the 2006-2007 academic year. Currently, she is the surgical oncology breast fellow at the Fox Chase Cancer Center, Philadelphia. Robin and her husband, Vincenzo, have two sons, Massimo, born on August 29, 2006, and Angelo, 3.

Congratulations to Tom and Sara Yankalunas Corrice ‘96 on the birth of their second son, Lucien Robert, on June 25. He joins big brother, Gabriel, 3.

Christopher Corridoni ‘97 received a Master of Science degree in software engineering from Penn State University in May. He is a consultant in the global clinical information systems department at Wyeth Research in Collegeville, Pa.

Robyn Snyder Craig ‘97 recently joined Solid Cactus, Inc. as a search engine marketing manager in the Internet marketing department. Robyn is a Certified Google AdWords Professional and a Yahoo Search Marketing Ambassador. At Solid Cactus, Robyn works closely with her clients and their pay-per-click campaigns to help them maximize their profits.

Congratulations to Nancy D. (Crowley) Adams ‘97 who received the 2007 Delaware Valley Human Resources Person of the Year award. Nancy is a senior human resource generalist at NutriSystem, Inc.

Melissa A. Heinlein ‘97 received the Evelyn Burston Award from the Pennsylvania Society of Directors of Volunteer Services in Healthcare. Melissa received this award in recognition of her outstanding leadership in the field of volunteer management, community commitment, and society support. Only one award is given each year throughout the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and she is the youngest person to ever receive this award in its history. In addition to her role as chief, voluntary service at the Philadelphia VA Medical Center, Melissa is also pursuing her Ph.D. in human development at Marywood University.

Congratulations to Michael Piotrowski ‘97 on the birth of their second son, Jacob Daniel, who was born June 2. He joins big brother Thomas.

Congratulations to Dr. Charles and Kellianne Matulewicz Hudak ‘98 on the birth of their fourth child, Charlie Joseph, on August 5.

Paul Adams ‘99 graduated from the Institute of World Politics, Washington, D.C., with a master’s degree in statecraft and national security with a specialization in intelligence.

‘00s

Congratulations to Michael ‘00 and Jessica Manzolillo-Kolinsky B.S. ’01 M.S. ’02 on the birth of their son, Noah Andrew, on May 3.

Congratulations to Mario ‘99 and Kelly Slusser LaBratte ’01 on the birth of their daughter, Jenna Elizabeth, on February 25.

Congratulations to Adrienne and Daniel Paley ‘00 on the birth of their daughter, Ellen Adrienne, on October 6, 2006.

Congratulations to Mike ‘02 and Erin Benner Harrell ‘03 on the birth of their daughter, Holland Kay, on September 22, 2006. Erin and Mike were married May 28, 2006 in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. They reside in Harrisburg.

Therese (Adelizzi) Schweyer ‘00 is the assistant director of financial analysis at Penn Treaty American Corporation in Allentown, Pa. Penn Treaty American is a publicly traded company which offers long term care and related insurance policies to individuals throughout the United States. Therese will perform and assist with various aspects of the GAAP and Statutory financial reporting requirements of the company.

Congratulations to Joe and Lindsay Kulig Mossa ‘03 on the birth of their daughter, Gianna Mary, on February 23.

Congratulations to Ernest ’05 and Melody Ferkel Priebe ’97 on the birth of their son, Ernest Bernard, on July 3. He joins big sister Amelia.

Jordan Racavich ’05 received a master’s degree in English from King’s College of London at the University of London.

Congratulations to Matt ‘01 and Shannon Regner on the birth of their son, Ethan, who was born on August 27.

 Congratulations to Katherine L. Worsnick, Nicole Danielle Johnson, Breanne Murgallis, and Jeremy Reneau all B.S. ’06, M.S. ’07 who had their physician assistant studies master’s projects accepted as poster presentations at the Pennsylvania Society of Physician Assistants’ 32nd Annual CME Conference in Altoona, Pa.

Lauren Kropa B.S. ’06, M.S. ’07 recently had her graduate school research paper “What Is The Most Effective Way To Help Pregnant Smokers Quit: Telephone Counseling Or Midwife Delivered Home Based Counseling?” published in The Internet Journal of Academic Physician Assistants.

Karen Hannington ‘07 is an admissions advisor at National University, Henderson, Nev. campus. She also published a book of poetry entitled Dreamscape. Karen resides in Las Vegas, Nev.
Alumni Weddings

Jim Feury ’85 wed Luz Maribel Jarado Mesa on February 14 at St. Jude’s Chapel of the Holy Family, near Las Vegas, Nev. In the photo with the bride and groom is Fr. David St. John, celebrant.

Kenny Curran ’98 wed Katie McKeon on June 30. The wedding reception was held at the Mamaroneck Beach & Yacht Club, Mamaroneck, N.Y. King’s alumni who attended the wedding include first row (from left to right) Damien Regan ’98, Adam Baumgardner ’97, Colleen Baumgardner ’98, the groom and bride, Neal Wesloski ’98, Allison Dogmanitis ’96, and Sara Hagan ’98. Second row (from left to right): Mark McClafferty ’97, Eric Dogmanitis ’98, Mike Hagan, Amy Wesloski ’98, and Todd Bennett ’97.

Nadine Soplop ’99 wed Alfred Stephens ’99 on August 28, 2004 in the chapel on the campus of Princeton University. Shown with the bride and groom are, left to right, Lacey Banis ’00, Yuliya Maksumova ’99, Missy Stephens, Mary Soplop, and Erica Stephens.

David Arvonio ’00 wed Melanie Badinski on November 4, 2006 at the Pacific Christian Center in Manhattan Beach, Calif.

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Christine Domnick ’01 wed Matthew Kelly on May 11. Kelly is a fourth grade teacher in the Pocono Mountain School District. The newlyweds reside in Dunmore, Pa. The alumni who attended the event include Jennifer Domnick Mantini ’98, matron of honor, Marlena Stone Middleton ’89, M.Ed. ’03, Natalie Breyne ’01, Kevin Egli ’99, and Heather Terry-Egli ’01.


Lauren Riegl-Paul ’02 married Jason Staiger on October 29, 2006 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Bernardsville, N.J. The couple resides in Bridgewater, N.J.

Denise Igo ’01 wed Eli Sackett on April 14 at Sandals in Montego Bay, Jamaica.
In Memoriam

Our prayers and condolences are extended to the families of the following alumni and friends who recently passed away:

Donald P. Roach, M.D. ’50
Vincent A. Lorusso, Ph.D. ’51
 Capt. James J. Raleigh ’59
Ernest R. Widmann ’59
James A. Murphy ’60
Eugene M. Grace ’61
Leonard W. Yarmel ’64
Jude T. Martin ’65
Gerald W. Dudzinski ’66
Robert J. Neidhardt ’66

Daniel A. Shea, III ’67
Joseph F. Graham ’68
Sylvio J. Marquis, II ’70
Joseph J. Bobeck ’75
Walter H. Hungarter ’75
Louise M. Colarusso, R.N. ’79
Benjamin J. Leggieri Jr. ’79
David J. Yaskus ’89
Charles F. Gowans, Jr. ’90

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✦ Legacy families.
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✦ Births of alumni children (no photos please).

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B. Silk Striped Tie: Red, black and gold adorned with Leo the Lion logo. $20 ea

C. Jacket: Microfiber with water resistant finish and classic stand-up collar. Red with navy trim on collar. Embroidered with “King's College” and shield on left breast area. M, L, XL, XXL. $45 ea

D. Silk Scarf: custom designed with printed crowns and Leo the Lion logo, tastefully placed throughout. 12"x54" $20 ea

E. King’s Mascot Poster: This 16" x 20" print would look marvelous on an office or den wall. Limited Edition and Numbered. Poster alone is $40. Framed in black metal with plexiglass and hanging hardware is $125. Framed in black wood w/ plexiglass and hanging hardware is $125. Shipping and handling is included.

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Calendar of Events

December

1 Breakfast with Santa
1-21 Emerging Artists Exhibition – Widmann Gallery
5 Christmas Fair, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Sheehy-Farmer Campus Center
5-7 Brown Bag Theatre – “Botticelli” – King’s Theatre
5-7 Theatre - Student Showcase, 7:30 p.m., King’s Theatre
5-8 Cantores Christi Regis Christmas Concert – 7:30 p.m., J. Carroll McCormick Campus Ministry Center
8 Annual Holiday Bus Trip to Broadway
15 Century Club Christmas Party, 7 – 9 p.m., Scandlon Gym

January

6 Alumni Family Mass
7-31 Exhibition – “The Flowers of My Soul” – Widmann Gallery
21 Martin Luther King Jr. Program – Sheehy-Farmer Campus Center

February

1-22 Exhibition – “The Flowers of My Soul” – Widmann Gallery
9 King’s College Night at the Penguins
12 Campion Society open Readings – Sheehy-Farmer Campus Center, 7:30 p.m.
12 Sr. Helen Prejean, C.S.J. Narrative on dehumanizing effects of capital punishment – Burke Auditorium
13-16 “Dead Man Walking” by Tim Robbins, 7:30 p.m., King’s Theatre
26 Moreau Lecture: “Crossing Borders of Every Sort”
11 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. – Burke Auditorium
26-28 Brown Bag Theatre – “The Dreamy Kid” – King’s Theatre

March

3-28 “Two for the Money” – Expressions in Pastel and Batik exhibition, Widmann Gallery
5-9 Winter Recess
16 Saint John’s Passion Musical Drama, 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., King’s Theatre