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## COBA Confronts Serious Financial Issues

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Declining enrollment in the College of Business Administration (COBA) has forced Dean Bernard Reznicek to ask faculty - including tenured professors - to voluntarily resign or take early retirement by the end of today.

"We've had a continuing decline in enrollment in the college since 1991 and our faculty has remained roughly the same," Dr. Charles J. Dougherty, vice president for Academic Affairs said. "The result is that the cost of running the college has come far out of line with the revenue."

According to Dougherty, 75-80 percent of the cost of operation is devoted to salaries. Seventy-five percent of all the salaries in COBA belong to professors.

The college currently has 547 students enrolled and approximately 40

full-time faculty. All but one COBA faculty member has tenure.

Dougherty said COBA could easily operate with only 30 full-time faculty members. The current number of faculty employed is ideal for 800 students.

Dougherty said he is hoping that enough faculty members voluntarily leave to put the financial situation at ease. If enough do not volunteer, there is an "unpleasant" option that may be considered, he said.

"One option we do have, and it's not an option that we want to take, is a declaration of financial exigency," Dougherty said. "This is when the finances in an area of the university have come so out of control that we have a right to terminate tenured faculty members. This is the most unpleasant option that we don't look upon fondly."

Dougherty said a declaration of financial exigency is a last resort.

"Our plan is to bring cost under control in a voluntary fashion. No one wants the pain associated with the financial exigency," he said.

Reznicek announced Tuesday that he will resign as Creighton COBA dean - effective Dec. 31, 1996. He expects all negotiations with faculty to be final before he leaves Creighton.

Reznicek said that his resignation has nothing to do with COBA enrollment.

"There is no correlation between it," he said. "I've had several opportunities, but I've chosen to stay at Creighton, and this one is just a little too appealing."

He is leaving Creighton to take a position as national director of Utilities Marketing with Central States Indemnity Co. of Omaha.

Reznicek, a 1958 Creighton graduate, took the position of dean in July of 1994 after he retired as chief executive

officer of Boston Edison Co., a Fortune 500 company in Boston.

Reznicek will stay until the end of the year to finalize negotiations with faculty and help with fund raising.

"I'm optimistic that this will work out and get control of our costs," he said.

Dougherty said that even if there are several faculty who voluntarily leave the university, there are chances that some would have to be replaced. They are in departments where the student-professor ratio is on target.

"It doesn't save any money if they have to be replaced, except of course if the person is late in their career and being paid quite a bit of money. Then we can hire someone who is early in their career and pay them less," he said.

According to Dougherty, the options associated with financial

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## Freshman Numbers Total 880

MICHELLE DEWITT  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The exact numbers have been tallied - freshman enrollment is up at Creighton University. But, not every undergraduate college has benefited.

There are 880 freshmen at Creighton this fall. Last year there were 786 freshmen on campus.

A major factor in the turnaround is guaranteed admissions, a policy that ensures admission to certain Creighton graduate schools for some freshmen.

The policy has not cured the enrollment problems that have plagued the College of Business Administration (COBA) for the past six years.

While the College of Arts & Sciences boasts its second-largest class ever with 706 students, there are 120 freshman students in COBA, down from 127 last year. COBA enrollment has declined every year since 1989, when there were 222 students in the freshman class.

According to Laurie Vinduska, director of Admissions, there is a decreasing interest in business as a major on a national scale.

"Freshmen decline in business interest reflects a national trend; however, we are committed to continue to develop strategies to do what we can to recruit from the smaller pool," Vinduska said.

According to a 1993 publication written by Kenneth C. Green for the American Association of Colleges and Schools of Business, the projection for business colleges in the future is not good.

"It is unlikely that market share [business colleges] will return to the peak levels recorded in the mid-1980s, when fully one-quarter of the full-time freshmen entering American colleges and universities identified business as their intended major," the article reads.

A separate article by Green, published in the March 1, 1996 edition of the *Journal of Career Planning & Employment*, records the downward trend in business enrollment. According to the article, the number of entering freshmen who planned to be business or accounting majors fell 42 percent between 1988 and 1995.

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*St. Ignatius Awards were presented to Ronald Volkmer (above) and Dr. Mary Kuhlman (right) at the Mass of the Holy Spirit on Wednesday.*



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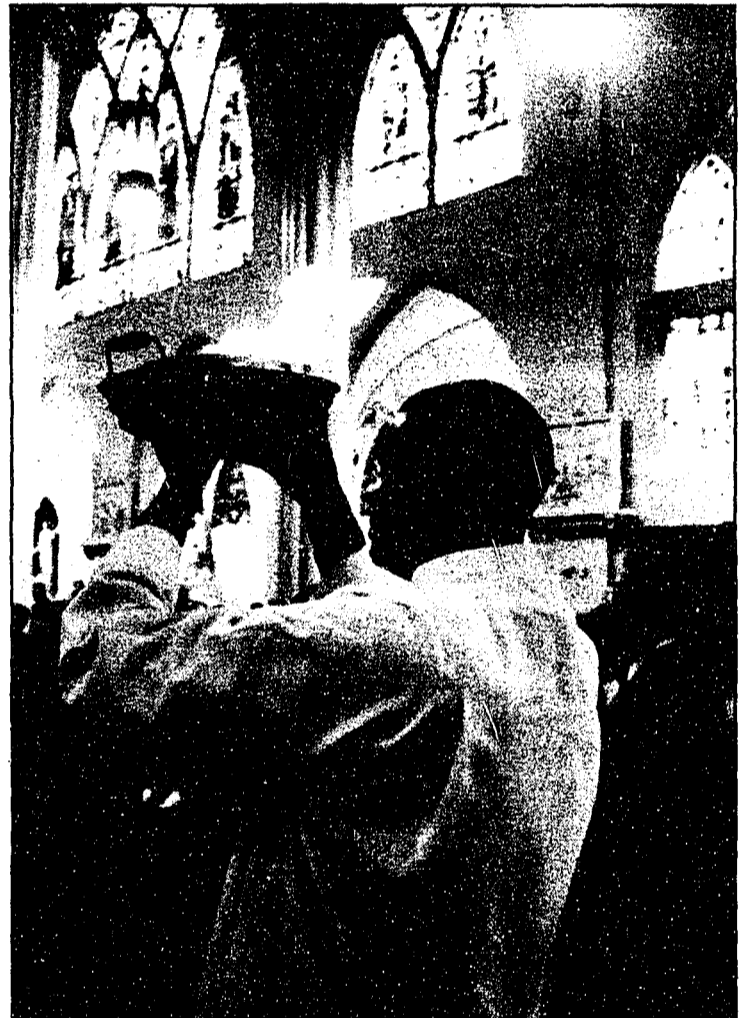


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*Arts & Sciences senior Randall Crutcher carried the flame at the Mass of the Holy Spirit on Wednesday.*

## Two Awards Presented at Mass

ANNE WYATT  
REPORTER

In his homily at the Mass of the Holy Spirit Wednesday, the Rev. Walter J. Burghardt, S.J., urged the Creighton community to "do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God."

The recipients of the St. Ignatius Award, Dr. Mary H. Kuhlman, secretary of the Theology Department and English professor, and law professor Ronald R. Volkmer exemplified this statement by living the Ignatian mission.

The award is given out yearly to a staff member and a faculty member or administrator and recognizes service to others and the promotion of justice in the Creighton community and beyond.

During her 20 years as secretary of

the Theology Department, Kuhlman's title has changed from secretary to executive assistant as her responsibilities grew. In addition to this job, Kuhlman received her doctorate in English two years ago and has since been teaching literature in the English Department.

"It feels overwhelming," Kuhlman said. "I feel unworthy, but accepting. It is true that we have a sense of action."

Theology professor Sr. Joan Mueller said that Kuhlman promotes justice quietly and with humility.

"Dr. Kuhlman quietly lives justice," Mueller said. "She is involved in a variety of projects in the city. As secretary, she distinguishes projects not on the criteria of prestige, but on the criteria of need."

For 27 years as a professor at Creighton's School of Law, Volkmer

has lived the Jesuit mission by teaching the Christian spirit to law students.

"For me it's the integration," Volkmer said. "I'm able, at Creighton, to live out my Jesuit values."

Volkmer has not only lived out Ignatian ideals at Creighton, but also in the Omaha community. He has worked with the Stephen Center, a facility serving as a crisis and homeless shelter and a day care center, since it opened in 1985. At least three times a week, Volkmer serves as an overnight volunteer responsible for staffing the center during the night.

"He takes his community service work every bit as seriously as what he does with the rest of his life," said Judy Mascarello, executive director of the center. "He is a very dedicated person. We couldn't do what we do down here if it wasn't for people like him."

# Guaranteed Admission Policy Raises Questions and Doubts

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REPORTERS

The guaranteed admission policy has created controversy among students, faculty, administration and the Student Board of Governors (SBG) since its official beginning this fall.

This year's freshmen, the class of 2000, is the first, and potentially the only class to enter the program.

The policy guarantees undergraduates a spot in Creighton's professional school, provided they meet certain requirements. It is being reviewed by administration to decide whether it will be continued for the class of 2001.

Students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or greater and earn at least a 3.5 GPA in all math and science courses.

Students in the guaranteed admissions program for medical school do not have to take the MCAT standardized entrance exam, but students in dentistry and law are still required to take the DAT and LSAT respectively.

According to admissions applications, of this year's incoming freshman class, 335 intend to pursue premed studies. In 1993 (the last year accurate numbers were kept concerning

premed students) the number was 259.

The program has been received positively by potential students, parents, guidance counselors and competing schools," said Laurie Vinduska, director of Admissions.

Arts & Sciences freshman Maria Moser said the policy was an important factor in her decision to come to Creighton. "Medical school is so hard to get into. With the policy, I don't have so much pressure," she said.

However, SBG President Jim Esch is concerned that the policy focuses too heavily on academics at the expense of service-oriented work, which the Creighton University mission statement calls for.

SBG has proposed that the guaranteed admissions committee, which consists of students from Justice and Alpha Phi Omega and some administration faculty, take into consideration a recommendation to incorporate student involvement as a requirement.

Dr. Charles Austerberry, professor of biology and chair of the Pre-Health Sciences Advisory Committee, is concerned about competitiveness.

There are only 110 seats available in Creighton's Medical School. If more than 110 students meet the

requirements only the "most academically qualified" will be accepted, according to Austerberry. This could mean that a 3.5 GPA may not be high enough for acceptance.

The Rev. Michael Proterra, S.J., dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, sent a survey on the policy to 174 faculty members.

Sixty-five responded. Forty-seven said the policy should continue. Eleven said it should not continue, and seven said it is to soon to make a response.

From these results, Proterra recommends that the policy be an experiment until the freshman class completes med school.

"We cannot do an experiment for just one year," he said.

Proterra said if enrollment among students interested in the guaranteed admission policy continues to increase, there may be more problems to deal with.

"Classes are tight right now, but workable. We may have to cap the number of students accepted if enrollment continues to increase," he said.

# Freshmen Numbers Increase

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"I am very concerned about the enrollment decline in COBA," said Dr. Charles J. Dougherty, vice president for Academic Affairs.

The business college was the only undergraduate college to report an enrollment decrease.

There was an increase of freshmen in the College of Nursing, with 54 students enrolled compared to 45 last year.

This freshman class is the most academically strong and ethnically diverse class in CU history. The average ACT score (including SAT scores converted to an ACT scale) was 25.3, and 21 percent of the class scored between a 29 and a 35 on the ACT. Last year the average ACT score was 25.2 and in 1994 it was 24.8.

"The national attention Creighton has been receiving (*U.S. News & World Report*, *Money Magazine*) has helped us to attract more academically-qualified students each year," Vinduska said. She also said Admissions tries to attract students with strong academic backgrounds through different initiatives, including holding a scholarship recognition dinner for the top high school scholars who were admitted to the university.

Minority freshmen enrollment improved to 21 percent this year. Last year it was 16.3 percent. Vinduska attributes the increase to admissions efforts and the guaranteed admissions policy.

Dougherty said that the minority enrollment is a good sign for making the Creighton 2000 goal, which states the university goal of having a 20 percent minority enrollment university-wide by 2000.

"Thus it is the first ray of hope that that goal may be achievable," Dougherty said.

# CU Earns Acclaim

*U.S. News & World Report* ranked Creighton University No. 1 among comparable Midwest universities for the first time in its 1997 "America's Best Colleges" edition.

In both the 1995 and the 1996 editions, Creighton ranked No. 2.

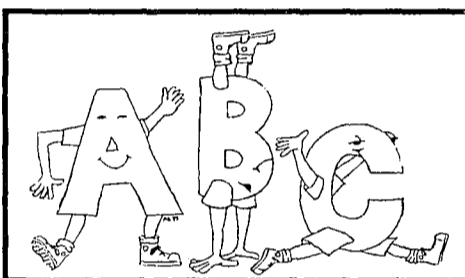
"The university is delighted by this recognition," said Dr. Charles J. Dougherty, vice president for Academic Affairs. "We're not surprised, because we have been at the top of this list for a decade, but we're pleased that we're finally number one."

*U.S. News & World Report* considers more than 500 colleges and universities to determine the top 15 in four geographic regions.

The magazine ranked Creighton No. 1 among Midwest universities for its academic reputation and financial resources. It was ranked No. 3 for its faculty resources.

Dougherty believes that ranking will add to the value of a Creighton education.

"Number two was very useful for us, but there's nothing like number one," he said.



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# Student Threatens Creighton With Lawsuit

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Tom Kaup accepted the shortage of handicapped parking stalls. He had accepted the ordeal of getting to the bookstore. He had accepted the difficult brick surface of the campus. But when he received a ticket on July 25 for parking his specially-equipped van in two faculty spaces, he lost his patience with Creighton University.

"This ticket was it," Kaup said.

Kaup, a high school teacher and part-time Creighton student, is threatening to file a complaint with the U.S. Justice Department. Creighton administrators have responded by canceling the ticket and widening handicapped spaces in the parking lot.

Seven years ago, Kaup, 37, was treated with a high-powered drug to combat viral pneumonia. Kaup says the drug saved his life, but destroyed his left leg. He has an artificial hip which has been replaced twice, and his left knee is 50 percent deteriorated. If he parks in only one spot and someone parks next to him, he is unable to enter his van and leave.

After finding the ticket on his van, Kaup wrote a letter to Creighton's Department of Public Safety. He explained that he had a class in the Administration building, and that on the day he received the ticket one handicapped stall in the parking lot east of 24th Street was occupied and the other was not wide enough to lower the ramp for his motorized scooter.

In the letter, Kaup lists other complaints: restrooms that do not comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act, the brick surface of campus which makes it difficult for people with wheelchairs to cross, and no elevator in the bookstore.

Kaup said the bookstore is "the most glaring problem on campus in terms of accessibility."

For him and other disabled people to enter the store, they must enter Swanson Hall, go to the front desk, call Public Safety and wait for an officer to meet them. The officers have a special key that will enable the elevator to go to the ground floor under Swanson.

Kaup said that he then has to use a ramp that is too steep and flimsy and have the officer open the door to the bookstore. The officer then has to wait for Kaup to finish his errands or Kaup has to call the officer back to "lead [him] back through the labyrinth to get out."

In the letter, Kaup had requested a written response from Public Safety within 14 days, and said that if the situation on campus was not resolved he would file charges.

Kaup received an immediate response from Public Safety Director Rick McAuliffe. To Kaup, McAuliffe said that it "was unfortunate that [Kaup] received a citation other than a warning."

McAuliffe returned Kaup's \$15 check for the fine. McAuliffe also said he inspected the handicapped parking stalls in the lot east of 24th Street and concluded that they were problematic.

In the letter, McAuliffe wrote, "I have asked our facilities personnel to erect new signs and restripe this area, converting four stalls into three. A fourth stall will be created at the corner perpendicular to 24th Street. Additional handicapped stalls will be added as needed." McAuliffe said that anyone with a parking problem should contact a Public Safety officer.

Kaup has not yet filed a lawsuit because of the "favorable response and [Creighton's] willingness to accommodate disabled students. I sense they're willing to do that. Hopefully, a complaint won't be necessary," he said.

But, he said, he isn't sure of the changes Creighton will make in response to the letter.

The day after he received the ticket, Kaup

entered the same parking lot and saw a Public Safety officer.

"I just drove over to him and asked 'Where should I park?' He said, 'In the handicapped parking spaces.' I said, 'I can't park there with my lift. I need extra space so I can put my lift down.' So he said, 'Go park down by the baseball field. Nobody ever parks there.'

"I said, 'That's illegal according to the ADA, the Americans With Disabilities Act.' And he said, 'Well, I'm not a lawyer, so I don't know anything about that.'

Finally, Kaup was told to take the last spot in the Faculty/Staff parking at the north end of the lot, which "was still far, but closer than the baseball field...What if my batteries ran out? What if it [the scooter] broke? It is impossible for me to walk that far," he said.

Kaup has also had trouble parking his van near the Communication Arts building. There is one handicapped spot on the west side of campus which is large enough for his lift. He is unable to get his scooter in the men's restroom in the Lied Education Center for the Arts.

Jim Willett, Creighton's facilities director, agreed that the bookstore, Student Services, and Financial Aid are all problematic for disabled people to enter. He said long-range plans include corrections to that, but the expenditures are large. For example, Willett said it will cost an estimated \$150,000 to put an elevator in Brandeis. Even a simple ramp from the quadrangle to the lower level of the bookstore would be about \$30,000.

Willett agreed that there are problems with the restrooms in the Lied Education Center for the Arts. Many of those problems occurred because of the building's shape.

"I think that there's some things we can do that would probably involve reducing the number of the stalls in the restrooms...We haven't decided yet how exactly we're going to handle that," he said.

Willett said he appreciates input about problematic areas on campus.

"That's the whole idea behind the law, that it's a cooperative effort. The disabled person has some responsibility to identify the difficulties that they have so corrections can be made."

Kaup agrees. "I am supportive of Creighton. I like Creighton. Public Safety has been accommodating up to this point but they [the university] need to do some things to make themselves more accessible, so other people can have an opportunity to receive the excellent education at Creighton University - people with special needs," he said. "I know they don't have extra funds laying around. You want to be supportive and accommodating. I really like Creighton. I want my students to go to Creighton," Kaup said.



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Part-time student Tom Kaup (above) uses a motorized scooter. He experienced parking problems on campus this summer when only one handicapped parking stall was large enough to accommodate his van, which is specially equipped with a lift. After receiving a parking ticket, Kaup threatened to file charges against Creighton with the U.S. Justice Department.

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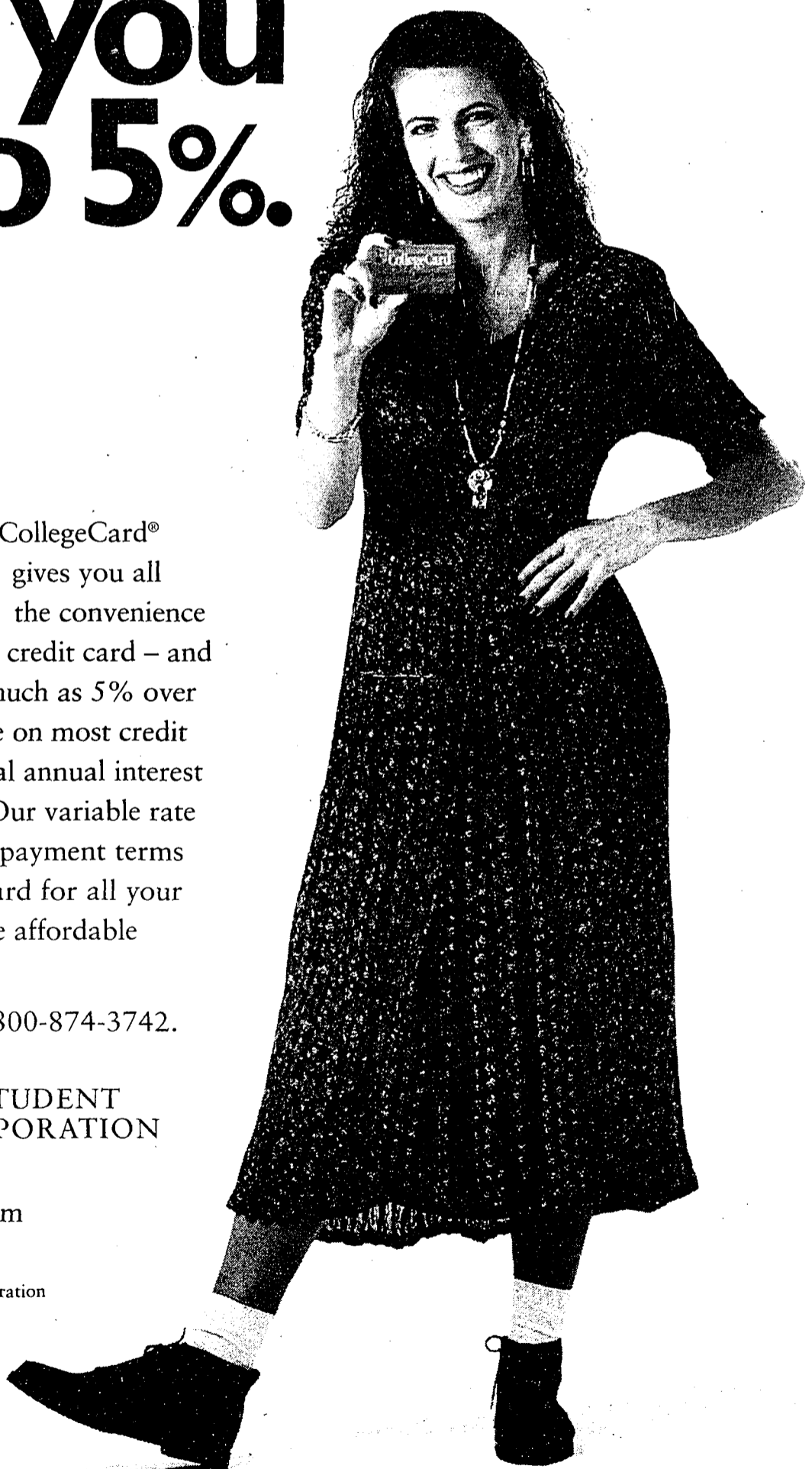
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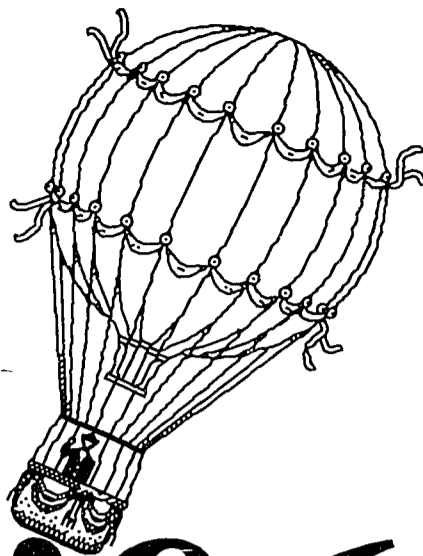
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exigency are legal, and faculty are aware of this possibility.

"It's in the faculty handbook and is understood legally as one way a university as a whole or in one of its parts can claim that tenure is no longer viable," said Dougherty.

According to the handbook, there are four reasons tenured faculty may be terminated:

- medical reasons
- financial exigency

- discontinuance of a program or department
- cause

According to Dr. Tom Coffey, president of the faculty council, an elected group of faculty which meets regularly with the academic council to discuss university issues, the issues of early retirement and financial exigency have not been formally presented to the council.

The faculty council meets next on Sept. 19. These issues are not on the formal agenda, but may be brought up

under new business, Coffey said.

"Everybody's concerned, but we haven't officially heard word yet," Coffey said. "I'm assuming that if interest is sufficient, it will be brought up at the meeting on the 19th."

Coffey said lack of concern may not be the reason the issue has not been discussed at earlier meetings.

"Some people would rather wait because they would rather gather more information or bring it up at a later date. They don't want to precipitate it by bringing it up [too soon]," he said.

According to Dougherty, COBA has already cut costs in order to avoid eliminating faculty.

"Secretarial positions have been consolidated and eliminated, and we have made a substantial cut in the budget for travel for faculty," Dougherty said. "With the obvious exception of the renovation of the building, we have tried everything to cut costs in other areas. The building, we are hoping, is part of the solution of getting students back into the college."

Creighton's low business enrollment is representative of a national decline of interest in business careers.

"The fix is that the decline in students interested in business comes at a time when we have virtually complete tenure among our [business] faculty. If we don't have those together, we have more flexibility," he said.

He said most of the business faculty are not of retirement age.

Dougherty said, however, that this trend, as with all trends, is cyclical.

"There are some signs that it may

be turning around. Students enrolled in MBA programs, which have similarly seen a drop, have been up in the past two years. This indicates a renewed interest in business [nationally]," he said.

There have been several efforts to bring COBA's enrollment up.

The \$4.5 million renovation of the Eppley Business Administration Building is one attempt at attracting students.

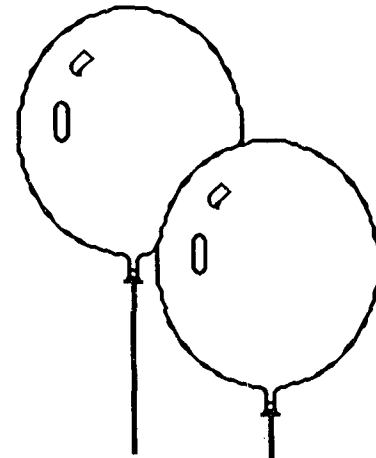
"We previously had nothing to show students. Now we have a real showcase - not only aesthetically, but in terms of technology," Dougherty said. "This will pay off when students start to make campus visits."

Creighton will also open up the Creighton Institute to the business community in the next couple of weeks. Creighton faculty will teach non-credit courses in information technology for business needs.

"We're hoping that the great presence in the business community will indicate that this is a good place for people to send their kids to college," Dougherty said.

Coffey said that there is plenty of informal discussion among COBA faculty about the possibility of tenured faculty being terminated, but he does not anticipate this to spread to other schools or colleges.

"One always keeps one's eyes open, but I don't see a trend," he said.



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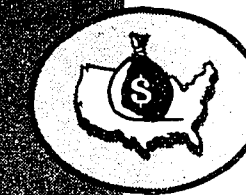
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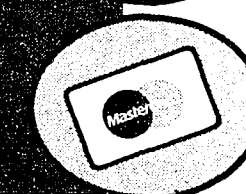
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# Listen To The Symphony Within Yourself

So, it is Friday the 13th and the lucky thing about that is that we finish three and one half weeks of classes. What also is ending is our having to answer the many-asked question about how our summers went. How was it? Two terrible plane disasters shocked us. One grand olympics entertained us, and more recently the two politico-lympics allowed us the opportunity to take no notice.

My view of you this week has to do with how fall will be for you. I have a little test you can do in the privacy of your own head. First, turn on some music and adjust the volume to a moderate level. Now try to mentally hum some other melody. If you do it correctly, you will do it incorrectly, which will in turn be a correct experiment illustrating my point. "Ah", you say, "what's your point?" My view is that we all have basic melodies which keep playing in our stereophonic minds. We become accustomed to their beat and meaning so much so that we become unaware of their influence. We dance to their beat, we live by their message. A few Friday evenings ago, the campus was treated to the music of the Jamaican Jam through the hugest speakers in the world. The seismographs all over the Midwest registered shock waves measuring six on their scales. For a while that evening many were moved by its throbbing intensity.



## A View Of You

Fr. Larry Gillick, S.J.

The music to which I wish to draw attention is less of decibel, yet perhaps more directive.

Here's my view, my point at last. If you followed my little mental-singing test, you now have a good idea of how the fall is going to be, at least as far as listening to different melodies goes. Some say that we hear what we want to hear, perhaps. My view is that we hear what we are accustomed to hearing, that is, what "always is said," or what "they" are saying these days.

So while you were listening to the music and trying to hum one other song, you might have experienced confusion, a confluence of music. What causes most problems here at Creighton is that while we continue singing our usual, traditional, habitual songs without even consciously knowing it, other new, unusual and apparently discordant melodies are playing around us. It is just like the experience

of the little experiment I offered above. It is hard to listen to two different tunes at once; the one inside us and the one being offered from outside.

For those who have begun to study French or German, those sounds are so different from the sound of English, that for a while you will want to pronounce letters and combinations of letters as if they were English, and why not? That is the usual way you have always done it.

Education generally, and specifically here at Creighton then, is a confluence of melodies and adjusting to the new and finding a place for the different which resolves into harmony. The clinging to one's old, but comfortable tunes results in cacophony and can result in permanent hearing-loss. It is so wonderful to hear the voices of Korea or Japan, mingle with the Hispanic and the deep round notes of the African voices mix with the American accents of Texas, New York and even Chicago. The real harmony begins when differing ideas and experiences are spoken, sung and heard.

My view of you this week then is of the coming fall. The political conventions are over and the speeches will continue through most of the first semester. I wonder if any voter is changed by what is presented. I think the Republicans listened to the Democratic convention with the same

intensity as the Democrats watched the Republican party; that is to find out how terrible, weak, insensitive, unenlightened and out-of-touch the other side really is. Well, while all this is going on around us this fall, there are songs to be sung and melodies to be heard within us. They will not be as loud perhaps as the Jamaican-Jam, but hopefully they will be heard inside us. Let the music begin! Enjoy the semester's symphony, and just for fun, look up the word "tricadecaphobia."

## Letters to the Editor

The Creighton Staff welcomes letters to the editor. Letters must be TYPED and SIGNED, and must be received by 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Hitchcock Communication Arts Centre, Room 203. Their contents will be published in whole or in part at the discretion of the editorial staff.

# The Forum

## Do You Keep Up With the News?



**Jeff Klouse**

Arts & Sciences Freshman

"Yes, I can communicate better with the people I work with outside of school."

PATRICK J. GARMOE  
OPINION EDITOR

The United States attacked Iraq last week unbeknownst to many students at Creighton.

As the Russian Army attacked Grozny, refugees fled their homes half dressed, surprised by the attack.

Despite these earth shaking events, at Creighton the topics of conversation centered around sadness that it was time to toil through another semester and complaints about the food in the dining halls.

In the conversations I was involved in, neither Iraq, nor Russia registered as a topic worthy of discussion.

What makes this so pitiful is that this deficiency of interest in world affairs is not even a new trend.

The media know that Americans do not care about international events and, therefore, choose not to report the news unless there is a definite American tie to it. For instance, let's look at this situation with the Kurds in Iraq.

Iraq has been violating the no-fly-zone rule for several weeks now, but until the Americans got involved, by firing missiles at Iraq, the newspapers



**Ann Brockhaus**

Nursing Freshman

"Not really, but I do hear a lot from my parents."

in the United States did not bother covering it. Newspapers knew Americans did not care what happened, just so long as no Americans were involved. But, of course, when the Americans attacked, it was all over the front page of every newspaper in the country.

Weeks prior to Americans hearing about the situation, newspapers in England already reported on Saddam Hussein's movements.

It is wrong for the media in America to skip reporting news because there are no American inter-

"Did anyone take the time to discuss the boy who hung himself..."

ests at stake. The only people that should be blamed though, are the readers.

At least in America if an event has something to do with Americans people will follow it. But on this campus, a story can have everything to do with America and students will still take no heed of it. Did anyone take the time to discuss the boy who hung



**Lisa Knoche**

Arts & Sciences Senior

"Yes, I think it's beneficial to understand things at a local level."

himself in his back yard because he could not stand another year of being teased? Probably not.

The definition of selfishness in "Webster's New World Dictionary" is: "Too much concerned with one's own welfare or interests and having little or no concern for others." Does that characterize most of us? Yes, unfortunately it does.

All of us are swamped with classes, tests, papers, and figuring out how to pay for another semester, but there are no excuses for not keeping up with the news.

In the few instances I did hear someone talking about news it always revolved around the latest stock market figures, or why a particular politician is wrong or right.

Being at a Jesuit school has hopefully taught us that we should be concerned about the welfare of others.

News, even internationally, affects us.

Just look back at Vietnam. Even Creighton had students demonstrating the war, while there is no doubt that some of their friends were in the trenches of Vietnam, as many of us would have been if the war would have taken place today, instead of the '60s and '70s.

So which story are you most con-



**Yuqing Shen**

First-year Graduate Student

"Yes, as students we should make sure we care about the people around us."

cerned with today: the stock market quotes, or the boy hanging dead from a tree?

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# Fair Packs in Plenty of Opportunities

MIMI DOUGLAS  
REPORTER

On Wednesday members of over 70 campus organizations packed themselves in the Skutt Student Center Ballroom for the annual Involvement Fair. The fair featured social, academic and athletic clubs and organizations from around campus.

"The event was directed toward anyone interested in finding out what kind of opportunities exist on campus," said Dionne Eastmo, coordinator for Leadership Development and Student Organizations.

Candidate for legislative district nine Shelley Kiel took advantage of the opportunity to mingle with voters. She cited the fair as a good opportunity to recruit volunteers and bring state level politics to the students.

"The Involvement Fair is a great resource for first-year students to see what the university has to offer," said Arts & Sciences freshman Steve Koch. "I think it helps a lot of students get involved and become part of the Creighton community."

Michele Millard, peer education



PHOTO BY MIMI DOUGLAS

Sophomore Ben Tschann, left, junior Robin Tucker, freshman Paul Butler and legislative district nine candidate Shelley Kiel discuss politics at the College Democrats' booth at Wednesday's Involvement Fair.

coordinator, said, "Successful students are people who choose to be involved . . . and they invest themselves in that organization and become part of the campus."

Students who are interested in learning more about the involvement opportunities available are invited to stop by the Student Activities office in the Skutt Student Center Room 110.

# ROTC Cadets Experience Military Life

BETSY OLESON  
REPORTER

Five ROTC cadets from Creighton earned the honor of attending several two-week programs at Air Force bases this summer, where they experienced different aspects of the military such as jump school, medicine, and flight school.

In order to attend, the cadets had to pass a physical fitness test, have a good GPA, score well on the Air Force Qualifying Officer Test and have a high commander rating, according to Jason Ash, Arts & Sciences sophomore, who went to jump school in May. These qualifications were evaluated by a selection board that determined who would attend.

Sophomores Aimee Brookner, Mai-linh Frascarelli and Shelly Inda participated in the Assist Program at Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, Texas. According to Brookner, the program consisted of seven days of briefings to familiarize the cadets with the base. The cadets shadowed medical officers for the last three days, which gave them an opportunity to see every aspect of a medical officer's typical day.

"I wanted to see what it would be like to be on active duty," said Inda.

The cadets also got to observe several surgeries.

"I saw a hysterectomy, a knee surgery, and a bunion removal," said Brookner.

The experience encouraged both cadets to continue to pursue their careers in the military; however, Frascarelli decided to no longer be a part of ROTC because of her experience. Frascarelli said the program gave her a chance to meet doctors in the Air Force and discuss the pros and cons of their careers.

"After going I saw a different side of the Air Force that I couldn't see myself being a part of," said Frascarelli. "Some of the people weren't happy with the administration in military medicine."

Arts & Sciences sophomore Matt Johnson traveled to the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs to participate in The Soaring Program. The program taught the fundamentals of flight by allowing cadets to pilot a glider, which is a lightweight aircraft with no engine. In order to become airborne, the aircraft was towed by a smaller plane, said Johnson.

"It was kind of disappointing because I only got up four times because of storms," said Johnson.

Jason Ash attended Basic Free Fall at the Air Force Academy. Ash underwent four days of style training to learn the technical aspects of sky-diving before his first jump.

"They hung us from the ceiling, shook us around and screamed at us so we would concentrate, because when you're falling it's very confusing," said Ash.

His first of five jumps was at 7:30 a.m. from a height of 4500 feet. Ash said an adrenaline rush squelched any fear. Each jump he made received a grade, and two failing grades were enough to earn a cadet a trip home.

Cadets that completed the jumps successfully received parachute wings. According to Ash, the wings are to be worn for only twenty-four hours after they are awarded. Then they are given away to a friend or family member who is to care for them.

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# Creighton Cuts Cheer Squad

RENEE MELLE  
REPORTER

With recent cuts in the Athletic Department budget, the cheerleading squad has been combined with the dance squad to avoid any unnecessary expenses in liability coverage.

In the past, the department and the university had to cover the team's liability which became expensive because high risk stunts and pyramids were performed.

"The squad was told after the Athletic Banquet last May that the program may be cut," senior cheerleader Kristi Vigliaturo said. "We were given the official word in June."

With this new combination, the dance squad will be doing both the cheerleading and dancing for the Lady Jays basketball team, the Bluejay basketball team, and some of the Lady Jay volleyball games.

"We will have a cheering squad, but the stunts have been eliminated

because of the liability," athletic director Dr. Bruce Rasmussen said.

According to former cheerleading and dance squad sponsor Dr. Judy Streitz, the squad was offered a chance to cheer at the games without the pyramids and stunts.

"I can see why the squad did not want to do this," Streitz said. "They had been working hard on the stunts and without them it would not be the same."

The squad is hoping to plan a fundraiser to help pay for the insurance, but the cheerleading squad has not been able to get the final amount on insurance estimates.

In previous years the team was budgeted \$5,000 to \$10,000, which the Athletic Department spent on injury coverage each year.

"If we don't raise enough money, at least we know we tried to get the program back," Vigliaturo said.

According to Rasmussen, money was not the only reason that the pro-

grams were combined. Other issues concerning training facilities and equipment that the cheerleaders needed were raised.

"I don't see cheerleading coming back to Creighton until it is considered an NCAA sport, where it will then have set rules and regulations," Streitz said.

"People do not understand that the cost of cheering is monumental."

According to Streitz, many schools are or will be facing this decision. Smaller schools with smaller budgets do not have the capabilities to cover the liability.

Cheering with the pyramids and stunts is dangerous, increasing the chance of broken arms, broken ribs, concussions, and paralysis.

"We don't want to cause any problems," Vigliaturo said. "It just seems like an odd time, especially with the basketball team getting better. We are now one of the few Division I universities without a cheer squad."

# Lady Jays Build On Early Wins

RYAN LYNCH  
REPORTER

The fall season for the Creighton Lady Jays soccer team has begun, and coach Ira Philson feels confident that he has the players doing what it takes to bring home the first Missouri Valley Tournament championship.

Philson enters his second year coaching the Lady Jays and is off to a good start with a 3-1 record.

"I am excited about the new MVC conference and look forward to the new competition," Philson said.

This season marks the first year for a Missouri Valley Conference women's soccer league, and will also include a conference tournament.

Creighton is the only team with a victory in conference play, beating Evansville 1-0 on September 8.

The Lady Jays finished the 1995 season with a record of 7-11.

"The team has learned a great deal about understanding each other, but this team knows there is still a lot they need to work on to accomplish our goals for success this season," said Philson.

One of the most important things Philson said the team learned from the past season is, "you can't just show up and win the game."

Creighton returns a strong team led by sisters Kalan and Molly Malone, and Lisa Dispense. Last season Kalan Malone finished with nine goals and two assists, and Dispense scored four goals and five assists.

Both Molly Malone and Dispense have recorded two goals for the Lady Jays so far and Kalan Malone has scored one goal and is credited with three assists. Freshman Kristie Schoeck is tied for the lead in points with Kalan Malone, each with five.

Schoeck was named the first ever Missouri Valley Conference Offensive "Player of the Week" for Women's Soccer due to her two goal performance against Oklahoma on August 31.

The team has also been receiving important senior leadership from captains Erin Drown and goalkeeper Mary Libert, who was named MVC Defensive "Player of the Week" for her performances against Louisiana State and Evansville allowing only one goal.

The Lady Jays bring a two game winning streak into their games this weekend against Loyola Marymount (1-2-1) and Oral Roberts.

This will be the first meeting between Creighton and Loyola Marymount.

Philson said, "The key to victory against the Lions is to keep the ball under control with short passes and to pay close attention to defending their key players. Oral Roberts plays extremely physically with their English style soccer which entails kicking the long ball and outrunning the opponents to the ball."

The Lady Jays play tonight at 7 p.m. against Loyola Marymount and against Oral Roberts on Sunday 15 at 1 p.m. Both games will be played at the Tranquility Park.

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# Losses Hinder Volleyball Team

MATT WILLEKE  
REPORTER

The Lady Jay's volleyball team will attempt to stop their four-game losing skid tonight when they open Missouri Valley Conference play in Springfield, Illinois, against the Southwest Missouri State University Bears.

The Bears are on a two game winning streak and currently have a 4-3 record.

Creighton lost all four games in the San Francisco/Powerbar Invitational at the University of San Francisco on September 6 - 7 to some tough compe-

tion.

The Lady Jays opened the tournament against Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. Creighton lost three games to one, 15-12, 4-14, 15-7, and 15-8. Junior Michelle Prorock had 14 kills, three aces, and one block. She had a double-double (kills and digs) in three of the four games during the tournament.

Prorock has collected five double-doubles in the Lady Jay's eight games this season and was nominated for the Missouri Valley Conference Player of the Week.

Creighton lost three games to none

against San Francisco (15-9, 15-8, and 15-9) with Prorock recording ten kills and one block.

Game three featured San Jose State against the Lady Jays who lost 15-8, 14-16, 15-5, and 15-11.

The University of Tennessee beat Creighton (15-7, 15-5, 15-7) to close out the weekend.

The Lady Jays also will face off against Missouri Valley Conference foes Wichita State University on Saturday and University of Missouri-Kansas City on Sunday.

# Baseball Hires New Assistant

CHRIS JOHNSTON  
REPORTER

Mike Filipowicz, former head coach of Omaha Gross High School's American Legion summer team, was named CU's assistant baseball coach.

Filipowicz replaces Rick Frehling, and will coach the outfielders, assist coach Elvis Dominguez with hitting instruction, and coordinate CU's summer baseball camps and clinics.

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# Back in the Spotlight: Alum Returns to CU Stage

HEIDI JUERSIVICH  
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Kathleen Christal is a struggling actress in New York City. That's how she describes herself. The description is brief but telling. To be a struggling actress in New York City means baring your heart to perform, only to leave the theater with emotions locked tightly inside for protection in one of the most notoriously gruff cities in the world.

It means working so closely with your co-workers that you grow to love them, and then saying goodbye when the show ends.

It's a world of paradox, and it has been Christal's world for the past ten years. Within this world of constant change, Christal has hung on to the truth about herself.

"I'm still human," she said. "I'm a human being who's an actress."

After graduating from Creighton with a degree in theater in 1986, Christal was accepted into The Juilliard School's Drama Division in 1987.

Last year, Alan Klem invited Christal to return to Creighton to perform in the mainstage's first production, Shakespeare's "As You Like It."

"I was flattered, I mean really flattered," Christal said.

Christal has performed on Broadway, Off-Broadway, in regional theaters, on television, in a film and across the country with The Acting Company, a prestigious acting troupe founded for Juilliard graduates. When Alan Klem invited her to come back to Creighton and perform on a little university stage, out in the middle of Omaha, Nebraska, she was honored.

Despite all of her experiences, she's still the same person who per-

formed here at Creighton ten years ago.

"We always think, 'If I just find the right person to marry, if I just get this promotion at work, I'll be happy. If I just get this house, I'll be really happy,'" Christal said. "We always find that when we get to a certain spot that we wanted to get to, we're still stuck with ourselves."

Discovering who she is and what she wants did not come easily to Christal.

As an undergraduate, Christal intended to become a medical doctor. But after a year and a half in the pre-med program, Christal discovered that a career in medicine was not what she truly wanted.

"I didn't have as natural a talent at [chemistry] as a lot of other people who were studying premed," Christal said. "They really wanted it and they were really good at it. I had to work so much harder just to keep up with them, and I didn't keep up with them."

She became increasingly more unhappy, and because she was unhappy, she ate. Her depression grew worse.

"I felt really crummy about myself and how I looked," she said. "I was really self-conscious and confused."

Then, she switched to theater.

"I started losing weight without even trying just because I was happier," Christal said. "The teachers here - Susan and Bill, and then Alan came my last year - were really good teachers, really good acting teachers, and they were very kind to me."



PHOTO BY JASON BASH

Actress Kathleen Christal is a 1986 graduate.

At Creighton, Christal experimented with a host of different roles. She worked closely with the small theater staff to develop her acting potential.

As a junior, she auditioned for Juilliard.

She was rejected.

As a senior, she auditioned for Juilliard, again.

She was rejected, again.

But, she was accepted to a summer conservatory program called Chautauqua. At the program, Christal

honed her acting talents under the supervision of Juilliard faculty.

After the program, Christal auditioned for Juilliard, again.

This time, she was accepted.

Before every performance, every audition, and every practice, Christal warms up. She stretches her limbs and fills her lungs, purging her body of anxious thoughts and inhibitions.

The practice leaves her open to her surroundings, ready to listen and to respond. It also leaves her vulnerable.

"Sometimes it's hard to get yourself to breathe and to open up," she said. "It's risky."

On stage this vulnerability is an asset. It brings life to her characters and expression to her words, but out in the real world, the uncertain world of an actress, it leaves her bare to pain.

"Someone estimated this: It takes fifty auditions for every job you get. That means forty-nine rejections," she said.

Auditions are cold and impersonal. "You go into a room. You audition. They say, 'Thank you.' You leave. Auditions typically last about two minutes."

For those who are not cast, that's it. There's no rejection letter, no rejection phone call and no explanation.

"They just don't call you."

Christal once went a year without a casting call except for one for a small part on a soap opera.

Christal spent that year behind a hotel registration desk wearing a hotel uniform, a "cheap version of an expensive suit," and wondering whether she should remain an actress.

"It was just bad," she said.

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