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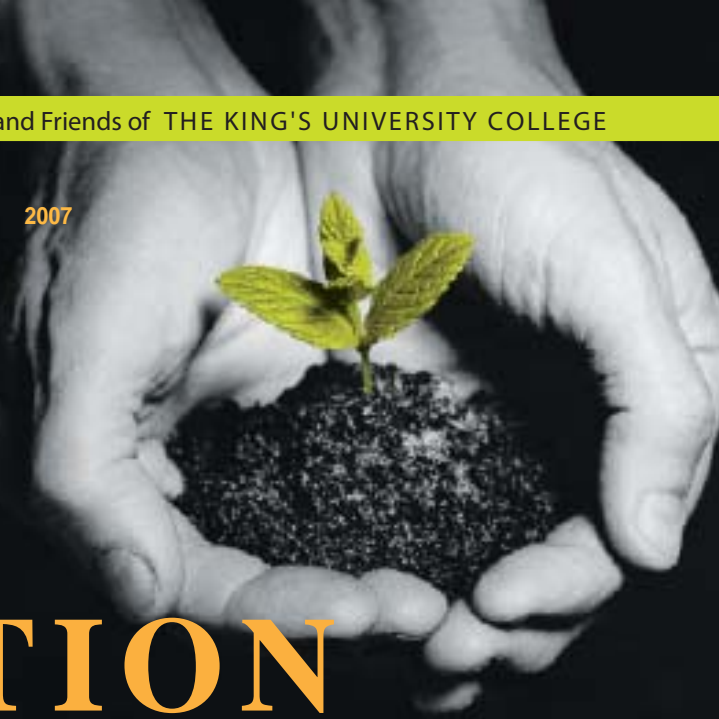
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THE KING'S CONNECTION

A+ in Globe and Mail Survey

The Globe and Mail released its findings for the 2007 University Report Card and a collective cheer went up from the campus of The King's University College in Edmonton.

This is the first year King's has participated in the survey and the results were very encouraging.

The survey tracks student opinion on campuses that range from 4,000 and under to schools with an enrolment of over 22,000. Going head to head in a survey against very large institutions was a bit of a risk, but the results were splendid.

King's was the only university in Canada - of any size - that received an A+ rating for "Overall Student Satisfaction." That was a great accomplishment and testimony to the hard work of faculty and staff as well as our supporting constituency.

With 100 distinct categories, the survey tracks such diverse aspects as class size, academic quality, campus atmosphere, career preparation, and food services. Over 43,000 students participated from 53 different Canadian universities. It is the largest survey ever conducted of post-secondary students.

When asked to describe their fellow students, the King's campus described each other as "studious" - a fine description given our vision for rigorous scholarship, passionate learning, and creative teaching.

"I hope that our overall excellent ratings will make people sit up and take notice that what King's has to offer stacks up well in relation to other institutions across Canada," said King's President, Dr. Harry Fernhout.

"Sometimes we have a bit of an inferiority complex," noted Dr. Fernhout, "because we aren't a big university with all the resources that go along with that." The survey tells us, however, "that we've got a good thing going, and we can feel good and confident about it. That's part of maturing as a school."

When asked whether there was anything in the report that was cause for concern, the first thing that came up was food services. "The quality of food on campus is critical, so I'm very pleased that we addressed this concern over the summer months."

In August King's introduced a new food service called "Choices Catering Services" with Chef Michel Lamontagne, which offers more of a restaurant-style service where the variety of food on the menu is greatly expanded. Student feedback has been very positive.

"I'm hopeful we'll see a much higher mark in that area come the next survey," said Dr. Fernhout. "As far as other areas go, we will be looking at those as well."



Here is a brief summary of King's A+ results -

- OVERALL SATISFACTION WITH YOUR UNIVERSITY
- OVERALL QUALITY OF EDUCATION RECEIVED
- QUALITY OF TEACHING
- FACULTY MEMBERS' KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECTS
- LEVEL OF INTERACTION BETWEEN FACULTY MEMBERS AND STUDENTS
- AVAILABILITY OF FACULTY OUTSIDE CLASSROOM
- CLASS SIZES
- SERVICE PROVIDED BY LIBRARY STAFF
- SENSE OF PERSONAL SAFETY/SECURITY

OPEN HOUSE
FEBRUARY 9, 2008
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president's message

Measuring Success

What counts as success?

This issue of Connections is filled with reports about how King's is succeeding. We are particularly grateful for the results of the 2007 Globe and Mail University Report Card, a nation-wide survey of undergraduate students. Lately I find myself telling whoever will listen that King's was the only university in all of Canada to receive an A+ for "Most Satisfied Students." King's did very well in this survey in comparison to other universities in its size category. When the Report Card was released, I was moved to tears, deeply grateful for our students' generously positive assessment of their education at King's.

But whenever I'm tempted to "brag" about the survey results I hear a little voice reminding me that "success" is not about beating other academic institutions at their own game. King's does not exist just to achieve academic excellence; we pursue excellence in order to inspire and equip university students to bring renewal and restoration to every walk of life, as followers of Christ, the Servant-King.

The Globe and Mail Report Card was not designed to measure whether we are accomplishing this mission. Yet our students found ways to touch on this deeper theme. For example, when asked the question, "What do you like best about the education offered by your university?" one student said: "I appreciate the candid faith perspective from which all of my courses are taught." That one sentence is worth more than all our A+'s. That student nailed it.

Sure, we can be proud of King's excellent survey ratings. But we celebrate this accomplishment as a gift from God, a gift that inspires and challenges us to commit ourselves ever more fully to our vision of a university community rooted in faith and characterized by creative teaching, passionate learning, rigorous scholarship, compassionate care, and joyful service. Dr. Harry Fernhout



"We pursue excellence in order to inspire and equip university students to bring renewal and restoration to every walk of life, as followers of Christ, the Servant-King." - Dr. Harry Fernhout

King's students surveyed tell it like it is-

"It's a very personal experience of education. Liberal arts at its finest, where English, philosophy, chemistry, sociology etc. all interact in a deep and meaningful way."

"I like the positive, open, learning environment that is accepting of all ideas and beliefs. I also appreciate the excellent faculty members, and that a high level of interaction between students and faculty is encouraged."

"There are tutors available in every subject, faculty members are always eager to talk, and it is very easy for people with learning disabilities to get note-takers and such for classes."

"The school holds an Interdisciplinary Studies Conference each semester, which the whole school attends to investigate some issue with all students from all departments ... The speakers are usually really good, and it is really interesting."

"In comparison to my university experience at U of C, I can safely say that King's is a more open environment that encourages each student to be who they are meant to be, and the programs are not geared to just giving you a meal ticket."

"I really like the sense of community at King's and the opportunities just to hang out or play music



Goudzwaard: A New Vision

Bob Goudzwaard (PhD, Erasmus University), professor emeritus of economics and social philosophy at the Free University of Amsterdam, and a former member of the Dutch Parliament, gave a public lecture at King's October 18 on the subject, "Hope in Troubled Times: A New Vision for Confronting Global Crises."

In his public lecture Dr. Goudzwaard explored whether there is hope in a world that news reports often describe as catastrophic. "Species destruction, climate change, heightened military/terrorist devastation, economic crises, and global poverty threaten to shut down the future." Dr. Goudzwaard invited his listeners to think whether, hope, rooted in reality itself, can generate realistic alternatives to the present darkness.

Panel discussion guests included Senator Doug Roche, former MP and Canada's Ambassador for Disarmament in the 80s, along with Dr. Jan Wesselius, Professor of Philosophy, University of Alberta, Augustana Campus. King's faculty and students heard a second speech on the topic, "Climate Change and Global Economy: Unmasking the Ideologies Obstructing Global Economic Change" on October 18.

Dr. Goudzwaard has been deeply involved in international development issues. He is past chair of the Dutch Royal Society for Political Economics, and former co-President of the European Ecumenical Commission, operating in Brussels. Recently he chaired a two-year consultation between the World Council of Churches, the International Monetary Fund, and the World Bank. His many books include Globalization and the Kingdom of God.

FALL 2007/08 ENROLMENT UP!

Applications at King's were up 13.8% over last year and new student registrations were 11.3% higher. Returning student enrolment was up 2.5%. The total number of students for the Fall semester in degree programs is 578 with another 67 taking non-credit courses. While this is slightly short of our budget expectations, this is a reversal of a three year decline in student numbers. This is very good news and we are grateful that God has blessed us with these new and returning students.

A New Logo for a New Generation

STYLIZED CROSS

Serves as the foundation of all that we do at King's. We are not just another university; we look at all of life through the eyes of Christian faith. Our methodologies are the same but the questions we ask are different because we come from a Christian perspective.



SHEPHERD'S STAFF

Is a reminder that God calls us to be educators who care for the soul of our students. So we build relationships, provide a more personal education, and teach knowing how we present information can help or hinder the Christian walk of our students. So we teach with care.



GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE AND MOVEMENT & ENERGY

Two half circles represent our global involvement, student body, as well as movement and energy. As with any living organism, King's is alive with activity, and the energy we put into research informs our understanding of the world around us.



THE KING'S UNIVERSITY COLLEGE



A process began just over a year ago to update the King's logo. For many it came as a surprise that seven different designs (which includes word arrangement) have been used since the inception of King's in 1979. The only constant has been the crown symbol inside the "C" (for college) that was introduced in 1981.

The process accelerated in the spring when several designs were presented to the Marketing - Recruitment Cross-Functional Team. The design that met with their approval was submitted to various groups both on and off campus for feedback. It was officially approved by the President's Council August 8, 2007.

So why change the logo?

Over time the logo has become dated in its appearance and questions were raised as to whether it really said enough about the institution. Much has changed since 1981 when the crown nestled inside a "C" was introduced. For example, the King's name was changed to "university college," making the "C" for college send an ambiguous message. We wanted something that better expressed our role as a Christian university.

The new logo features a more academic look and emphasizes what potential students and parents need to see: King's and University. The dual term "university college" can be a confusing term because it lacks clarity regarding the nature of our programs. We have, therefore, de-emphasized college in order to bring clarity to what it is we actually offer: university education.

We have also introduced a new symbol that expresses both the mission of King's and our perspective. The symbol incorporates several important pieces of imagery that will help tell our story. We are very grateful for the tradition found in the crown logo. It will always hold a special place in the heart of many King's supporters.

With the launch of our new logo we believe we have honoured our roots while leaning into our future.

New Staff & Faculty

Craig Wilsman, new Director of Athletics & Head Coach for Men's Basketball. From 2005-07, Craig was at Warner Southern College in South Lake Wales, Florida, and previously at Prairie Bible College from 2000-05.

King's graduate Janina Mobach joins us as Admissions Counsellor. Heather Gilker, also a graduate, has joined us part time as Campus Visit Coordinator.

King's alum Jen Roberts was appointed as the Inclusive Post-Secondary Education Coordinator for the inclusion of students with developmental disabilities into campus life. This is a joint initiative between King's and the Alberta Association for Community Living (AACL). Alumna Nikki Wiebe joined Enrolment Services

in June 2006 as Financial Aid Coordinator.

Dee-Ann Schwanke, new Administration and Finance Officer, worked on our previous campus in the late '80s. She comes to us from the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation.

Dr. Keri McFarlane began her appointment in Biology in July 2007. Dr. McFarlane previously taught at Rocky Mountain College in Montana.

Dr. William Van Arragon joined King's history faculty in July 2007 after two years at Calvin College, MI. He specializes in early North American history. His wife Rebecca Warren is the new Student Program Coordinator at King's.

Michel Lamontagne joined King's in August as our new chef. With his fine dining experience, he has already made a significant improvement to our food services.

Will Ryks, is our new Director of Information Technology as of June 2007. Will was previously with Telus.

Paul & Holly Jensen, both King's alumni, are the new Residence Directors. Previously they served a church in Calgary as worship leaders.

Kristin Drent is our new Student Life Assistant.

King's welcomes the addition of Coral Dorosh to our Library staff.

Jon Heinen has been appointed Head Coach, Women's Volleyball. A former King's student and Eagles player.

Canadian Libraries Month October 2007

The Library is revolting!



(clockwise from top left): Library Director Tim Janewski, Bonita Bjornson, Hyacinth Barrett, Katherine Jenkins and Claudia Rodning.

October is Canadian Libraries Month. This is a month in which library staff and supporters celebrate our commitment to enhancing the quality of life of all Canadians. Here at King's, we have chosen the slogan "The Library is Revolting" as our theme for Libraries Month. We hope that the King's community will understand that our emphasis is on the use of "revolting" as a verb, as opposed to an adjective! In using the word "revolting," we are referring to the efforts we are making to shift the image of libraries from that of the hushed sanctuary full of dusty books to a lively and innovative research facility filled with cutting-edge information resources.

The Canadian Library Association/Canadian Libraries Month web page states that college and university libraries are vital to learners, faculty and researchers. Academic libraries develop, make accessible, and preserve research level collections while supporting information needs. Academic library professionals provide expert reference assistance at point of need, whether in person or through online chat or other electronic means, and work cooperatively

with faculty to assist students in developing the information literacy skills which are critical to success. Throughout the month the Simona Maaskant Library will be promoting Canadian Libraries Month with bulletin board and book displays, culminating with our annual booksale and a prize draw. Join the revolution and visit your library!

Did you know?

- Over 6,500 academic library employees in Canada contribute to the overall vitality of college and university education in Canada?
- Universities perform more than 1/3 of research in Canada with the support of extensive library collections of 120,200,000 items to meet research needs.

LOIS HOLE CAMPUS ALBERTA DIGITAL LIBRARY OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED

On Friday, September 28th, staff from the Simona Maaskant Library, accompanied by Dr. Harry Spaling, Vice-President Academic, attended the official launch of the Lois Hole Campus Alberta Digital Network. The launch was held at the Telus Centre at the University of Alberta. Premier Ed Stelmach and the Honourable Doug Horner, Minister of Advanced Education and Technology, spoke on behalf of the province.

The Lois Hole Campus Alberta Digital Library was created in 2005 as a tribute to the late Honourable Lois Hole, former Lieutenant Governor of Alberta. In recognition of her love of libraries and support for higher education, the Government of Alberta announced a (projected) \$30 million ongoing program to acquire digital resources for the benefit of post-secondary learners in the province. Collaborative database licensing will be undertaken to provide free access to journals, databases, e-books and other specialized information resources available in electronic format.

The Simona Maaskant Library is proud to be a participant in this exciting development.

Focus on Faculty

Daniel vanHeyst, King's Assistant Professor of Drama, has been very busy since the major tour of *Should've* earlier this year. Daniel is now working on set and lighting designs for *Hay Fever*, a play by Noel Coward which is set to open February 14, 2008. This classic British social satire is directed by Thomas Usher for the Red Deer College Department of Theatre.

In addition to his work with *Hay Fever*, Daniel is also doing Set and Costume Designs for *At the End of Her Rope*, by Carol Jacks at the Persephone Theatre in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. The play is directed by Stephen Heatley and opens March 25, 2008. This will be the world premiere of this new play about the last woman hanged in Canada. Both projects are elements of Daniel's sabbatical activity for the 07/08 academic year.

Dr. Ken Newman, Associate Professor of Chemistry, along with the Industrial Chemistry class (CHEM 442) toured AT Plastics in Edmonton in early October. AT Plastics is a major North American manufacturer of polyethylene and polyethylene-vinyl acetate co-polymers. Dr. Larry Vande Griend, Polymers Technology Manager (in the blue hard hat) gave the guided tour. Various field trips are organized as part of this unique upper level chemistry



course which focuses on the heavy chemical industry with particular emphasis on the industry in Central Alberta.

Dr. Hank D. Bestman, Professor of Biology and Biochemistry, announced that the biology department was successful in obtaining a US \$52,000 grant from LI-COR® Biosciences in Nebraska (USA) under its Genomics Education Matching Fund Program for Undergraduate Institutions. The matching grant is towards the acquisition of a LI-COR DNA sequencing system and software. This is a significant milestone for the biology department in that it will enable King's faculty and students to use the latest genetic technology in teaching and research. King's is one of only a few Christian university colleges in North America that has this kind of equipment available for its undergraduate students. The grant application was prepared by Drs. McFarlane, Prior, and Bestman. Music faculty member Dr. Joachim Segger is



HIV/AIDS INITIATIVES IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

David Buwalda ('98, BA, Sociology)

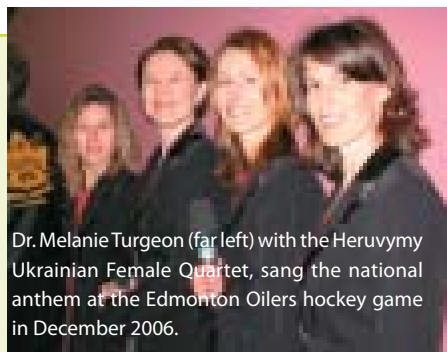
They say "Africa gets in your blood" once you've visited. It is an unfortunate saying for a continent suffering the catastrophic devastation of HIV/AIDS. But amidst the tragedy, African communities rejoice in life, and sweep their visitors up excitedly in their passion to meet the disease head-on. As a fundraiser for the Institute of Cultural Affairs Canada (ICA Canada), it is my job to share the joy and sorrow of life under the threat of HIV/AIDS with Canadians – to give Canadians the opportunity to understand what local initiatives are capable of doing against high odds.

I learned fast on my first visit to Africa in 2006 that community-based HIV/AIDS remediation projects are more progressive and sustainable than national and international strategies. In the sub-Saharan projects I have volunteered with, I have seen first-hand the power of local leaders to raise the commitment of entire communities to cooperate in controlling HIV/AIDS. Their successes are rarely reported in the HIV/AIDS statistics that we read in Canadian or International press, but they are happening, and they are slowly being recognized as the way forward.

ICA Canada partners with community development organizations in sub-Saharan Africa to offer facilitation and funding to communities willing to take on the challenge of controlling HIV/AIDS in their villages and regions. For more information on our initiative and facilitation services please see www.icacan.ca or contact me at dbuwalda@yahoo.com.

back at King's after a year's sabbatical leave. No sooner was he back than he left for Legnica, Poland, where he played an organ solo and duet recital with his duet and life partner, Marnie Giesbrecht, "Duo Majoya." They performed pieces by King's faculty members Dr. Jacobus Kloppers and Dr. Charles Stolte among other Canadian works. The concert was under the auspices of the Warsaw Conservatory of Music, and was held at the Liebfrauenkirche in Legnica which is one of the oldest churches in Poland. At the end of September they were off to Red Deer where they performed as headline artists at the Alberta Piano Teachers' Conference, APTA, in a piano-organ partnership.

Dr. David Long, Professor of Sociology, is introducing the new television science fiction family drama series KYLE XY, which airs Sunday nights at 8 p.m. on ACCESS Television in Edmonton. In addition, Dr. Long has just completed a policy paper commissioned by the Father Involvement Research Alliance (University of Guelph) entitled "All Dads Matter: Towards An Inclusive Vision for Father Involvement Initiatives in Canada." For information on this major government initiative in support of fathers in Canada visit the FIRA website at: <http://fira.ca/>



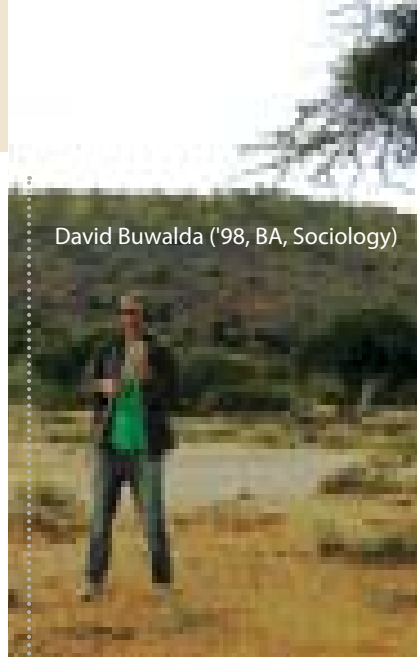
Dr. Melanie Turgeon (far left) with the Heruvymy Ukrainian Female Quartet, sang the national anthem at the Edmonton Oilers hockey game in December 2006.

Dr. Melanie Turgeon recently completed a Christmas recording with the Heruvymy Ukrainian Female Quartet. Formed in January 1994, the quartet bases its repertoire in Byzantine liturgical music and is known to many members of the King's Community since performing at a 2002 Performing Arts concert and a 2006 Noon Tunes . In addition to countless engagements within the Eastern Church, this quartet honours a full slate of performances throughout the year. The members of Heruvymy (which means cherubim) include Kathy Tachynski, Patty Tachynski, Andrea Leader, and King's choral director, Dr. Turgeon. Heruvymy is pleased to announce the release of their third recording, *And on Earth Peace* (I Na Zemli Myr).

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This includes a wonderful assortment of Christmas music in English, Ukrainian, Latin, German, French and Church Slavonic. Set to be released

David Buwalda ('98, BA, Sociology)



CHANGE THE WORLD ASAP

The Alumni Association Student Assistance Program, (ASAP) yearly fundraising campaign is underway. All alumni were sent a special appeal package which included a letter and brochure on this program. Since its inception in 1995, ASAP has provided 155 bursaries of \$500 each to deserving students. That's \$77,500 directly to students to help with the cost of post-secondary education. In addition, the ASAP Endowment Fund is close to reaching the \$100,000 mark, ensuring continued support for King's students into the future.

If you are wondering how you can support students at King's, make a donation to ASAP today. With the support of alumni and friends, students will continue to CHANGE THE WORLD.

If you did not receive the ASAP appeal mailing, or would like to make a gift directly, please contact Debbie at 465-3500 ext. 8096.

APPOINTMENTS

Dr. Hank Bestman has been appointed Chair of the Natural Sciences Division following Dr. Brian Martin's six-year term. The appointment began July 1, 2007. Hank also served previously as Chair. Many thanks to Brian and welcome back Hank.

Dr. John Wood has graciously agreed to extend his six-year term into a seventh as Director of Environmental Studies. The appointment/extension began July 1, 2007.

Dr. John Sneep has been appointed as interim Chair of the Social Sciences Division for 2007-08 (while Dr. John Hiemstra is on sabbatical). Dr. Sneep has returned and is ready to serve after his own sabbatical.

SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY



Riders from Right: Jim Melnichuk, Brittany Melnichuk, Cheryl Mahaffy, Miriam Mahaffy, Peter Mahaffy and Levi Binnema. Dr. Peter Mahaffy is Professor of Chemistry at King's and both Miriam and Levi have sisters attending King's as students.

The Alumni Association continues to provide support to community initiatives which involve members of the King's community. In June, water bottle packages were donated to six "pedal pushers" who took part in the Rona MS Bike Tour in support of the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada. Some 2000 cyclists travelled from Leduc, AB to Camrose, AB on Saturday, June 8, and back again on June 9, a distance of 180 kms, to raise funds for MS research. Travelling under the name Words that Sing, the group was supported by alumni, colleagues and friends at King's and elsewhere.

ALUMNA PLAYS ROLE IN AWARD

Megan Kesslering ('03, BA History, '05 BEd) is a teacher at North Edmonton Christian School and one of the lead teachers involved in a student project which won a major award. Erica Prins, a grade eight student, recently (June '07) won the Igniting Creative Energy Challenge provincial award for her booklet, *Where We've Gone Wrong*, which includes information about acid rain and global warming. It also includes Erica's views on how something like diet choices can affect the environment.

STUDENT TO CONTACT ALUMNI

Welcome to Carla Bakker, Student Assistant in the Development department at Kings. Carla is a third- and final year sociology student working part-time on, among other things, Alumni Relations. Carla may be contacting you at some point in the next few months. Please give Carla a warm alumni welcome if you have the chance to talk to her.

Focus on Faculty CONTINUED

on Friday, December 14 the CD can be purchased in early December either directly from a quartet member, or from the King's Bookstore (465-8306). For more info contact Melanie at (465-3500 ext. 8028 or melanie.turgeon@kingsu.ca).

During his sabbatical leave this fall, Dr. Peter Mahaffy, Professor of Chemistry, is giving invited talks on scientific visualizations at the Mendeleev Congress in Moscow, the Canadian National Chemical Engineering Conference in Edmonton, and an international conference on chemistry in Santiago de Chile. This is based on work done at the King's centre for Visualization with Dr. Brian Martin and numerous King's students. He is also leading an initiative to obtain UNESCO and UN approval of 2001 as an international year of chemistry, contributing to a review of secondary and tertiary chemistry education in the Philippines, and to a workshop in Taiwan on the responsibility of the scientific community for global health.

In March 2007 Dr. Doug Harink, Professor of Theology, was the keynote speaker at a conference of pastors and theologians in Winnipeg. His presentation was entitled, "Recovering the Theological Voice." Doug was also invited to speak to the issue of the future of theological education in Canada at the Canadian Theological Society meeting in Saskatoon in May. His presentation was "Will Theological Education Be Theological?" He is currently working on a commentary of 1 & 2 Peter, and writing (another!) paper on Paul to present in San Diego in November. He is also planning and organizing an international conference on the theme, "Saint Paul's Journeys into Philosophy," to be held in Vancouver in June 2008.

Dr. Vern Peters, Assistant Professor of Biology at King's since 2005, recently received a research Jan Taylor, a newly appointed drama instructor at King's and an active member of the Edmonton theatre community, directed two productions during Edmonton's Fringe Festival in August 2007. "Woof: A

Did you know?

The Alumni Association donated items to King's Employee United Way Campaign which has a goal of \$12,000!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OPEN HOUSE

A King's Open House will be held on Saturday, February 9, 2008, at the King's campus in Edmonton. The day will feature many different activities and initiatives designed to introduce King's to the community and prospective students, but is of special note for alumni. This date will mark the unveiling and dedication of a new Alumni Lounge in the North Academic Building, as well as the Alumni Association Annual Meeting. Stay tuned for more details on this exciting day and "mini" homecoming event. If you have suggestions or are interested in volunteering to help on the day of the Open House please contact the Alumni Relations office.

DEGREE FRAME PROGRAM

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.

Merit Award from the Canadian Forest Service along with former colleagues from the Fire Research Group at the Northern Forestry Centre. The team Merit Award recognized the scientists for creativity and innovation in developing a forest fire emissions reporting system, designed to provide defensible information to the Minister of Natural Resources to facilitate climate change mitigation and international reporting obligations of the government of Canada. Dr. Peters co-ordinated fuel consumption and carbon emission research on remote fires in the Yukon, Northwest Territories, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Ontario. "Wildfires in Canada are significant contributors of carbon emissions, but in most years, contribute far less than other sources."

In his current research, Dr. Peters uses tree ring widths to investigate the effects of climate change on a variety of ecological processes.

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Judy Letain (Reitsma) attended King's in 1984. She is involved in a speaking ministry, "Hope Ministries," and recently released a book entitled *Mistaken Identity: a practical guide to discovery*. As a recent guest on the television program, *It's a New Day* (April 2007), on OMNI, Global, online, and on Vision TV (May 2007), she is actively pursuing her faith calling. Visit www.hopeministries.ca

Allen Verbeek ('87) is Chair of Environmental Sciences at Lakeland College.



Heather Loenen ('90) and her sons, Alexandre (6) and Dominic (4), were blessed to have spent 50 nights camping around BC in their tent trailer this summer. Heather is starting her Master's of Educational Technology through UBC while working as an online

high school teacher with Heritage Christian Online School in Kelowna.

David Buwalda ('98, BA Socio) is currently working as a fundraiser for the Institute of Cultural Affairs Canada (ICA Canada). See article HIV/AIDS Initiatives this issue of Connections.

Dr. Christine Ellis (DeVries) ('00 BSc) recently finished her family medicine residency in Grande Prairie. She joined a medical practice in Rimbey, Alberta, in August 2007, where she resides with husband Scott.

Heather Gilker (Moore) ('99, BA ENVS) has joined Enrolment Services at King's as Campus Visit Coordinator. Heather's responsibilities include organizing King's View Fridays. Heather continues to work as Assistant and ENVS Internship Coordinator.

Rob Koot ('96, BA History, '07 BEd) was hired this summer as an Admissions Counselor in Enrolment Services at King's. In September he accepted a job as a Grade 6 teacher with Edmonton Public Schools.



Briar Shaw (Macpherson) ('99, BSc, Bio) is working in Peace River as an Occupational Therapist. Briar was married two years ago and now has a one year old named Ava.

Julia Prins Vanderveen ('99, BA ENVS) and husband Trevor Vanderveen became the proud parents of son Gideon on October 7, 2007. Gideon weighed 8 lbs. 13 ozs., and was truly a Thanksgiving blessing. As well as being an alum, Julia was also Campus Minister at

King's from September 2006-January 2007.

Darcy Visscher ('00, BSc ENVS) and Leah (Martin) ('99, BSc Chem) welcomed baby Maia into their family on July 13, 2007.

Eric Weiss ('97) and Lisa Hamel were married in August 2007 in a ceremony at the Valley of Fire National Park in Nevada. They have located to the Red Deer area where Eric continues his safety and rescue business and international disaster relief work with the International Red Cross.

Nicole Wiebe (Glanville) a.k.a. Nikki, ('97, BA Sociology), joined the Enrolment Services department at King's in June 2006, as the new Financial Aid Coordinator. Nikki was married in 2003, and with her husband Matt, attends Southview Christian Fellowship in Edmonton.

Jerilyn Wolstenholme ('00, BA Business Admin) has started her own company as a professional organizer. Please Organize My Life is located in Calgary and helps busy households and offices get better organized. Jerilyn began the company part-time in 2006 and has now branched out to run the business full time. Check out: www.pleaseorganizemylife.com.

Nathan Aasman ('05, BSc, ENVS) and Sarah (Atsma) ('04, BEd) and daughter Anneke are living in the Yukon where Nathan is working for the Yukon Environmental and Socio-Economic Assessment Board.

Colin Bakker ('06, BA Psyc) is attending the University of Alberta and is studying in the Psychology program.

Jeremy Beile ('06, BA Psyc) is attending Simon Fraser University, where he is pursuing an MA degree in Education.

David Bruinsma ('05, BSc, ENVS) is in Kenya for three months on a Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA)- funded internship working with A Rocha Canada. Last year, Rebecca VandeGriend ('04, BSc ENVS) also spent six months in Kenya with A Rocha Canada in partnership with CIDA.

Jane Erickson ('05, BA Psyc) is in Osaka, Japan, teaching English. Check out: www.janeinjapan.blogspot.com.

Darcy Gullacher ('01, BA History) is currently the Library Director at Rocky Mountain College in Calgary, Alberta.

Karen Hardy ('07) has been hired as the Lead Security Guard on the King's campus working with Director of Facilities, Rob Van Weerden. Karen works directly with the student security staff.

Jon Heinen ('04, BMus) was appointed in August to the position of Head Coach, Women's Volleyball, at King's. While attending King's, Jon was an Eagles player and an ACAC All-Conference player for three

years. He also served as Assistant Coach under Greg Barthel, played professional volleyball in Sweden, and led the Senior Volleyball team from Edmonton Christian High to their first-



ever provincial championship. Jon is currently pursuing his secondary B.Ed. degree at the University of Alberta.

Anna Hoekstra ('01, BA ENVS) runs a "community supported agriculture" farm in Michigan. Check out: www.zeelandgroundswellfarm.org

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Paul Jensen, ('02, BA Psyc) and Holly (Gushuliak), ('03 BEd) are the new residence directors at King's.

Paul Kemp, ('04, BMus) was in Africa teaching in Malawi, and then travelled through South Africa until his return to Canada in August 2007. Check out: www.pkemp.blogspot.com.

Themis-Marie Laffitte ('06, BA ENVS) is currently in France studying psychology. She is hoping to find work there as an interpreter in a nearby national forest.

Trixie Ling ('07) has moved to Ottawa for a one-year internship with Citizens for Public Justice. She has also been appointed as a member of the Micah Challenge Canada Board.

Nic MacKinnon ('04, BEd) attended the RCMP Depot Training in Regina from December 2006 – May 2007. He is now an RCMP Constable in his first posting in Oxford, NS.

Chris Mantel ('03, BA Comm) and Karie Ann ('02, BA Social Science, '04 BEd) welcomed Kalum Rainn to their family on November 24, 2006.

Mike Melenberg ('06, BA Psyc) is working for Catholic Social services in Edmonton.

Janina Mobach ('07) joined the King's Enrolment Services department in October as an Admissions Counsellor. Janina will be working in this position until January 2008.



Jesse Montes ('02 BA, ENVS) completed field research in Kenya this summer with Dr. Harry Spaling. Jessie is completing his Master's degree at the Natural Resources Institute, University of Manitoba. Their research

focused on how environmental assessment of community water projects contributes to learning for sustainability.

Sarah Nicolai ('04) left in September for a six-month internship with CRWRC in Uganda. www.sixmonthsinnafrica.blogspot.com

Laura Priestner ('06) is in the Occupational Therapy program at the University of Alberta.

Still in Service for the King

This past spring King's blue 15-passenger van was finally sold after many years of service. The van was generously donated by the King's Foundation in 1995. It was sold to a Christian gentleman who later received a call from Feviva, a Christian ministry in Guatemala. Turns out that Feviva just happened to be looking for a 15-passenger van! The man from Feviva who purchased the van explained it like this: "Yes, we need a 15-passenger van for the orphans and such."



The van was purchased by Feviva Ministries. It was fixed up, cleaned up, and all of the lettering was removed except for a small portion on the rear door that reads, "A Gift From The King." Then it was driven to Abbotsford, B.C., and from there to Guatemala. Everyday it travels into Honduras to pick up young school girls (many of whom are orphans) and brings them to a Christian School in Guatemala. The old King's van is still in service to the King!



Awards Recognize Students

At this year's Awards Ceremony, held on Monday, September 24, we welcomed over 100 guests, including students and King's supporters.

The evening was a great success as we spent time celebrating the achievements of those students who received scholarships and bursaries this year. To date, we have given out over 230 awards to over 160 students. That's approximately 28% of our student body!

In addition to the awards that King's administers, some students also receive funds provided by government, business and other institutions directly. The financial aid received by our students is over \$400,000. About half of that amount comes directly from King's in the form of designated gifts from donors and from our operating budget.

At the celebration, two students, Jodi Hummel and Nabieu Banya, shared how the awards have affected their educational goals. The evening was made even more enjoyable through performances by two of this year's music scholarship winners: Dominique Shulhan, on saxophone, and Jihwan Cho, a magnificent baritone. Thank you to all of you who joined us to celebrate the many gifts God has given to the King's community.

Focus on Faculty CONTINUED

Heartwarming Tail," and "The Diary Project."

Dr. Harry Spaling, Vice-President Academic, represented King's at a reception for the Dutch Prime Minister Dr. Jan Peter Balkenende. Dr. Spaling reports that "In our discussion about King's, I emphasized our connection to the Dutch-Kuyperian tradition, named after Abraham Kuyper, theologian and Dutch Prime Minister (1901-05)."

Dr. Balkenende was the 2004 recipient of the Abraham Kuyper Prize of Excellence in Reformed Theology and Public Life awarded by Princeton Theological Seminary. Prior to entering politics, Dr. Balkenende was professor (part-time) of Christian social thought on society and economics at the Free University of Amsterdam from 1993-2002.

Dr. Balkenende was in Canada to meet Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper to discuss Afghanistan and global climate change, as well as lead a trade mission on environmental technology for the oil sands in Alberta.

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

NOVEMBER 30

King's Concert and Chamber & Community Choirs present Generations of Love with guests, 8:00 pm West End Christian Reformed Church 10015 - 149 Street, Edmonton Tickets: \$15/general; \$12/students, seniors, alumni

DECEMBER 8

The King's Guild Annual Christmas Gift Sale 10:00 am - 3:00 pm - Over 60 tables of art, crafts, seasonal giftware, and more. Admission: \$2; free for children

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