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Students trek to Georgia for protest

BY JENNIE GLASER

NEWS EDITOR

While most Creighton students were getting last-minute things done before Thanksgiving break, two Arts & Sciences seniors were on a trip that would take them far from their scholastic concerns into international issues of terrorism, murder and nonviolent protest.

Jon Barga and Jaimee Trobough left Omaha Nov. 19 with 16 others to attend a weekend vigil and protest at Fort Benning, Ga., home of the U.S. Army School of the Americas. Barb and Jim Sichmeller and Rita Sherman, Creighton employees, also made the 20-hour drive. They

returned Nov. 23.

The School of the Americas trains Latin American soldiers to fight against political uprisings. Some graduates of the school have been involved in notable human rights violations. A U.S. House of Representatives bill aimed at closing the school mentions the November 1989 El Salvador massacre of six Jesuits priests by soldiers, 19 of whom were graduates of the School of the Americas.

Trobough attended the event last year, organized by the School of Americas Watch, a group that is protesting the school. She said the weekend is held every November to recognize the Jesuit massacre.

Barga said one part of the weekend was the opportunity to commit an act of civil disobedience by stepping

over the boundary of the military base property. Protesters who crossed the line risked being arrested. Second-time offenders could face six months in prison for criminal trespassing.

"I wasn't sure until I went down whether I would cross or not," Barga said, but he decided to cross the line.

"[The possibility of being arrested] is still in the back of your mind," Barga said.

"There are people with guns who will be arresting you," he said, "and you're at their mercy."

"Jaimee did it last year and made the decision not to do it this year," Barga said. "We were under the impres-

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Patched in loving memory



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11th annual recognition of World AIDS Day Dec. 1

Creighton received two panels for display Tuesday.

The quilt started in 1987 in San Francisco by the Names Project

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Homosexuals seek official campus group

BY ELIZABETH ELLIOTT

COPY EDITOR

Creighton is not perceived as friendly toward gay people, two speakers said at a forum sponsored by the Sexual Orientation Task Force.

The task force raised the question of whether Creighton is gay friendly in light of recent violent attacks against gay people in parts of the United States.

About 90 people attended the panel discussion that included Trey Patterson, Nursing junior; Dr. Michael Kelly, Counseling Center psychologist; and Betty Evans, associate professor of political science.

"The general view is that it is not supportive," said Patterson, who is homosexual.

Patterson said he didn't find any place to turn and had to deal with issues alone. He said, though, being gay has been positive in some respects.

"My being gay has opened up a whole new world for my friends who came from conservative backgrounds," Patterson said. "It's been a good bonding experience."

Kelly said people who visit the counseling center have told him they must be careful of whom they talk to about being gay.

"The word 'friendly' is far too positive to describe the way Creighton is," Kelly said.

He said gay students describe the campus environment as being "indifferent, tolerant and islands of acceptance."

Patterson said he has noticed stigmatization of gay people in his experience at Creighton. The stigmatization extends to straight people who have gay friends, he said.

"Don't automatically assume they are gay," Patterson said.

To make the campus more friendly toward gay people, many who attended the forum made suggestions. One idea was to form an organization. Patterson said they are trying to form one now, but it is in the very beginning stages.

Evans said extending equal protection laws to gay people doesn't mean they are granted special privileges.

"It adds one more thing on the list of who can't be discriminated against," she said.

Evans said nine states, the District of Columbia and 200 cities now have laws that extend equal protection laws to homosexuals. She said that in regards to sex, courts in the past have interpreted the laws as a gender issue and not a sexual orientation issue.

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Many forfeit voice in core curriculum changes

BY HEIDI JUERSIVICH

REPORTER

Arts & Sciences students are ordinarily quick to gripe about the size and content of the core curriculum.

But when the College of Arts & Sciences Student Senate invited students to voice these concerns at a forum held at the end of November, only a handful chose to attend.

Expecting a large turnout, the senate reserved Riggs Science 120, which

has a seating capacity of 426, for the discussion. But most of the seats remained vacant.

Only about 25 of the college's 2,267 students participated.

Despite low attendance, students and faculty engaged in vigorous discussion throughout the two-hour forum.

About 10 faculty members attended the discussion to address student concerns. Among these, three representatives from the Curriculum Development Committee sat at the front of the room to oversee the discussion.

Among suggestions for improving the core were calls to introduce more courses in Eastern Philosophy, diversify religions covered in Theology 100 and cut the number of required theology courses.

Theology 100 received the brunt of the criticism.

Majid Hussaini, Arts & Sciences junior, sparked the discussion by asking why the course doesn't devote more time to study of non-Christian religions.

Dr. Joan Mueller, associate profes-

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NEWS & ITEMS & EVENTS

Today, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Chili-Soup Luncheon will be held in Lower St. John's.

Today, 4 p.m., Memorial Service for Jim Russell, associate vice president for administration will be held in St. John's Church.

Today and Saturday, 7:30 p.m., One-Act Play Festival featuring two one-act plays and one Reader's Theater play. All three are student directed and will be held in the Lied Education Center for the Arts Studio Theatre. Tickets are \$8 general admission, \$5 for students, faculty and staff, \$6 for seniors and \$4 for groups. Call the Box Office at 280-1448.

Saturday, Dec. 5 at 4 p.m., Alpha Sigma Nu will host its initiation ceremony in the Walsh Lecture Hall. A reception and dinner will follow beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Skutt Student Center Ballroom. Non-member guests are welcome. Reservations: the Rev. William F. Kelley, S.J., 280-1272.

Sunday, Dec. 6 at 3 p.m., The Celebration of Life Choir will be at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 2217 Binney St. They will also perform at 7:30 p.m. at the Open Door Mission, 2706 N. 21st St.

Wednesday, Dec. 9 at 3 p.m., Dr. Ahmad Abdallah (Cairo, Egypt) will give a lecture titled: **"Fundamentalism, Democracy and Political Instability in the Middle East."** The lecture will be in Skutt Student Center, Room 104.

Thursday, Dec. 10 at 9:30 p.m., Theta Phi Alpha and Pi Kappa Alpha will host **"Singled Out"** in Walsh Lecture Hall. Prices are \$3 pre-registered, \$5 registration at the door, \$2 spectator fee or two canned-good items. Some proceeds go to the American Red Cross. Contact Theresa Luna, 554-1588 or Renee Mathias, 546-6925.

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Jesuit remembered for dedication

BY ELIZABETH ELLIOTT
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He blended into the class of first-year law students, struggling and enduring the stresses that normally come with that year. But to those who knew the Rev. Robert Shanahan, S.J., he was not ordinary.

"Father felt he ought to experience what first-year law students go through so he took a first-year law class to have an appreciation," said Rodney Shkolnick, professor of Law and dean emeritus of the Creighton Law School. "I thought that was a singular demonstration of Fr. Shanahan's dedication to his job."

The Rev. Robert Shanahan, S.J., who served as chaplain, pastoral minister and professor, passed away Nov. 23 after a short illness.

Fr. Bob Shanahan, a native of Milwaukee, Wis.,

was a member of the Creighton community for nearly 40 years and during that time spent years teaching, and being one of the founding members of the university's board of directors where he served for 25 years. He also served as rector of the Jesuit community, acting dean of the College of Arts & Sciences and acting dean of the Graduate school.

His brother, the Rev. Thomas Shanahan, S.J., is the current rector of the Creighton Jesuit Community.

Fr. Bob Shanahan is remembered by his friends and colleagues for his dedication to his work and community.

"He was a very valuable member of the Creighton University Jesuit Community and contributed to the life and spirit," said Fr. Phil Amadon, S.J., current chaplain of the Creighton Law School.

Friends of Fr. Bob Shanahan remember his strong



The Rev. Robert Shanahan, S.J., passed away Nov. 23 after a brief illness. He spent many years in Pastoral Care at St. Joseph's Hospital. He is remembered by friends and colleagues as dedicated, conscientious and a well-loved member of the community.

Photo by the Rev. Don Doll, S.J.

faithfulness. "I can only say that he was a quiet and wise man, a man of prayer and fidelity to his faith. I know these things because of

his example...." the Rev. John Horn, S.J. said.

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Bar employees face charges in fraternity party case

BY NANCY LEWANDOSKI
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The Council Bluffs city attorney's office has charged four people and the bar's holding company in connection with a woman's fall from a second-story window at a bar where two Creighton fraternities had gathered for parties Oct. 30.

The attorney's office has charged BADD, Inc., which holds the license for 1892 Edibles and Spirits, the owner, the assistant manager and two party bartenders with 50 counts of selling alcohol to a minor and one count of selling alcohol to an intoxicated person. Each of the criminal charges is a misdemeanor.

William Betz, principal owner and manager; James Smith, assistant manager and party bartender; and bartenders Nikki Ford and Cheryl Petsche face a maximum fine of \$155, including court costs, or up to 30 days in jail on each count. BADD, Inc. faces a maximum fine of \$155 on each count.

The initial court appearance for the defendants is scheduled for Dec. 15.

The owner has the right to appeal the

revocation to the Council Bluffs City Council and the state liquor commission, said Steven Palmer, assistant city attorney for Council Bluffs.

Creighton is still gathering information and continuing its investigation to determine whether it will take disciplinary action against the fraternities, said Dr. John Cernech, vice president of student services.

Police Detective Steve Cates said in his report that Creighton officials have indicated an intolerance for the actions of the fraternities in regard to the parties.

Cernech said this may refer to the people who were arrested at the scene and questions raised about the overall conduct of the students, including those who knew about underage drinking at the parties.

Matt MacVey, Pi Kappa Alpha president, had no comment.

Kyle Ward, Sigma Alpha Epsilon president, made one statement.

"We are in compliance with all our national bylaws and chapter bylaws including risk management policies," Ward said.

Cates reported that the fall out of the window was an accident.

Evidence indicates that Tristan Brakeman, who is not a Creighton student, was sitting at the booth next to the window. Brakeman leaned forward to kiss and hug her date, leaned back, and missed the back of the booth. She hit the window, which broke, and she fell through it. The window was old and didn't have

2-by-4 pieces of wood protecting it like some of the other windows, Palmer said.

In his report, Cates said he spoke with more than 50 people who attended the Oct. 30 party in compiling his report. He is still interviewing witnesses and processing evidence. Cates is out of town and was unable to comment this week on the release of the report.

According to Cates' report, between 150 and 200 people attended the party, including 75 fraternity members and their guests. Both Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Pi Kappa Alpha fraternities contacted 1892 about a party that night, but the owner and a bartender had double-booked them by mistake. The double booking was discovered when two disc jockeys arrived to set up for the party.

The report said both fraternity presidents agreed to share the rooms. Betz also agreed to this solution of the double-booking.

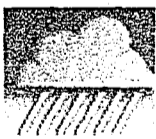
The report said 57 fraternity members present were not old enough to purchase alcohol, but 49 of them told police that they had purchased beer, wine or hard alcohol at the bar. The report said Brakeman, 19, also admitted to purchasing alcohol. Of those who have spoken to police, only two said they were asked for identification.

According to Cates' report, no one was checking identification at the entrance to 1892.

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Weekend Weather Forecast

FRIDAY



Cloudy, Breezy, and mild with highs in the mid 50s

SATURDAY



Breezy, chance of showers, with a high around 50°

SUNDAY



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Credit union prepares for year 2000 scare

BY NICOLE AUDINO

REPORTER

Creighton Federal Credit Union has started to update its systems to prepare for the year 2000.

"Up to this point we have spent \$10,000 to ensure that our computers will work in the year 2000 and possibly \$30,000 by the year 2000," said Creighton Federal Credit Union Vice President Vorace Packer.

When the year 2000 rolls around, all computer systems must be ready.

Computers need to be updated, because they are date-sensitive and when the year 2000 arrives most computers would usually roll back to 00. Computers would read this date as 1900 instead of 2000.

Many computers need to

be updated because if the majority of the computers on a network are year 2000-ready and one is not that one computer can cause the entire network to fail.

The National Credit Union Administration is distributing regulations to help further these processes. These regulations have been in circulation for the past six months.

Toward the end of 1997 the NCUA developed a plan that included certain steps to help the process.

The first step was to have individual credit unions make a plan. This plan would determine what exactly needed to be done.

Second, the plan needed to communicate the progress with the consumers to alleviate any fears they may have.

Third, all systems and

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The financial industry will be there on Jan. 1, 2000, without any problems.

Vorace Packer
Creighton Federal Credit Union
Vice President

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processes had to be identified as critical or non-critical to operations. For example, the phone lines, the fax machine, the electricity and even the elevator were included in the systems identified as critical.

Once these systems were identified, Creighton Federal needed to test their programs. Deadlines were implemented. If a problem was found, the

program needed to be fixed or replaced. The deadline for these updates was September 1998.

"There are 13 critical dates every system must be able to handle. Each date has some significance," said Creighton Federal President Tom Kjar. Such dates include Leap Day, 2/29/2000, and January 10, 2000, the first seven-digit day. All systems have to be able to read these dates.

"After all of the testing is finished if there are any problems these systems need to be fixed or replaced," Kjar said.

Creighton Federal has replaced many of its minor computer programs and will begin a major testing phase on their mainframe network next week.

Creighton Federal is also working to educate its employees and customers. It is publish-

ing articles in its newsletter and distributing a pamphlet about the year 2000 and the issues involved.

A tip some may consider is having three to five days' worth of cash available to access in case ATM machines are out of order.

Many people will be backing up their files to paper instead of keeping them on electronic file.

Both Kjar and Packer said they are expecting large amounts of cash to be withdrawn from Creighton Federal, but they are making plans for a larger supply of cash at the credit union.

"The financial industry will be there on Jan. 1, 2000 without any problems," Packer said.

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Weather warmer than usual for Christmas tree lighting ceremony

BY ALEXIS THEBEAU

REPORTER

Campus was filled with the sounds of Salvation Army Bell Ringers Tuesday. Although the 60-degree weather was unusual for the first day of December, it's Christmas time again.

Tuesday evening students and faculty gathered around and lined the Administration Building steps to witness Creighton's 13th Annual Lighting of the

Christmas Tree.

Tamara Bruhn, vice president of Inter-Residence Hall Government, welcomed the crowd and the ceremony began at 5 p.m.

In his opening remarks, Rich Rossi, director of Residence Life, said this season is a time for rejoicing, and not just for those who celebrate Christmas. It's a time to thank those people who are special to us, and remember those who have given us so much.

A quiet and respectful audience then bowed their heads as the Rev. Bert Thelen, S.J., pastor at St. John's Parish, lead the opening prayer. Arts & Sciences junior Jennie Glaser then read a passage from Ezekiel, which Thelen later discussed.


Thelen blessed the tree, and just as it was getting dark, the Rev. Michael G. Morrison, S.J., president of Creighton University, flipped the switch and the tree came alive. Hundreds of colored lights

and a bright white star on the top of the tree lit up the courtyard; trees lining the mall sparkled with white lights.


Five students from the candlelight choir then led the group in "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," and "Sending Hymn." At the request of Father Thelen, the audience joined the singers in a rendition of "Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer."

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Activities Calendar

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4 FRIDAY

- Town Student Organization 3rd Annual Holiday Gathering
- Chili/Soup Luncheon in lower St. John's from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

5 SATURDAY

- Alpha Phi Omega new Member Activation at 4:45 p.m.
- Alpha Sigma Nu Initiation Dinner
- AKPsi Business Fraternity Court of Honor
- AKPsi Fraternity Yellow Rose
- Theta Phi Alpha Semi-Formal
- Men's Basketball vs. Southern Illinois at 7:05 p.m. at the Civic

6 SUNDAY

- MidWest Valley Karate Club Examination at 11:00 a.m.

7 MONDAY

- J.U.S.T.I.C.E. meeting in lower St. John's at 8:00 p.m.
- MidWest Valley Karate Club Classes Start at 5:00 p.m.

8 TUESDAY

- Spring Break Service Trip General Info Night

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Curriculum

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sor of systematic theology and spirituality, rose to address the question, and remained on her feet as students confronted her with a barrage of criticism about the course.

The debate raged on for so long that an exasperated Dr. Francis Klein, the chair of the Curriculum Development Committee, finally asked, "Is Theology 100 the only course that students have problems with? That's the only thing I've heard the whole hour."

Responding to the concerns, Mueller explained that although Theology 100 is supposed to cover the development of Christianity in relation to other world religions, a lack of qualified faculty has caused many professors to limit non-Christian perspectives.

Mueller said many of the complaints about the course are valid, and she requested students put their concerns in writing so she can take them to the administration.

"Our best faculty are moving out and we're hiring people, many times without Ph.D.'s, to teach you," she said.

"We have one world religion faculty member," Mueller said, "and she wants nothing to do with teaching freshmen."

A student who left the meeting before he could be identified broke into the discussion of diversity with a complaint about the advisers who are supposed to help students wade through the curriculum.

"I'd just like to mention that some advisers are

Students explain lack of support for core forum

BY LEA PLATZ

REPORTER

Students expressed a variety of reasons for not attending the Arts & Sciences Student Senate forum on the core curriculum.

Jeff Mathew, Arts & Sciences junior, said he did not attend simply because he is happy with the core requirements.

"Before I take the classes I complain, but after you take them you have learned something. You get a different perspective with the core classes," Mathew said.

Mathew said he would have suggested actually increasing more general course offerings.

Totoki Nobuhide, Arts & Sciences freshman said he too thinks the core classes are helpful. Nobuhide is

a student from Japan. In Japan he said students did not have the option to voice their opinions about such topics.

But some students are less inclined to believe that their voice is so persuasive.

Mike Lanspa, Arts & Sciences sophomore, said he has gotten the impression from Creighton that students' concerns are rarely considered.

He said a prime example where student matters are overlooked is during the unofficial dead week, which he said is never honored.

"Had I the fiat to just change things I would. But I don't, so I would be ignored," Lanspa said.

Lanspa said the small response to the meeting indicates that students must be indifferent.

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incompetent," the student said, blaming his adviser for his delayed graduation.

"I'll tell you that we're working on that," said Dr. Tom Mans, associate dean of the College of Arts & Sciences.

Surprisingly, it was the faculty who expressed the greatest concern about the size of the core.

Mans said, "I'm really kind of afraid, with the size of the core, that there isn't room for free choice."

"I think it would be a good thing to have a bit more space in the first year or two," he said.

A committee is currently reviewing the core. The Rev. Michael Proterra, S.J., dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, said he is expecting the committee to recommend modifications by the end of the academic year.

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Protest

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sion that everyone [who crossed the boundary] would be arrested."

In the end, Bargaen wasn't arrested, he said, because the base wasn't prepared for the sheer number of protesters. He said last year about 2,000 people attended the weekend, 600 of whom crossed the line. This year about 2,300 of the 6,000 attendees stepped onto the base, he said.

"They just detained us for three or four hours," Bargaen said. Authorities bused protesters to a local park and told them if they crossed the boundary again they could be arrested. The 24 buses had to make two trips to transport everyone.

Bargaen said his experience in the Dominican Republic was part of the reason he decided to go. He said he knew many people there who were like the people of El Mozote, El Salvador. El Mozote was a village, also noted in the House of Representatives bill, where 900 civilians were killed. Ten of the 12 officers respon-

sible were School of Americas graduates.

Bargaen also said he went to learn more about the school. "I think the school should be closed," he said, "but I wanted to see both sides."

A small tent was set up at the vigil for a representative of the School of Americas to distribute information about the school, Bargaen said.

Trobough said she hopes the turnout will make the U.S. Congress take notice.

The House of Representatives bill introduced Feb. 5, 1997, and a Senate bill introduced June 27, 1997, aimed to close the

school. Both were referred to committees.

"The United States Army School of the Americas graduates include some of the worst human rights abusers in the western hemisphere," the Senate bill said.

For Bargaen, the weekend was ultimately about victims of School of Americas graduates. "It was really a vigil for them, saying we stand in solidarity with you."

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Theology classes fail to promote Christianity

Editor's Column

BY JEREMY QUIGLEY

PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

When you enter a college with strong Judeo-Christian overtones, such as Creighton, you would expect the theology professors to believe in the Bible and do all they can to help students who believe in Christianity grow and deepen in their faith. But this isn't the case at Creighton, where the theology department, it seems, is diluting students' faith by insisting that it doesn't matter what you believe in.

In order to accommodate a desire for diversity and academic freedom at Creighton, it seems that some professors have gone out of their way not to step on any toes. Rather than declare belief in Christ as the only way, they elevate other religions to the same level. But in doing this, they reduce Christianity and the significance of

Jesus. Whether they mean it or not, this ends up causing some students to distance themselves from or even lose their faith in Jesus Christ. It isn't the learning about other religions that bothers me as much as the esteem to which we are told to hold them.

In my three years of required theology classes at Creighton I have encountered one dominant view: "I'm OK, you're OK." Despite the fact that Creighton is a Judeo-Christian university, I have yet to hear it said that Christianity, or belief in Jesus as your savior is the only way to get to heaven.

I have heard from others about their theology courses and have also heard it said in my own that each religion is a way to salvation. Therefore, Jesus is optional. God incarnate allows himself to be betrayed, beaten beyond recognition, and nailed to a cross. He died for our sins and rose again and we're being taught that you can take it or leave it and still be saved. I think Jesus is pretty specific when he said in John 14:6, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." This also is

revealed in 1 John 5:12, "He who has the son has life; he who does not have the son of God does not have life."

Rather than this being taught, I hear about all religions having a way to heaven. But if all religions are a way to heaven, why was Jesus nailed to the cross? If it were possible for you to get to heaven on your own merit, or by other means, God would not have sent Jesus. There would have been no need. But the fact remains that he did send Jesus. We do need him. There is no way to heaven without him. We are saved not by our works, but by our faith in Jesus and his offer of salvation. God is not a masochist. If there were another way to save us from our sins rather than allow his only son to be killed, don't you think he would have done it?

I was under the impression that the purpose of the large number of required theology courses was to allow students to grow spiritually as well as academically. A few students whom I have talked with say they are learning more about the historical foundations of their beliefs and have grown in

their faith. But a larger percentage of them feel that their spiritual growth has been inhibited by these classes and that they walk away with more questions than answers. One student told me that he thinks professors try not to get too "religious" to avoid political incorrectness. For this reason it is hard to pick up on the nature of Jesus when your teachers are being overly cautious.

Jesus was not timid in his teachings. He was specific, honest and didn't care if he upset the supposed "experts" because he knew God and knew he was right. Perhaps if theology professors taught the truth of what Jesus said, spiritual growth would increase as would the knowledge of salvation that comes from Jesus Christ.

If Creighton feels its goal should be to make students more open to believing that there is no single way to heaven, it needs to take off the Christian mask it is wearing.

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Seemingly simple holiday task turns risky when ladder slip snips finger



The Way It Is

Steve Wilwerding

Business • Sophomore

I hope you all enjoyed your Turkey Day, as well as the much-needed break that accompanied it. I also trust that you, unlike me, came back with all of your fingers.

I did not lose my finger in some kind

of macabre Thanksgiving feeding frenzy (I didn't actually lose a whole finger, just the tip of one of them). My accident was, however, related to another holiday: Christmas.

Now, there are a number of ways that one could expect to get hurt putting up Christmas lights: falling off the roof, walking on broken lights, electrocution. But one doesn't expect to cut off the end of one's finger. Here goes the story:

While we were putting up Christmas lights, my father was up on the roof stringing them up and I was on the ground unravelling the lights. The ladder got knocked over and as I was propping it back up, the top section slid down. My finger happened to be in the way and the result was, as you can probably guess, very painful.

Perhaps the worst part of the ordeal was that while I'm sitting on the ground in extreme pain, I still had to put the ladder up to get my father off the roof. Eventually I got the ladder up, but only after screaming like a schoolgirl for five minutes. Dad finally got down off the roof. We got into the house and bandaged up my now throbbing finger.

At least I didn't have to go to the emergency room. It seems that no matter what ailment you have, the people in the ER want to stick tubes into your body. There are a number of places they can stick tubes into your body without making new holes and they all hurt. So any time you can avoid the ER, it's a good thing.

Anyway, my finger is beginning to heal now. My only hope is that it will heal

normally so I won't end up looking like some third-rate shop teacher.

The moral is, if you're going to be putting up Christmas lights any time in the near future, be careful. Be careful when you're unstringing the lights, be careful when you're on the roof, and especially be careful with the ladder. Otherwise, you may end up getting a more serious injury than mine and you will be forced to go to the emergency room.

Watch out for that big tube.

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The Forum

How have the required theology courses affected your religious beliefs?



John Zaharis

Arts & Sciences Senior

"They have made me have a stronger belief in my religion, which is Greek Eastern Orthodox."



David Michael Gruenbaum

Arts & Sciences Sophomore

"They haven't because I already had firm religious beliefs prior to taking the courses."



Meghan Matthews

Arts & Sciences Freshman

"Religion has been a big part of my life and the theology classes have helped me develop my faith better."




Heather Fritsche

Arts & Sciences Sophomore

"I was a really spiritual person before and it's just strengthened it. I'm looking forward to taking theology classes next semester."

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RA hopefuls compete for places

122 students
apply for 18-20
RA positions

BY LACHELLE FRYETT

REPORTER

A record number of students applied for the next year's resident advisor positions.

Two years ago 85 applications were submitted. The amount of applications has increased by twenty every year since. The great response is welcomed as a blessing, Wayne Young Jr. said.

"Our current RA staff did an outstanding job of recruiting this year. I'm very proud of them and grateful for their commitment to their jobs as RAs," Young said. "The quality of the applicants is excellent. It has been like splitting hairs trying to decide who to select."

Over 190 sophomores and juniors attended information sessions on becoming RAs next fall. Residence Life received 122 completed applications within two weeks of holding the sessions.

Many applicants said they felt grateful for the guidance given them by their RAs and saw the RA position as an opportunity to make a difference in someone's life.

"As a freshman, I had people who looked out for me. I was looking for a way to do my part, to give someone the knowledge and experience I have. I love listening to people and trying to help them and I thought being an

RA would be a perfect opportunity to do that," Arts & Sciences sophomore Rob Cheshire said.

RAs are paid an annual salary of \$300 in monthly installments during the academic year. In addition they receive a private room and either a 15- or 19-meal board plan. There are approximately 55 RAs at any given time.

The application itself consisted of a one-page resumé, a one-to-two page statement of philosophy and two referrals.

Career Services provided assistance and templates of resúmes for students who needed them.

"The resumé requirement was a real intentional move on our part," said Wayne Young Jr., assistant director of resident life. "We wanted to provide the applicants with an opportunity to write a resumé early-on in their college career, as sophomores, rather than waiting until their senior year."

After the applications were received, the RA selection process continued with a carousel session on Oct. 31. Students introduced themselves to current RAs, resident directors and Residence Life administrators during an hour and 45 minute session.

"We wanted to provide a relaxed atmosphere in which the candidates could get to know us and we could begin to place faces with names," McGloin Residence Hall RA and Arts & Sciences junior Therese Pogge said. "We were hoping to take some of the stress out of the experience."

Interviews began after the carousel session and continued

until just before Thanksgiving break. In addition to providing students with a chance to write resúmes, RAs and RDs said they hoped the interview process would help students prepare for the eventual job searching and interview experience.

"I thought the interview was the most intense part," Arts & Sciences sophomore Allison Esquibel said. "They asked questions about how I would promote unity, how I felt about encouraging Jesuit values and beliefs and how I would resolve different issues regarding alcohol and sexuality. I thought that they were cool questions and very important to resident life here at Creighton."

The Residence Life staff wanted to have a balanced representation on the interview boards of RDs, RAs and a resident-student representative.

"We weren't always able to have a full board because classes conflicted with the interview schedule; but we tried to have a good representation for every interview," Pogge said.

Though the RDs look for diverse students, they also look for them to have one thing in common.

They look for students who can be responsible for teaching underclassmen about the culture of Creighton, Young said. RAs help to preserve Creighton ideals and beliefs in the next generation of students and are the primary source for teaching what it means to be at Creighton.

"The impact RAs have on the university is very great. We try to look at the character of the applicants and how they will fit into the character of Creighton,

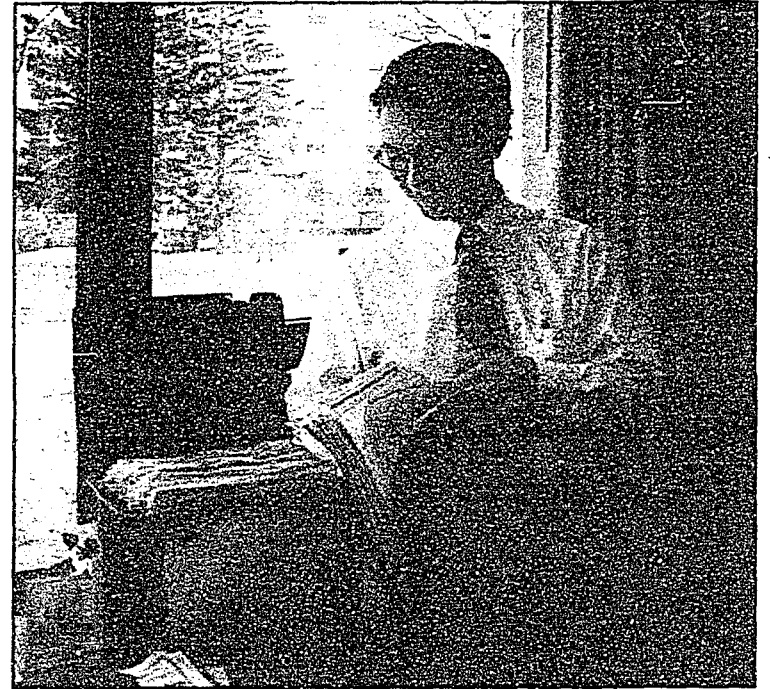


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Director of residence life, **Wayne Young Jr.** examines a few of the 122 RA applications his department received for the 18-20 available positions. Young plans to inform applicants of his decisions next week.

how they will contribute to the Jesuit tradition and the mission of Creighton," Young said.

The Residence Life staff said it feels one of the greatest questions faced by students during college is trying to figure out who they are. Because of this search for identity and direction, Residence Life seeks students with a deep sense of themselves.

"Our process is not geared toward students that were valedictorians, or captains of their volleyball, football or cheerleading squads. We look for people

who can teach who they are," Young said. "RAs need to be people who know who they are and can help others discover who they are."

There are 18-20 positions currently open that Residence Life plans to fill. The selections will be announced between Dec. 6 and 18. A list of alternative candidates will be made in the event additional positions open between now and next fall.

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Tardiness linked to psyche, learned behavior

BY ELIZABETH ELLIOTT
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COPY EDITOR AND REPORTER

As the clock strikes half-past the hour, students can be seen scurrying across the mall in all directions.

In the classroom students slip in after the lecture has started, taking the closest seat to the door to avoid a disturbance.

For some college students, being late to class is a daily ritual; a ritual that will need to be broken before entering the work-force, said Susan Rorabaugh, information specialist at Career Services.

Rorabaugh said students might be in the habit of being late now and suffer no consequences, but companies could retaliate against chronic lateness with suspension or even termination.

It is the students' loss if they are late to class. Grades can suffer if a student is absent, but penalizing for tardiness requires too much book work, said Dr. Gene Selk, professor of philosophy.

"If it becomes a chronic problem, I will call the student aside after class and tell them it is rude and disruptive," Selk said.

Bad manners is only one of the reasons people are not on time. Parking, or the lack thereof, causes many students to straggle in after classes have already begun.

"Either we park blocks away and hike, or continuously circle the lot until we get a prime spot, either way we are late," said Arts & Sciences junior Rosslyn Grosely.

Some students seem to think that tardiness is a learned behavior.

Javier Rios, Arts & Sciences senior,

blames his chronic tardiness on his early childhood.

"My mom always took us late to school," Rios said.

Rios said he's late to class now because he doesn't leave himself enough time to get ready.

For some activities, Rios finds it acceptable to show up late.

"Some things I go to late on purpose like parties," he said.

Other students don't seem to put quite as much thought and logic into their excuses.

"I'm late for things I don't like, morning classes, morning work, work in general," said Arts & Sciences sophomore Aaron Hutchison.

This attitude of indifference about time affects those who are late as well as the people who have to wait for them.

Arts & Sciences senior Erica Wulfkuhle said her ride last semester would come rip-roaring up to her Old Market apartment at 8:25 for their 8:30 class.

"The worst part was waiting outside, it was 14 degrees, wind blowing and snowing; thinking I could have gone and been back by the time the lag wagon

arrived," Wulfkuhle said.

This tardy trend is not necessarily a sign of disrespect. It stems from students being involved, possibly over-involved, in a variety of activities, Rorabaugh said.

Another reason for people's habitual lateness may lie in psychological protest. Personality traits like stubbornness may be factors, according to Dr. Mike Kelley, Counseling Center psychologist.

"Being late reflects a part of personality," Kelley said.

Kelley said one reason people may be late is in protest to the amount of work going on in their lives.

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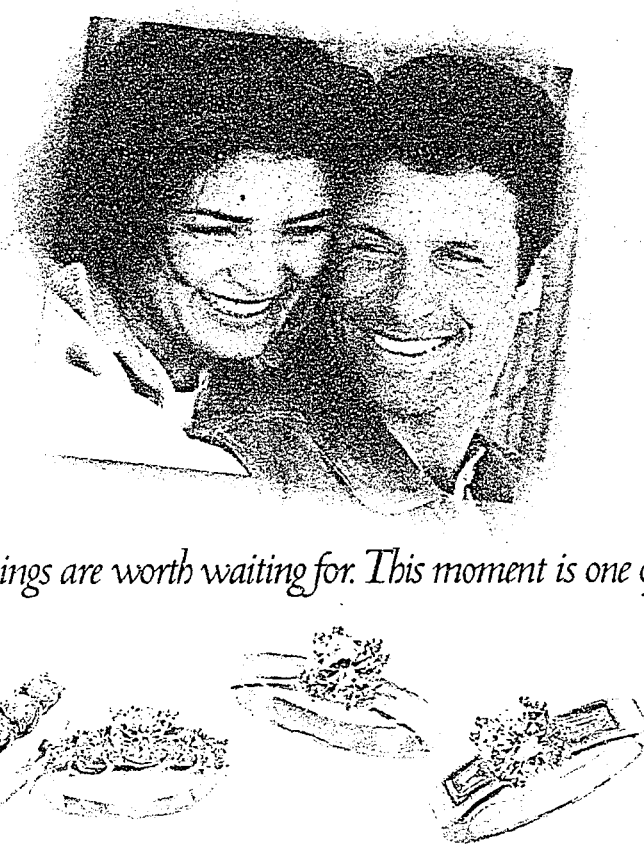
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What: Women's Basketball
When: Sunday 2:05 p.m.
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Fast Fact: The Jays oppose Nebraska in their second home game of the season.

AT A GLANCE

What: Men's Basketball
When: Tomorrow 7:05 p.m.
Where: Civic Auditorium
Fast Fact: The men will look to continue their winning streak.

Jays emerge into the elite eight of soccer

By DAVID GARCIA-PRATS

REPORTER

Two years ago when the Creighton men's soccer team reached the Final Four, the three NCAA tournament games leading to Virginia were all played on the road. Hopefully, history can repeat itself this year.

After a first round 4-1 overtime win at St. Louis and a second round 2-0 victory at UCLA, once again the Jays must pack their bags to head for another NCAA tournament road game, this time at the University of Maryland (15-7-0).

No. 18 Maryland earned a spot in the quarter-finals by defeating Jacksonville 3-

0 last weekend in Maryland.

Last weekend the Jays advanced to the quarter-finals by defeating defending champions No. 6 UCLA on their home field. The win was viewed as an upset by many, considering UCLA's history at home, including winning 31 of the 32 home games and national championship banners hanging around the field.

"The guys never felt they would not win the game," said head coach Bret Simon. Simon added that the Jays were not overwhelmed by the mystique of playing at UCLA.

Creighton took the lead 16 minutes into the game when sophomore Peter Henning headed home a goal from

Richard Mulrooney. The score stayed level until the 60th minute when sophomore Brian Mullan scored his sixth goal of the year. His goal was assisted by junior Mike Bustos and senior Mulrooney.

The two assists in the game brought Mulrooney's career total to 51, making him one of only seven players in Division I NCAA history to record 50 or more assists in a career.

The defense, led by Tom Zawislan's six saves, held the Bruins' powerful offense scoreless. The defense has only allowed one goal in the past four games.

Unfortunately, Creighton was not able to get a home game of their own.

"We were a little surprised," said

Simon at the announcement that the game was not going to be a Tranquility Park, but instead at Maryland.

One advantage the Jays may have is the experience from their trip to the Final Four two years ago.

"With the experience, they should have the confidence that they can do it," Simon said, "We have to reach the same emotional level as the past two week-ends."

The game will be played at noon (CDT). The loser goes home, the winner goes to Richmond with a chance to play

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Bluejays look to bounce back after first loss

By BRANDIE JACOBY

SPORTS EDITOR

The women's basketball team will go into Sunday's home game against rival Nebraska with a 2-1 record.

The Jays started out their season with two victories, one from a road game against Wyoming on Nov. 13 and the other at home against Montana State on Nov. 21.

The team suffered its first loss on Nov. 24 against Iowa state. The teams were tied at halftime with 40, but Iowa State held the Bluejays to only 20 points in the second half to win the game 79-60.

Sophomore Mel Sames and freshman Sara Cizek led the offense with nine points each. Junior Taya Allen dominated the boards for the Jays with nine rebounds.

The game against the Huskers is scheduled for 2:05 p.m. at the Civic Auditorium.

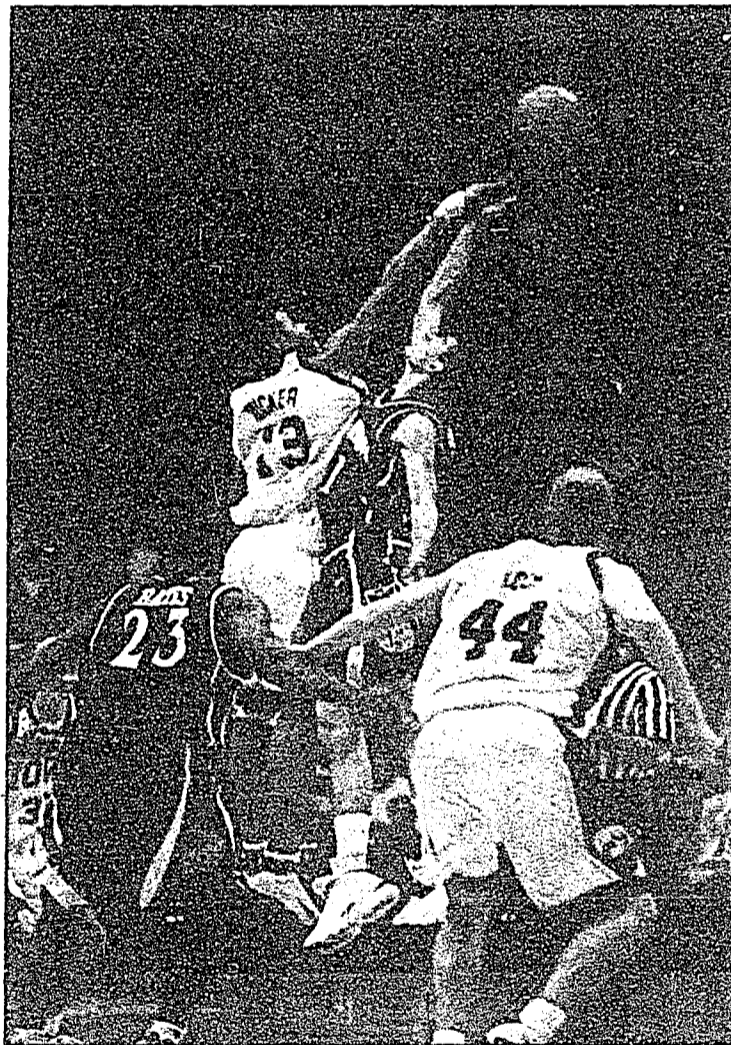
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IOWA CITY, Iowa- Above: Senior **Rodney Buford** maneuvers around an Iowa defender.

Right: Senior center **Doug Swenson** goes up for the tip off against the Hawkeyes' Guy Rucker. The Bluejays won at Carver-Hawkeye Arena where Iowa had a 97-8 non-conference record before their encounter with the Jays



Men shoot for perfection at 5-0

By DAVID GOUGER
 & JEREMY QUIGLEY

REPORTER & PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

After defeating Baylor Wednesday, the Creighton Bluejays upped their record to 5-0, the team's best start since the 1980-81 squad.

The win over the Bears capped a week in which the Jays also won at Iowa and crushed Centenary at home.

Despite the success, coach Dana Altman said the team took a step backwards in the game.

"I thought each game before this we had gotten a little better," Altman said. "But tonight we did not improve defensively, and we didn't improve our execution on the offensive end."

Baylor jumped out to a 6-4 lead -

its only lead of the game - but the Jays stormed back with a 24-4 run over the next 13 minutes.

Senior center Doug Swenson was more concerned with the letdown on defense. The Bears outscored Creighton 39-35 after the half with guard Tevis Stukes getting 25 of those points.

"That's just a failure on the team," Swenson said. "He caught us standing around in the second half, and he took advantage of it."

Besides defeating Big 12 foe Baylor, the Jays scored a huge win for

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their program with the win over Big Ten school Iowa at Iowa City.

"Creighton is a nice balanced ball club. We feared them coming in and as you can see, our fears were well found-

ed," Iowa coach Tom Davis said.

Altman said senior forward Rodney Buford, who finished with 24 points, was the difference.

Junior forward Donnie Johnson made his first career start a memorable one as he scored 16 points in the romp over the Gentlemen.

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Centenary coach Billy Kennedy - a former assistant at Creighton - was impressed with the Jays' depth.

"With their ability to play a number of different lineups, they're very difficult to guard," Kennedy said.

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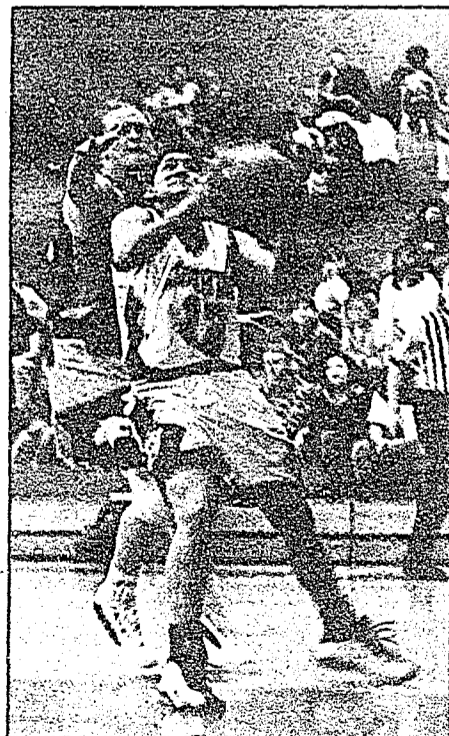


Photo by Jeremy Quigley
 Sophomore **Tanya Cenac** drives to the hoop during the Nov. 21 game against Montana State at Millard South High School.