

GRASSROOTS

Lacrosse is growing fast, we're just trying to keep up



WORLD TRAVELER

South Africa

Two Maryland natives lead South African Lacrosse Project



POPULATION: 43.7 MILLION

SIZE: 471,443 SQ. MILES

OFFICIAL MOTTO: "UNITY IN DIVERSITY"

Two Baltimore County brothers are reaching out to victims of HIV/AIDS in South Africa. Their conduit? Lacrosse.

Harrison and Kip Hart, of Dumbarton Middle School and Towson High School, respectively, held their second annual South African Lacrosse Project clinic this summer in a remote corner of the country. The clinic is for 130 South African students who either have been orphaned, or are otherwise affected, by HIV/AIDS.

The boys started the project in early 2007 with the help of their mother, Barbara Cox. The idea came from South African Joy Baber, who lived with the Cox/Harts in 1995-96. Baber informed the family about the Waterberg Welfare Society, a South African organization she works with to help raise and educate children of the area that are affected by HIV/AIDS. She suggested the Hart brothers help organize a soccer clinic for the sick children, but the Harts chose to introduce lacrosse instead.

While in South Africa in the summer of '07, the Harts learned that it costs about \$50 for students to attend middle school and about \$100 for high school. These costs are especially debilitating to a country plagued with unemployment, causing many to miss out on an opportunity for a formal education.

To help manage these costs, the South African Lacrosse Project has branched out and started the Waterberg Literacy Project. The program is designed solely to raise the necessary money to give these kids the opportunity to attend school.

"The lacrosse clinic this summer is a big project, but it's

only the beginning," says Kip Hart.

The Hart brothers returned to South Africa on July 3 to hold their week-long lacrosse clinic.

People can help the children of South Africa by sponsoring a child for \$20 or by donating used or new lacrosse equipment to the program. More information on how and where to donate can be found at the South African Lacrosse Project website: Southafricanlacrosse.com.

—PETE WOLFINGER

MCLA '09 Outlook

It's never too early to preview virtual varsity's top team



Michigan

The national champion Wolverines return on a high note. Senior scorers in the country and he sophomore. Trevor Yealey scored this season to lead Michigan in the club lacrosse world. Kevin who scored 28 goals and added returns for his junior season. native Peter Vasher comes back senior year.



Chapman

Though they lost to 14-11 in the MCLA final man will be back with more fire season. After scoring 73 goals out 34 assists, Marcus Wooder for one more run at a national squad's starting goalkeeper. D rick, who allowed 9.43 goals per season, will once again be the



Minnesota-Duluth

A suffocating defense the Bulldogs into a national championship in 2007. Chung, who played in eight games season and allowed just one goal returns for his senior season. Casey Mithun averaged 4.25 points per game last season, scoring 28 goals and 23 assists as a junior.



Brigham Young

Before falling to even the MCLA Tournament, BYU put a 14-4 record, including 11 in a row in the middle of the season and into the The Cougars graduate just three though all are holdovers from the national championship team — third-team All-American goalie Kikumoto. The Cougars return with experience, including talented and sophomore classes.



Simon Fraser

The majority of the the self-proclaimed "Canada's Top" in their underclassmen. Sophomore Towner and Russell Thomas, also freshman Christopher Tessarolo in the Top 15 in the Pacific North Collegiate Lacrosse League in previous game. Freshman goalie Dean St allowed 7.93 goals per game, ret ranking third in the conference percentage.