

Tsunami Relief

On December 26, 2004 an undersea earthquake occurred in the Indian Ocean, which generated a tsunami that has gone down as one of the worst natural disasters of all time. The magnitude of the earthquake was a 9.0, which is the fourth largest since 1900. Some places that have been affected most by the tsunami are: Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India, Thailand, Somalia, Myanmar, Malaysia, Maldives, and Tanzania, as waves as high as 50 feet hit their shores. The death toll of the tsunami is at 234,000, but is currently rising as more dead bodies are being uncovered beneath all of the destruction. There are also bodies that have yet to be accounted for because they were swept into the ocean. There have been reported earthquakes that have been aftershocks of the tsunami. The tsunami has also left people homeless and starving. Many people lost all they had in the disaster. The World Food Program is feeding about 400,000 of the tsunami victims.

St. Francis College along with many other organizations got involved with helping the relief effort. On Tuesday January 25th and Wednesday January 26th between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. donations were taken in the Main Lobby and the Cafeteria. Donations were then going to be sent to the Franciscan Missionary Brothers in Sri Lanka. The Franciscan Missionary Brothers run the orphanage Assisi Illam in the village of Kurukul Mandam in District Barricaloa in Sri Lanka. The Red Party, as well as Valentines Day Auction allowed SFC to raise money through events. St. Francis College sends its sympathy and prayers out to all the victims and their families. world issues and just how rewarding it can be in the long run.



Philosophy Frat

The Philosophy Club and Department along with support from President Macchiarola and the Honors Council petitioned the executive council of Phi Sigma Tau, the International Honor Society in Philosophy for a chapter at St. Francis College in March, 2004.

The main event for the chapter was the Chapter Dedication and Induction Ceremony held on February 17, 2005. At the ceremony, Chapter President Steven Mudd presented Dr. Sophie Berman, Chairman of the Philosophy Department, with the Chapter's Charter from the Executive Council and the officers inducted the Philosophy Department Faculty, student candidates, Br. Edward Wesley and alumni philosophy majors.

