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Winspear Concert Tops Academic Year

The sum total of The King's University College is greater than its individual parts. So when separate and important events come together over the course of an academic year, great things begin to happen.

This past year the King's community has shared in some exciting news and some inspiring events. Most recently we held our Spring Concert at the Francis Winspear Centre for Music. This beautiful facility is home to the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra and hosts numerous concerts throughout the year. In the past the King's spring concert has been held at a local church, but this year we knew it was time to take a step forward. And what a step it was.

The evening began with a catered reception for about 150 people. We ask a lot from our supporters and this was our opportunity to say "thank you." Many in attendance have stood by us for a long time, but this event also introduced some new faces to the King's community. Our hope is to

nurture these relationships. We want those who invest in the future of King's to know they are appreciated. We also want them to recognize that what they do makes a real difference in the lives of our students and in turn everyone they touch around the world.

The highlight of the evening was, of course, the concert. Our Concert, Chamber, and Community Choirs, under the direction of Dr. Melanie Turgeon, along with a host of musicians and soloists, treated everyone in attendance to an unforgettable night of music and inspiration.

The conclusion to the night's program was a special tribute to the career of Dr. Jacobus Kloppers. Kobie, as he is affectionately known to everyone at King's, is one of the original six faculty and the last one to retire. Dr. Kloppers built the music department from the ground up and the evening recognized this amazing achievement.

In addition it was also announced that Dr. Kloppers has been named as a City

of Edmonton Arts and Culture Hall of Fame award winner in the Builder category. This award recognizes and honours Edmonton's most outstanding citizens who, through their participation in arts and culture, community service and sports, have made exemplary contributions to the quality of life in Edmonton. Dr. Kloppers will be inducted into the Edmonton Arts and Culture Hall of Fame at a ceremony in June.

(See page 5 for Kloppers Scholarship announcement.)

COMING EVENTS

All events take place at The King's University College, 9125 - 50 Street, Edmonton unless otherwise noted. For more information: kingsu.ca or call (780)465-3500 or King's Bookstore (780) 465-8306.

MAY 30

Kick-off Golf Tournament, Northern Bear Golf and Country Club. Info: www.kingsu.ca

SEPTEMBER 6

Inaugural "On Wings of an Eagle" Benefit Golf Classic, Northern Bear Golf and Country Club

SEPTEMBER 17-18, 2008

Interdisciplinary Studies Conference
All are welcome!

AWARDS

Two King's music alumni have been declared winners of the 27th Annual Northern Alberta Senior Concerto Competition for Piano/ Organ and Voice:

Sarah Hop ('05, BA, Music) a former student of Merla Aikman and niece of President Harry Fernhout, won the Senior Scholarship competition in Voice.

Janet Chung won the senior Keyboard Scholarship competition. Janet has been an organ student of Kobie Kloppers for the last two years and studied full-time at King's in 2006-2007. She is continuing her studies at the U of A.

Both will perform with the Senior Youth Orchestra at the Winspear Centre on May 11 at 2pm. Janet will play the Guilment Symphony # 1 for Orchestra and Organ.



Leora Nauta (4th yr. B.Music) has been accepted at McGill University in the Masters of Music (Organ Performance) program with a full tuition scholarship based on her

audition in Montreal last month. This is a great honour and achievement, especially considering the high standards of McGill.

Melisa Spaling (2nd year, BEd) has been awarded a prestigious SSHRC Canada Graduate Scholarship to continue her studies in Education. Melisa has been accepted into graduate programs in Education at McGill, Queen's, and the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (U of Toronto). She will be able to use her scholarship in whichever program she decides to enter.

president's message

Thematic Blessings



Last year The King's University College community adopted a "thematic goal" for 2007-08: elevate King's identity and reputation.

The thematic goal was intended as a rallying cry to pull everyone in the university college together, and to focus our energies in confronting our challenges.

God has blessed our pursuit of this thematic goal beyond our wildest dreams. Take the reputation aspect, for example. If someone had predicted a year ago that the quality of a King's education would be recognized on a national stage not once, but twice in 2007-08, I would have been a bit skeptical. But our University Report Card ratings and Peter Mahaffy's 3M National Teaching Fellowship have made people across Canada sit up and take notice. On a local level, a very successful Open House as well as Kobie Kloppers induction into the Edmonton Cultural Hall of Fame also underscored the University College's good name.

Less visible, but equally important, has been God's blessing on the identity aspect of

our thematic goal. Faculty, staff, students and Board members have participated energetically in a process of refining and rearticulating our mission, values and vision statements. We're excited about our mission "to provide university education that inspires and equips learners to bring renewal and reconciliation to every walk of life as followers of Jesus Christ, the Servant-King." We've sensed a growing enthusiasm and pride in King's as a place to study and work.

In 2008-09, the focus at King's will shift to institutional strategic planning. We envision a strategic plan for King's that is not growth-dependent, but driven by our mission, values, and vision. We'll do our best to view growth as God's blessing on our mission, rather than the focal point of our institutional plans. We hope that this planning process will generate creative energy around central aspects of our mission, and will enable our academic community to further express King's unique identity and niche in Christian higher education.

Do we dare hope that God will bless our strategic planning efforts as richly as the thematic goal of 2007-08? Supported by your prayers, of course!

Thought for Food IS Conference



Dr. Peter Mahaffy wins 3-M Fellowship Award



We are proud to announce that **Dr. Peter Mahaffy** (Professor of Chemistry) is one of the recipients of the 2008 3M National Teaching Fellowship. The Fellowship, granted through the Society of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education, is Canada's top teaching award. These "gold medal" for teaching awards are announced annually in Macleans magazine. The February 18 issue of Macleans includes articles on four recipients, including Peter (p. 55). This award represents a remarkable achievement for Peter and for King's. Peter is the only Alberta recipient for 2008. These awards typically go to faculty members at large public universities. This is the first time a faculty member at a faith-based university has been honored in this way.

This award is the icing on the cake for our thematic goal of elevating King's identity and reputation. Combined with our Globe and Mail ratings, this represents a wonderful affirmation of the quality of education at King's.

Dr. Ken Newman retires after 20 years of dedicated service



As the second faculty appointment in chemistry, Dr. Ken Newman contributed significantly to development of the chemistry program, and most recently to King's Centre for Molecular Structure. One of his more recent successes was publishing the first research paper from the Centre in the *Canadian Journal of Chemistry*, and co-authoring that paper with undergraduate students.

Student research assistants remember Dr. Newman for involving them in his research projects, pointing to the joy of learning something new, and also helping to resolve some of the most

intractable problems in industrial chemistry.

Dr. Newman is also known as a superb teacher. Student course evaluations focus on not only his knowledge of chemistry, but also his passion for the subject. Most importantly, they highlight the way in which he connected chemistry to caring for God's creation. As a student noted in a recent evaluation: "As God loving creatures we need to love and respect God's creation and dispose of industrial waste respectfully and seek to find environmentally safe procedures."

Dr. Newman, thank you for 20 years of dedicated service to King's, on behalf of Christ the King.

Dr. Kris Ooms, King's alum and former student of Dr. Newman, has been appointed Assistant Professor of Chemistry effective July 2008.

(LEFT) January 2008 Interdisciplinary Studies Conference "Thought for Food" raised food awareness on a global level and generated a host of ideas. (l. to r.) Heather Vanderhoeck, Jordyn Brandsma, Megan Olivier and Christa Preuss shared letters from food-scarce countries and prepared a typical meal.

SCIENCE AWARDS



(left) Courtenay van Loo (2nd year BSc Biology) loading the newly installed LiCor 4300 DNA analyzer with samples.

The NSERC Undergraduate Student Research Awards for 2008 have been awarded to **Courtenay Van Loo**, working on a genomics project with Drs. Keri McFarlane, Heather Prior, and Hank Bestman using the DNA analyzer to conduct a genomic analysis of plant communities in the East Porcupine Hills of Southern Alberta; **Jordyn Brandsma**, working on a carbon metabolism in algae project with Dr. Bestman; **Evelien Meyer**, working on a forest ecology project with Dr. Vern Peters; and **Kristen Tjostheim**, working in The King's Centre for Visualization in Science with Dr. Brian Martin.

Peter deKoning (4th year, B.Sc. ENV5) has been awarded a NSERC Canada Graduate Scholarship to continue his studies in biology. He also received the CGS-M - awarded only to top-ranked NSERC recipients. Peter has been accepted into the graduate programs in Botany, Geography, and Environmental Studies at UBC, and the Faculty of Forestry at the University of Toronto. He has been approached by some of the top ecology researchers in these programs in Canada.

Spreading the Word - Marketing King's



King's billboard campaign features Globe and Mail survey results.

In many ways delivering a positive message about King's to the public was made quite simple for us this year. Typically marketing departments have to really look to find compelling things to say. For us, the messaging for King's was handed to us on a platter.

This past year King's received the only A plus grade in Canada for "over-all student satisfaction" in the *Globe and Mail* University Report Card. No other university in Canada, of any size, scored as well. In addition, Dr. Peter Mahaffy received the prestigious 3M Canada Teaching Fellowship. That is the highest award given in our country! If that was not enough, Dr. Jacobus Kloppers has been named as a City of Edmonton Arts & Culture Hall of Fame award winner in the Builder category. It has been a stellar year in many ways. As a result we have had a lot to talk about as we've "spread the word" about the treasure that is King's. So what are some of the things we've been doing to tell people far and wide about our fine institution?

Benjamin Franklin once said, "The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results." We're taking that to heart so this year we tried something new. Something we haven't done before. We held our first Open House.

Open House



Dr. Ken Newman simplifies chemistry for Open House guests.

On what turned out to be a very cold day in February, we opened our doors to the public and put our best foot forward. With continuous tours of our facilities and demonstrations in various departments, over 250 people explored King's - many for the first time. The hot dogs were free, the displays from all departments were front and center, and we saw for the first time what a difference it makes when large groups of people explore our school, together. It creates excitement - and lots of it! We are already planning for next year's big day.

IN MEMORIAM

King's grieved the loss this past February of **Derrick Timmermans**, a fourth-year commerce student, who passed away as a result of injuries sustained from a vehicle accident during Reading Week. Several King's representatives travelled to Abbotsford for his memorial service on Saturday, March 1, 2008. Speaking on behalf of King's, Dr. Harry Fernhout expressed to Derrick's family and friends how we shared their grief, seeking comfort in the Gospel's message of hope.

These experiences were a defining and refining moment in our journey together as an academic and spiritual community. Our prayer is that as we move on together in the coming weeks and months, God will continue to knit us into a community of care and hope.

KING'S ATHLETES RECEIVE PRESTIGIOUS ALL-CANADIAN AWARDS

Athletics is pleased to announce that four of our student athletes have received the prestigious Canadian Colleges Athletic Association (CCAA) All-Canadian award. Maia DeKlerk, (Basketball,) Ariel Veldhuisen (Soccer - see photo page 4), Heather Vander Hoek (Volleyball - see photo page 4), Jonathon Whitton, (Volleyball) are all to be congratulated on such an achievement.

The SIRC-CCAA Academic All Canadian Award is the CCAA's most prestigious student-athlete award, epitomizing their mandate of recognizing excellence in academics and athletics. To achieve this honour, a student-athlete must be named to his/her respective PCAA All-Star teams (1st and 2nd) in a CCAA Sport, and must achieve a GPA standing of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale or equivalent as defined by his/her institution." For the full story go to <http://www.ccaa.ca/stories/08040101.htm>. Welcome also to the new Women's basketball coach, Curtis Plitt.

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Globe Aware Week

King's annual Globe Aware Week

March 5-12 celebrates our cultural diversity.

IN THE ARTS

A modern dress adaptation of Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" directed by Heather Fitzsimmons Frey, ran March 26-29, featuring the students of Drama 305 Ensemble Production. **Daniel vanHeyst**, King's Associate Professor of Drama and Visual Art, held a solo exhibition of 23 of his recent paintings at The Studio Gallery in St. Albert, AB, Jan. 5-26, 2008. His paintings will also appear in Calgary, AB at The House, a cafe-gallery in the Kensington district. throughout the month of June, and at The Akokiniskiway Gallery in October and November in Rosebud, AB. Red Deer College Arts Centre opened the classic British farce *Hay Fever* by Noel Coward on Feb. 14. It featured scenery, properties, and lighting designs by Daniel vanHeyst. *At the End of Her Rope*, a new play by Cheryl Jack, opened on March 28 at Persephone Theatre in Saskatoon, with set, properties and costume designs by vanHeyst. For more information see www.persephonetheatre.org

Should've, the exciting new play about ethics in science research and avante-garde visual art by Nobel Laureate Roald Hoffmann, (produced and designed by vanHeyst), runs at The University of British Columbia Mar. 4-9 as a major feature of Celebrate Research Week. The production is sponsored by UBC Chemistry, which is opening its newly renovated heritage building in the same week. Dr. Hoffmann is a special guest. vanHeyst will be on the UBC campus to design lighting and staging for this latest incarnation of the play. www.theatre.ubc.ca

Janna Hiemstra ('01, BA, Philosophy) is currently studying Curatorial Studies at Ontario College of Art and Design. She has also been working as a student intern since this past summer at the Ontario Crafts Council. Combining her experience as a two-year studio assistant at Cobble Hill Pottery in BC with an interest in environmental practices, she has been one of the enthusiastic organizers for "Elemental Connections", an exhibition of sustainable craft to be held in Ontario on November 4. The exhibition will deal with the relationship between craft, sustainability, and the creative processes of making.

Dr. Jacobus Kloppers Honorary Music Scholarship

The establishment of a scholarship in honour of Dr. Jacobus Kloppers was formally announced on April 8, 2008. This scholarship is an open scholarship supported by friends, colleagues, alumni and the King's community and will be set up to benefit music students at King's. If you would like to make a gift as a tribute to Dr. Kloppers, please contact Debbie Buchynski at (780) 465-3500 ext. 8096. Gifts may be also sent directly to King's, Attn: Kloppers' Scholarship. Gifts will be acknowledged and a tax deductible receipt issued.

News & Notes

ALUMNI BENEFITS UNDER REVIEW

Chances are if you attended King's in the years leading up to 2007, you may have received a small laminated **Alumni Privilege Card**. This card was issued the year you left King's, identifies you as an alumni member and may or may not have indicated the benefits of belonging to this group.

Good news for all those alumni who can't find this card, have never used or received this card, or don't have the slightest idea to what we are referring - alumni benefits are under review and new alumni identification will be coming your way sometime in 2008!

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions as to what benefits you see as advantageous to alumni, please let us know. Contact the Alumni Relations Office via email at alumni@kingsu.ca or call Debbie at (780) 465-3500 ext. 8096. If you haven't updated your address with us recently, send that in too. We wouldn't want to miss you with news on this new initiative!

CLASS REUNIONS AND ALUMNI EVENTS

If you are interested in organizing a class reunion or an alumni event in your area, please contact Alumni Relations. We would be happy to discuss your ideas and provide any assistance we can to make something happen for your Class or in your local area.

Alumni Dedicate New Lounge Area

On Saturday, February 9, 2008, the King's Alumni Association named and dedicated one of the lounge areas on the main floor in the new wing. The area, located around the corner from Conference Room N101, has been officially named **The Student-Alumni Lounge (SAL)** and was dedicated to **The Class of 1987** in a special ceremony at the first King's Open House. This ceremony featured a short program and prayer of dedication followed by cake and refreshments. Future enhancements planned for the area include a display case, glass-encased bulletin board and signage.

"The Alumni Association is very pleased to sponsor The Student-Alumni Lounge and future enhancements to the area," said Dan Wildeboer, President, Alumni Association.

"It is our hope that the area will become not only a spot to showcase alumni history and achievement, but also a place where interaction between current students and alumni can take place."

SAL was dedicated to the Class of 1987, the first class to receive baccalaureate degrees from King's. Receiving their BAs in 1987 were Ellen Vanderkloet, Francis Ruiters, Emily Knoop and Ettina Tolkamp. Participating in the dedication program were Dan Wildeboer, President Harry Fernhout and Derrick Vandenberg, Vice President, Alumni Association.



Dan Wildeboer and Harry Fernhout display the Dedication Certificate which will hang alongside a photo of The Class of 1987, in the newly named lounge area.



King's class of 1987 (left to right) Ellen Vanderkloet, Francis Ruiters, Emily Knoop and Ettina Tolkamp

DEGREE FRAMES WITH NEW LOGO NOW IN STOCK

Attention King's Students graduating in 2008: Official degree frames featuring King's new logo are now in stock through the Alumni Relations office. These frames are high quality, Canadian-made with acid free mats and feature the new King's logo in gold. Information on prices and ordering can be found at www.kingsu.ca under *Alumni and Friends*. Ordering information will also be mailed to graduates and parents in the next few weeks.

NEW MEDIA DEVELOPMENT UNDERWAY

Podcasts, social networking sites, electronic newsletters, online information submission . . . We are currently analyzing and investigating all areas of new media development and want to improve how we communicate with Alumni in a technology-based world. If you have any ideas or comments on what you would like to see us do with new media in the future, please contact Sherry Travers, Marketing and Development Assistant, via email at sherry.travers@kingsu.ca or call Sherry at (780) 465-8314. Stay tuned for details on how we will be using these tools to connect you with other King's alumni and events and watch for the launch of our new website!

Special note to Alumni: A limited number of degree frames using the "crown" version of the King's logo on the matting are still available for purchase. The crown was used on King's degrees from the mid-80s to the 2006/07 academic year. If you graduated during that those years and have not purchased a King's frame for your degree, do it before November 30! After this date the new logo will be used on the matting. Contact Alumni Relations or see the website for ordering information.

MISSION, VALUES & VISION FRAMED BY ALUMNI

Two degree frames were donated by the Alumni Association to King's for framing of the official *Mission, Values and Vision Statement*, revised in December 2007. The new document is framed and proudly displayed in the main reception area and in the President's Office at King's. To review a copy of the *Mission, Values and Vision Statement* go to www.kingsu.ca/about_kings. Three degree frames were also donated in November for use with presentations to retiring King's Board members. Thank you to the Alumni Association for the donation of these frames.

alumni updates

1980's

Joyce Abma (Zylstra) ('89, BA Eng) and her husband, Rick and family travelled to Honduras in February 2008 as a part of Rick's sabbatical from youth ministry in Woodynook CRC in Lacombe, AB. For three to four months, they hope to immerse themselves in a Honduran community, learning and experiencing the culture. They will also be doing some work in conjunction with Diaconia Nacional, an arm of the CRC of Honduras. The Abma's are very excited about this unique opportunity for their family and look forward to how God will bless them and use them on their adventure. The Abma family has four children including Elyse (13 years), Mikaela (11 years), Jonah (9 years), Kiara (7 years).

Sidney Greidanus, Professor of Theology at King's from 1979 -1990, retired from full-time teaching at Calvin Theological Seminary in 2004. This past August, he and his wife, Marie, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Also in 2007, Eerdmans published Sidney's latest book: *Preaching Christ From Genesis: Foundations for Expository Sermons*.

Wendy Karsten (Dykstra) ('81) and husband, Ivan, live in Medicine Hat, AB and own Harley-Davidson of Medicine Hat. This past year they completed renovations that doubled their building size! They hosted the 5th Annual Alberta Provincial H.O.G. (Harley Owner's Group) Rally in Medicine Hat and welcomed over 800 Harley riders to the Hat! They hosted local rides, as well as some into neighbouring provinces and down into Montana, USA. As of January 2008, Wendy is teaches full-time for Medicine Hat Christian School and is also Chair of the Parent Society. In her free time, she taxis the family's three children Ty (14 years), Taryn (11- 1/2 years), and Taya (5 -1/2 years) to sports, dance, choir, and church.



Margie Patrick (Oevering) ('84, Diploma of Arts) and her husband moved to Waterloo, ON in August 2005, after teaching high school for 12 years in Abbotsford, BC. After attending King's, Margie received her BA from Calvin College in 1988 and then attended Trinity Western University where she received her MA in 2004. Margie began her PhD in Religious Studies in September 2005 at the University of Waterloo. She is now working on her thesis which examines the relationship between Canadian Evangelicals and political neo-conservatism. She hopes to be done by the summer of 2009.

Donna Penner (Roodzant) ('86, Diploma of Arts) and husband Gord live in Chilliwack, BC, where they are quite involved in their church, Sardis Community (Mennonite). They have been a part of a team to go to Peru twice and Donna runs the church library. After attending King's, Donna attended the University of Alberta where she obtained a BEd in 1988. Donna works in Abbotsford as a grade three teacher.

1990 - 1995

Ruth Visser (VanderWekken) ('92, BA HIS) is a full-time at home parent to two wonderful children, 3 year old Elisabeth and 6-month old Dean, who keep her very busy. Elisabeth is very active at preschool and in story hour at First CRC in Calgary. Dean joined the family in August 2007.

1996 - 2000

Steven DeVries ('98, BSc Chem) and **Lisa (Abma)** ('99), were blessed with the birth of their first daughter, Mackenzie Grace, on September 10, 2007.

Maryruth Priebe (Belsey) ('97, BA Psc) and husband Jeffrey live in Cochrane, AB. After attending King's, Maryruth obtained an MA, Religion from Canadian Theological Seminary (now Ambrose) in Calgary, AB. Recently she has embarked on a freelance writing career path via her own company Jade Creative. Currently she is doing work for two green lifestyle websites, among other projects. She invites everyone to visit www.tintofgreen.ca - Canada's newest directory for green products and services.

Michelle Vanderwerff (Weening) ('99 BA Eng) and husband Scott live in Calgary, AB and have a 1 year old daughter, Aylah. Michelle currently works 2 days a week as an Associate Producer for CBC TV. She spends the rest of her time raising her daughter and volunteering at her church in the ESL Ministry. Scott has a new job as Sales Manager at Fraserway RV in Airdrie, AB.

Angela Bennik (Meyer) ('01, BA Psc) and **Ron Bennik** ('98) are currently living in Rimbey, AB where Ron works on his parent's dairy farm. Ron and Angela have two children, Hannah Jade (3 years) and Macie Joy (1 1/2 years).

Chantelle Dembicki ('06, BA Psc) plans to graduate from the University of Alberta in May 2008 with a BSc in Occupational Therapy.

Andrea DeVries ('03 BA, SocSci, '05, BEd) moved to Lacombe, AB in August, where she is currently teaching Grade 6 at Lacombe Christian School.

Sharilynn Frankiw ('02, BEd) graduated from the University of Alberta in 2006 with an MEd in Educational Leadership & Administration. Sharilynn married Steven Shakeshaft on July 28, 2007 in Banff, Alberta. Employed as a Division III Team Leader, at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Academy in Canmore where she teaches grades 7-12, Sharilynn is currently on a 1 year leave of absence. She is residing in Tamworth, England with her husband Steven, and they are expecting their first child at the end of April 2008.

Kim Gordon (Vandenharm) ('02, BEd) and husband **Spike**, are living in Wawanese, AB. Kim and Spike were the Residence Directors at King's from 2000-2002. Kim is teaching Grade 7-12 Band at Wawanese School, in the Southwest Horizon School Division, and Spike is Plant Manager at Maple Leaf Agri-Foods. They have one son, Isaac, who was four years old at the end of January.

Philip Modi ('07, BCom) is working with TD Canada Trust in Edmonton, AB as a Financial Service Representative.

Stephanie Nixon (Ritz) ('04, BEd) obtained her early childhood certificate in Vermillion after finishing her degree at King's. This led to a career teaching kindergarten in Botha, AB. Since this is a part-time position, she is also working as a health counsellor at Herbal Magic and teaching dance classes at Danceology. In 2007, she married her husband Brett and together they purchased a home in Stettler, AB.

Sasha Thomas (Hale) ('05, BA Psc) graduated from Vanguard College in April 2007 with a second degree, this time in Religious Studies. In August, Sasha moved to Newfoundland and married Joshua Thomas on September 15, 2007, in Burlington, NL. They spent two months in Corner Brook, before moving back to Edmonton where Sasha is currently employed by Hope Mission.

Terah VanderMeer (DeBruyn) ('04, BSc Bio) and husband Siemen live in Rocky Mountain House, AB. They welcomed a new member to their family, Whitney Emma, on May 6, 2007. Whitney is a gift from God and is bringing a lot of joy to Terah and Siemen.



Kristen Visscher (Dykstra) ('05, BA SocSci; '07 BEd) married King's Alum **Dustin Visscher** ('07), and moved to Chemainus, BC (Vancouver Island), where she is currently teaching grade one at Duncan Christian School.

IN MEMORIAM

Theodore Peter (Ted) Vellenga, ('02, BA, Psc), passed away Saturday, December 22, 2007, at the age of 29. Ted attended King's from 1998 to 2002, and graduated with a BA in Psychology. Ted went on to attend Calvin Seminary from 2003 - 2007 and graduated in May 2007 with an MDiv. In the fall of 2007, Ted began a contract position with the Ontario government, working as a chaplain for the provincial forensic assessment program in Penetanguishene, ON. Lovingly remembered and missed by family and friends. *Memories of Ted can be found and shared at www.tedvellenga.blogspot.com*

Library raises Honduras funds



left to right: Roy Berkenbosch, Director of the Micah Center, acknowledges donation from Library staff: Bonita Bjornsen, Katherine Jenkins, Coral Dorosh, Hyacinth Barrett, Claudia Rodning and Director Tim Janewski.

For many years the Simona Maaskant Library has been holding sales of used books in the fall and spring. Up for grabs are discarded library books and donated materials that are already on our shelves. As part of our commitment to participating in the life of the King's community, last fall Library staff asked for and received approval to donate the proceeds of the sales to the organizers of the Honduras Water Project. The Library is pleased to announce that last fall's sale raised \$900 to help fund the project.

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Media Campaign

We also kicked off a major media campaign in late December that went into full gear in February. Using television, radio, billboards, print, and the internet, we have launched this year's campaign with high hopes that our growing enrolment will continue as people hear about King's. The reality for many in the greater Edmonton area has been a total lack of awareness; King's was just not on their radar. We think that is starting to change, but it does take time to build momentum. We've seen evidence of it already but we believe our best days are ahead of us.

Every one of us have potential students in our circle of influence. For those wondering what they can do to encourage them to consider King's, a place to start is to talk about King's. The best thing, however, is to get them on campus.

We feature a number of King's View Fridays. These are days when groups of 15, 20 or even up to 50 individuals will spend a day on campus. There are opportunities to speak with students, professors, staff, attend classes and so on. We have found that getting people here is a huge step towards getting them to attend. In addition to on-campus visits, encourage everyone you know to visit our website at www.kingsu.ca

Turkey tally over the top

Christmas 2007 set the tone for King's second annual Turkey Tally to raise funds for turkeys for distribution by the United Way. Dr. Harry Fernhout predicted that the King's community would rise to the challenge of pushing our Turkey Tally over 200, and with the last donations trickling in, we made it to a total of 201!

SEEKING BOARD NOMINEES

The King's University College Board of Governors is looking for qualified individuals who are interested in serving as board members for a three-year term. Edmonton, Central Alberta, Calgary, Southern Alberta, Northern B.C., B.C. Lower Mainland and Manitoba have vacancies. Board members are enthusiastic about King's mission and assent to the Statement of Faith. To qualify, you

- have historically supported Christian education.
- are a donor of the University College and are willing to promote King's in your community.
- demonstrate leadership ability and are willing to work as part of a team.
- could attend semi-annual meetings in Edmonton. Several board members will be asked additionally to serve on the Executive Committee and Senate, which involves a monthly meeting on campus.

Please submit your expression of interest to the Board Nominating Committee by May 15. You can call King's at 780-465-8314 or email development@kingsu.ca. Please feel free to nominate anyone whom you believe is qualified. You can also nominate yourself. Remember, King's needs committed board members, Christians who care about the future of the University College.

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