

the beautiful, new Oak Creek Community Center, will be honored, very fittingly, at a recognition dinner at the community center on June 7.

I look forward to joining John's many friends, business associates, and his family in paying tribute to him that evening.

# KING'S COLLEGE JUBILEE ANNIVERSARY

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 30, 1996

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to King's College, a distinguished institution of higher learning in my district in Pennsylvania. This week, King's will celebrate its Jubilee Anniversary, and I am pleased to be able to participate in this event.

King's College is fortunate to have as its president, Father James Lackenmier, C.S.C., who has demonstrated tremendous leadership during his tenure as president of King's. He has motivated both students and faculty members to participate in the activities of King's College and the surrounding community. He has driven his colleagues and students to always strive for the highest level of success, with special attention to an agenda he initiated for the college, "Emphasis on Excellence."

As early as 1938, Bishop William J. Hafey had a vision of a Catholic college in Wilkes-Barre, PA. The college would afford Catholics in the Wyoming Valley a chance for higher education. The Bishop postponed his dream while the depression lingered and the United States prepared for the Second World War. In 1944, when the war began to wind down, the Bishop took the steps to make his dream for a Catholic college a reality and contacted the Holy Cross Fathers at the University of Notre Dame. The Fathers were invited to open a sister school in Wilkes-Barre. Soon after his proposal was made, Bishop Hafey received word that the Holy Cross Fathers were interested in the idea.

Father John Cavanaugh, C.S.C. was sent from Notre Dame to discuss the details with Bishop Hafey. Shortly thereafter, Bishop Hafey traveled to New York to meet with Father Albert Cousineau, C.S.C., the Superior General of the Congregation of the Holy Cross to seek his sanctions of the plans. In March of 1945, Bishop Hafey got word that the Holy Cross Fathers accepted his invitation to establish King's College, the name chosen to honor Christ the King.

On April 20, 1945, The Catholic Light newsletter headline read "College for Men to be Opened in Wilkes-Barre." The opening date of the college depended on the "conclusion of the war" and "the ability to obtain priorities for the necessary renovations which must be made in the temporary home for King's College." Bishop Hafey had expectations that the many returning servicemen would use the G.I. Bill of Rights to enroll in college upon returning from the war.

Father James W. Connerton, C.S.C. arrived in Wilkes-Barre from the University of Notre Dame with \$200 in expense money and instructions to buy a typewriter and start the college. Until the faculty residence became available the following August, Father Connerton resided in St. Mary's Rectory as the guest of Bishop O'Connor.

Mr. Speaker, the early days of King's College were spent untying the administrative red tape, and obtaining the incorporation papers through the courts. Between May and September of 1946, 306 applicants were accepted for admission out of more than 500 young men. Most were newly discharged veterans just as Bishop Hafey had hoped. The faculty began to arrive in Wilkes-Barre. King's College became a reality.

A beaming Bishop Hafey celebrated the solemn opening mass. At the end of the liturgy the bishop spoke the words which have become the cornerstone of the beginnings of King's College.

The day when a seed planted is a day rooted in hope . . . this day the seed of a new college is planted in the soil of Luzerne County in the State of Pennsylvania. One hundred years from this day the unborn hundreds, perhaps thousands, will gather to recall historically its beginnings, to recount its growth, and especially to estimate its fruit, its worth to the community of human beings living here their temporal lives in preparation for life eternal; its service to God, to country and immortal souls.

Mr. Speaker, it is impossible to estimate the value of King's College to the Wyoming Valley, King's has overcome 50 years of social and economic change. In 1972, when the Susquehanna River spilled its banks and inundated the Wyoming Valley, King's was among the hardest hit. The college survived the social changes of the turbulent 1960's and women became a familiar sight on campus. From its humble beginnings to a 15-acre campus which includes the College of Arts and Sciences and the McGowan School of Business, King's has been recognized by Barron's Best Buys in Higher Education and U.S. News and World Report.

Mr. Speaker, the Wyoming Valley and Wilkes-Barre are indeed fortunate that Bishop Hafey realized his dream some 50 years ago. I salute King's College and praise my friend Father Lackenmier for all his leadership. I wish all the best and much continued prosperity for the King's College, its students, and its graduates.

# STATEMENT BY JENNIFER CARLSON, JOHN DRISCOLL, BEN LECLAIR, JENNIFER DESJARDIN, AND HEATHER WILES REGARD- ING FINANCIAL AID REFORM

HON. BERNARD SANDERS

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Speaker, for the benefit of my colleagues I would like to have printed in the RECORD this statement by five Champlain Valley Union High School students, who were speaking at my recent town meeting on issues facing young people:

John: We'd like to first have all the people out in the audience who are going to attend college to stand up right now. All right. Whoever can pay off college by themselves, without any assistance from the government, or the college, please keep standing. Anyone who requires any kind of financial aid, please sit down. Okay, I see one person out in the audience that can afford college.

Okay, that's what's happening around the country right now, is that people of our gen-

eration cannot afford college. The cost of many colleges are approaching \$30,000. People just can't afford that.

I know in my personal experience, I'm going to a college that costs \$28,000; my mom works full-time as a teacher, and she only makes \$26,000. Without financial aid of any sort, going to my college of choice would be impossible. And the U.S. is unique in this fact, in that almost all of its young and brightest citizens end up being in debt, be it \$30,000 or even \$100,000. This really isn't right.

Ben: And in today's society, having a college education is a must. Anyone that expects to succeed needs to have a college education. You've heard the facts already, that the males that go to college are 50% higher than high school graduates, and without the funding of student aid and good financial packages from colleges, it's impossible for our generation—for us, for any of us—to really make any contribution to our nation. And we're in strong support of raising student aid to normal people, not just the people that really need it, in the lower class, but in the middle class, where you won't qualify for the financial aid that you need. But yet, you can't afford to pay it yourself. John's got a graph that talks about how income has risen, and the cost of college has risen also.

(John got up with graph) As you can see, the bar on top is the Median\* Household Income for families in U.S. (1980-2000); and at the bottom is the cost of 4-year colleges across the board. (\*taken from U.S. Census Bureau) And the gap . . . ends up being about \$10,000; and \$10,000 is not enough for a family, the moderate American family, to live on. You also have to count taxes in that, and taxes slash the American family income by about 1/3. This means that the families have little or no income after paying for college.

Ben: And one of our resolutions is that as a student, you get a loan from the government, and in order to pay back the loan that the government gives, is by doing work for the government itself, in the field that they study. So, for instance, I want to study Journalism in college. Well, the government would give me a certain amount that would help pay for college that would lessen the burden on myself for paying it. A board would decide how long a person would have to work, say it would be 4 years for the government, or whatever, in that special range, working with public relations and communications, and so on and so forth. We believe that could work, and it very well can work. Also, we just read in the Globe about how President Clinton is (signal) working on doing . . . for every student in top 5% in the high school graduating gets a \$1,000 merit scholarship. That's good, but it's not enough. Each student, by need, has to have the necessity to make this country better, and without a proper education, it's not going to get any better.

John: One of the best things, in addition to loans, is federal financial aid, is to make all college costs deductible from your taxable income, so that—the family will have more disposable income, and can write-off more income, so they pay less taxes while sending their kids to school. Hopefully this will encourage more people to go to school. The government will get the money back in the long run, so it's not like it's hurting the budget that much.

Congressman Sanders: Okay. Thank you for your testimony. Let me ask you a couple of questions. Given the problems that you've articulated, what is your understanding as to what Congress is doing right now to address those problems?

Answer: Well the Republican-controlled majority in Congress has not been very forgiving of . . . the cost of college; they believe

that balancing the budget is more important than keeping our young people afloat, and going to college. They've been really selfish in that.

Congressman Sanders: Let me ask you another question. We have heard from a number of the panelists today a great concern, and it was interesting to see so many people stand up, and say, "Yes, we are going to need help from the government or from some other source in order to go to college." Given that reality, is it your judgment that the students themselves have been effective politically in fighting for more federal aid to education. Have they done as good job in making their concerns known to their elected officials?

Answer: I think a lot of them are not really at an age to make an impact, because of their age, they're not old enough to vote, and really vote for the candidates that will help raise the financial aid. President Clinton is trying the best he can, but with the Congress being so closed-minded in some respects, we don't really have a say.

#### SUPPORT FOR HIA DATABASE CENTER

HON. GEORGE W. GEKAS

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Mr. GEKAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today during our debate on H.R. 3517, the Military Construction Appropriations Act for fiscal year 1997, to express my strong support for the establishment of a site database center at the Harrisburg International Airport (HIA), in Middletown, PA. Located on the immediate and surrounding grounds of HIA (the former Olmsted Air Force Base) is a Superfund Site, designated in 1984, the existence of which is due directly to the activities that took place during the operation of Olmsted Air Force Base from 1917 to 1967. For the last 13 years, an intense effort has been undertaken at the local, State and Federal level to determine the nature of the hazardous waste left by the Air Force when it closed Olmsted, the origins and locations of its spread, and remediation of the waste, all within the dictates of the Superfund designation and with the goal of getting HIA deleted off the Superfund list by the end of this year.

My involvement with the HIA Superfund Site has been since 1983 when it was thought, erroneously we now know, that an inclusion on the Superfund list would be the fastest, cheapest and best way to clean up the waste left by the Air Force. How wrong we were in that thinking is another, longer story. But, in the years since HIA was put on the Superfund list, the Air Force, the Army Corps of Engineers, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (the current owner of the land), local, regional and private entities, our late U.S. Senator John Heinz, former Senator Wofford, current Senators SPECTER and SANTORUM, and this Member of Congress (along with many others too numerous to mention at this time) have sought to make the cleanup at HIA a model site cleanup program for other Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS) across the United States to emulate.

As part of the cleanup effort, funds were dedicated in several Defense Appropriations bills to provide for a full cleanup of the site. All parties have understood that full cleanup

meant that following Superfund delisting the land in question should be available for public and private development. Throughout the cleanup process, volumes of data have been collected from the several environmental investigations conducted for the final remedy and delisting of the site. A crucial part of the current delisting effort and any post-delisting development that occurs is the interpretation and management of this data. Remediation cannot occur under Superfund without the requisite interpretations of site data. Post-Superfund developers must know what happened on the site, and any future environmental questions that arise at HIA must refer back to the data from the current cleanup effort. When all the current participants have left the site, the only reliable reference source will be a database.

Unfortunately, as we near the end of the long march to delisting, a serious bar to full cleanup has arisen: the maintenance of a useful site database. The Air Force, through the Army Corps of Engineers, refuses to either maintain, or pay for the maintenance of, a site database. The Air Force is wrong in their refusal. From the very beginning, in my many meetings with various Secretaries and Under Secretaries of Defense regarding HIA, it was fully understood that post-Superfund site maintenance would include a managed database, and appropriations were made with the database in mind.

In fact, the Department of Defense, as recently as this year, has stated its support for the type of post-remediation followup the database would provide. In a February 22, 1996 letter from Sherri W. Goodman, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Environmental Security), she cites her support for the annual report to Congress of the Defense Environmental Response Task Force (DERTF), which she chairs: "The purpose of the DERTF is to study and provide findings and recommendations for expediting and improving environmental response actions at military installations being closed or realigned." Further, Section 3.3 of the DERTF Report states: "Effective measures must be in place before transfer of property to ensure adequate protection of human health and the environment." And, in the same report, Section 3.4—Liability For Subsequent Response Actions: "However, further cleanup may be required if the land use changes and the original remedy, although protective for the anticipated land use, is not fully protective under the new land use."

Mr. Speaker, how can the Department of Defense in one publication express a need for and responsibility of site maintenance in the future and then deny such maintenance as is proposed with the site database for Harrisburg International Airport with the site database? And, to further weaken the DoD position on the HIA database, I offer that the Pennsylvania State University (PSU) at Harrisburg, which also serves as the Pennsylvania State Data Center, has proposed to manage and maintain the HIA site database for five years for under \$123,000. Mr. Speaker, this is a public entity, a professional data center, and an on-site location which has offered to manage a database for five years for a price the Department of Defense would probably charge for one year (and not do nearly as well).

Mr. Speaker, the facts are these: the Department of Defense made a commitment to this Member of Congress and the Common-

wealth of Pennsylvania to manage and maintain this database; the Department of Defense has stated this year in a Report to Congress its commitment to post-cleanup development and database management at its waste sites; the Pennsylvania State University has offered the best database management service at the best location for the best price. Mr. Speaker, I believe that the Committee on Appropriations could have easily been persuaded to require the Department of Defense to fund this site database. We hope that the Department of Defense, and the Air Force and Corps of Engineers in particular, will see that the PSU database offer is the proper—and best—way to proceed and will make available the \$123,000 for the PSU-managed database from the appropriations it has already been given by the Congress to fully clean up the HIA/Olmsted site.

#### KHALISTAN SYMPOSIUM AT LONDON SCHOOL SHOWS KHALISTAN MOVEMENT IS GAINING MOMENTUM

HON. GARY A. CONDIT

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CONDIT. Mr. Speaker, the Khalistan Society at the London School of Economics recently sponsored a seminar on the subject of freedom for the Sikh nation in an independent Khalistan. The keynote speaker was Dr. Gurmit Singh Aulakh, president of the Council of Khalistan, who has been vigilant in leading his people in the struggle for freedom. Other participants included British Member of Parliament Max Maddon and Mr. Rahman of Amnesty International. The Khalistan Society works to promote a free and independent Khalistan among the students and faculty of the London school. The London school is one of the world's most prestigious institutes, and this seminar is a significant step forward in the movement to liberate Khalistan.

The Sikh nation has suffered greatly under Indian tyranny. The Indian regime has killed over 150,000 Sikhs since 1984, as well as tens of thousands of Kashmiri Muslims, Christians in Nagaland, and other peoples throughout the subcontinent. No Sikh has ever signed the Indian constitution. In the past few days, a Khalistani American was arrested in India and charged with possessing a gun and drugs, which there is good reason to believe were planted on him. This is a standard tactic of the Indian police. In February 1995, Sikh human rights activist Jaswant Singh Khaira released a report that showed that the Indian regime had abducted, tortured, murdered, and cremated more than 25,000 Sikhs. For having released this report, Mr. Khaira was himself abducted by police while washing his car in front of his house on September 7, 1995. Despite international protest, the Indian Government refuses to release Mr. Khaira. His whereabouts remain unknown. I call upon the new Indian Government to release Mr. Khaira and all the other Sikh political prisoners languishing in Indian jails, some under now-expired emergency laws.

The Sikh nation has a tradition of self-rule. Sikhs ruled Punjab from 1710 to 1716 and from 1765 to 1849. When America was fighting for its independence, the Sikh nation was