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Minority within the Minority: Q&A Club

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The Questions and Answers Club was founded as a support group for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender students at King's as a tool to educate straight students on the dangers of discrimination.

Vice President Marie Calore, described it as being "basically a social group for LGBT students and straight allies." The club provides a haven for its members and also raises awareness of issues in the LGBT community, both within and beyond King's.

Dean of Students Robert McGonigle stated that it is the mission of King's and the

club to promulgate an atmosphere of welcome, acceptance, and safety for all students, regardless of sexual orientation.

However, there is disagreement between the students in Q&A and the administration. Calore believes that it is the goal of the college to promote tolerance instead of acceptance, leaving the true mission of the club unattainable. Some within Q&A suggest that a more explicit club name would be advantageous in fulfilling its mission.

According to President Dan Simpson, the ambiguity of the name "Questions and Answers" has made it

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Q&A Club officers from left to right: Jessica Aumick, historian; Janna Neil, treasurer; Marie Calore, vice president; Daniel Simpson, president. Not pictured: Kyle Fellows, secretary.

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A Fashionable Way to Raise Autism Awareness

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The Hildebrandt Learning Center and the inHouse Design Club here at King's will be participating in World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD) on April 2. WAAD encourages people to raise awareness about both autism and early diagnosis and intervention.

Members of the King's community have long been involved in raising money for autism, a disorder that affects over three million individuals in the United States alone.

According to Autism Speaks, the nation's largest autism science and



David Castro, vice president; Erica Montante, member; Sabrina Yelverton, president selling bandanas to support autism awareness.

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advocacy organization, autism is a general term for a group of complex disorders of brain development, including autistic disorder, Rett syndrome, and Asperger syndrome. These disorders are characterized, in varying degrees, by difficulties

in social interaction, verbal and nonverbal communication, and repetitive behaviors.

Autism is present at birth and is usually diagnosed by the time a child is 3 years old.

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Student Perspective: Why I Support KONY 2012

By: Sarah Scinto
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I did not get much sleep during spring break this year. It started on the night of Wednesday, March 7, when I logged into Facebook like I always do before going to bed. Two days prior, Invisible Children had launched their latest film, Kony 2012, online, and I took a second to check the amount of views it had received. My jaw dropped. The view count was climbing

into the millions at an explosive rate. I blinked and it had surpassed ten million. I spent hours that night watching the views increase and tracking the conversations that started springing up across the globe. All of a sudden, the social media world was talking, and I didn't want to miss a second of it.

It is the purpose of Kony 2012 to start these conversations. For the past 26 years, Joseph Kony and his Lord's Resistance Army have abducted thousands of children in Central Africa and forced them to fight in a war

with no foreseeable goal other than to bolster Kony's power. For the past nine years, the organization Invisible Children has been working to raise global awareness on this issue and advocate for those affected. This film, the latest in a series of awareness films Invisible Children has created, set out "to make Kony famous" and start a groundswell of awareness and international conversation about justice as it applies to Joseph Kony and the LRA. And I believe it succeeded.

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