

Soccer coach heads to Stanford

By Brian Fuchser
Sports Editor

Despite stating less than a month ago that he did not see himself leaving Creighton anytime soon, Bret Simon, men's soccer coach, announced Monday that he was resigning his position at Creighton to accept the head coaching job at Stanford University.

The announcement shocked and saddened the Creighton community.

Simon himself was flustered by the sudden move.

"The whole process started a week ago," Simon said at a press conference on Monday. "This happened tremendously fast."

The news was especially surprising to Simon's players, who now wonder what's in store for the national runner-up team without their inspirational

leader.

"I had said I don't really see him going anywhere," said junior forward Keith Sawarynski. "And then this. We're going to miss the sense of purpose that he brought to the team. We did our best to succeed for him."

The news also shocked former Bluejay Brian Mullan who was in Florida for the Major League Soccer draft on Monday.

"When I heard the news, I said no way," Mullan, now with the Los Angeles Galaxy, said. "I knew if he left it would have to be a perfect situation."

Indeed, Stanford created the ideal situation for Simon by offering his wife, Pam, an excellent job, said Bruce Rasmussen, Creighton's director of athletics.

"While we are saddened to lose



Photo by Brian Fuchser

Soccer Coach Bret Simon is embraced after announcing he will move to Stanford.

Bret, we recognize that it is a fantastic opportunity for him and his family," said Rasmussen. "He's been a great ambassador for Creighton soccer, Creighton University and the Omaha

community. We're excited for Bret."

Simon cited his wife's job offer as a great incentive to accept the deal, as well as the opportunity to be a part of a great institution in Stanford.

Simon and his wife had discussed the possibility of going to Stanford as early as October 1998 when the Jays played in the Stanford Invitational soccer tournament in Stanford, Calif. Simon said Stanford was the only institution that could have lured him away from Creighton.

"I'm both thrilled and saddened to accept a job offer from Stanford University," Simon said. "I'm thrilled because in the profession of educating young people through college athletics, Stanford University is considered number one in the country."

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Justice Thomas switches courts



Photo by Jay Langhurst

Mens' head basketball coach Dana Altman greets Mark Marvin, 9, great nephew of Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas. Shooting coach Kevin McKenna (center) gave Mark tips while Thomas watched the team practice.

Thomas forms bond with class

By Lynn Safraneck
Assistant Editor

The 40 law students participating in the class taught by Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas are silently declaring three unwritten rules for the class: study hard, speak up and look good.

Maybe that advice from mom about first impressions finally sank in because many of the students in Thomas' class are noticing their classmates dressing nicer.

"I've been wearing a shirt and tie every day. It just seems like the right thing to do," said Aaron Mann, third year law student. "I don't want to look like a slob."

The two-week class, titled Supreme Court Seminar, was taught by Professor Michael Fenner in the first week.

For its daily meetings with Thomas this week, the class read



Photo by Jay Langhurst

Justice Clarence Thomas sits with wife, Virginia, and nephew, Mark, after participating in basketball practice at the Civic.

cases and clauses of the Constitution to set the theme for the day.

Thomas would lead off the class with a lecture about how he feels about the cases, what was running through his mind at the time of the decisions and how he made his decisions. And then the class was let loose for discussion.

"That's the part of this he likes -

the class discussion," Brislen said.

Students initially felt nervous speaking up in class, but who wouldn't when a member of the highest court in the country is teaching the class?

"It's just such a close atmosphere," Mann said. "The possibility of interacting with a Supreme Court justice is really humbling."

The participation jitters calmed on the first day after Thomas relaxed the class with some jokes and a few reassuring words.

"He told us there was no right answer," said Rodney Morris, second-year law student.

Mann said that Thomas made it evident on the first day of class that there would be no boundaries or limitations placed on class discussions.

After class ended, Thomas stayed with the class for an extra hour every day to answer questions.

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Schlegel focuses on challenges

By Jean Ortiz
News Editor

Among other presidential duties, the Rev. John P. Schlegel S.J. has been caught up doing some "cleaning."

"My mother used to say, 'A new broom sweeps cleaner,'" Schlegel said at Tuesday's Convocation for Administrators and Faculty. "Well I am the new broom; and the new set of eyes and ears... I see the need for change."



Schlegel

At the convocation, Schlegel, reaffirmed his dedication, reflected on Creighton's past, examined the present in light of goals set at

September's inauguration and looked to the future of Creighton University.

Now five months after his official installation as university president, Schlegel issued his first state of the university address to a crowd of 400 administrators and faculty members.

"Let me state up front that the 'state of the university is very healthy and filled with promise," Schlegel said.

Schlegel found inspiration in the past. By examining the qualities possessed by the founders of Creighton, we can realize the actual potential of the university today.

Schlegel listed the many present accomplishments of the university including the opening of the west campus, the reorganization of some committees, the addition of a lobbyist in Washington to assist with grant efforts and the success in community outreach programs.

Despite Creighton's many successes, some disappointments have also surfaced. Schlegel said he is

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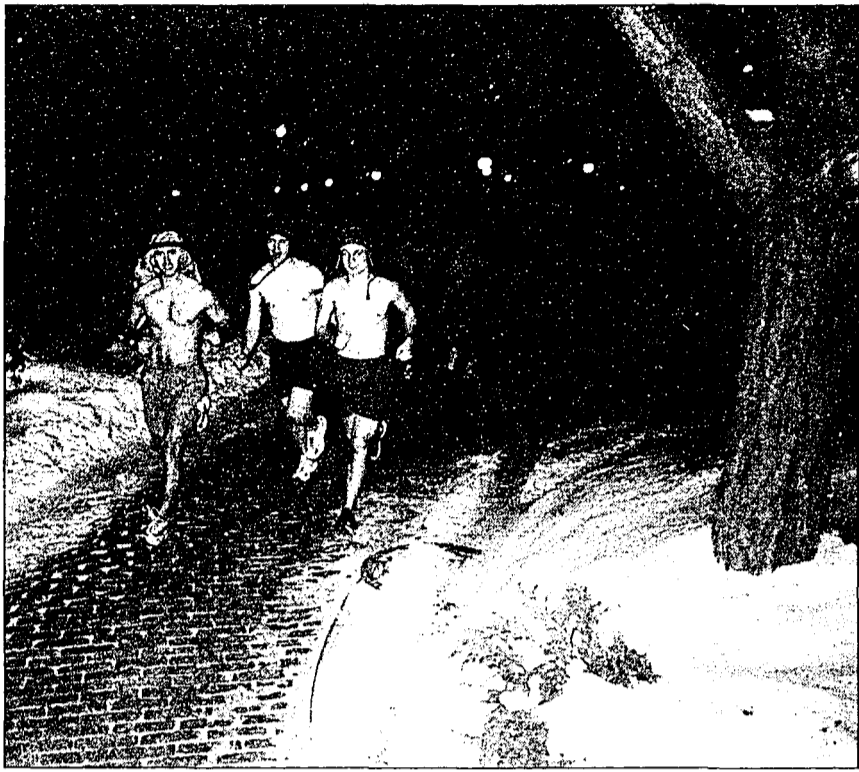


Photo by Jeremy Quigley

Arts & Sciences Sophomore Nate Lee and Arts & Sciences Junior Stefan Streit and Nick Rebeck lead a pack of Polar Bear runners up the mall during the second annual Polar Bear Run. The event was held on the evening of Thursday, Feb. 1. The below-freezing temperatures coupled with a layer of ice under the snow made the run particularly daring this year. Several participants had minor scrapes at the end of the short ordeal. Over 30 students participated in the run.

Internet sites leak Spring Fling bands

By Lynn Safranek
Assistant Editor

The Internet ruined one of the best kept secrets on campus.

An informal search of the tour schedules of the respective bands, revealed this year's Spring Fling performers.

According to the bands' official websites, Vertical Horizon and Five for Fighting will be playing at the Kiewit Fitness Center on Friday, April 20.

Admission is free for Creighton students.

Didi Omiyi, vice president for Programming, declined to confirm the specific bands playing at Spring Fling, but did say two bands will play.

The formal announcement of the Spring Fling lineup will be on Feb. 20, he said.

"All things will be resolved then."

Omiyi said.

Vertical Horizon have toured before with Dave Matthews Band, Train and 1998 Spring Fling performer Third Eye Blind. The band's songs include "You're a God," "Everything You Want," and the latest single "Best I Ever Had" off the release *Everything You Want*.

John Ondrasik is the musician, vocalist and song writing force behind Five for Fighting. His music has been described as "arena rock - salted with pop," by the *All Music Guide*.

His second release, *American Town*, includes the songs "Easy Tonight" and "Michael Jordon."

Bush and Moby played Spring Fling last year as part of MTV's Campus Invasion Tour.

Nic A. Prenger and Jay Langhurst contributed to this story.

2001 Spring Fling

For more information on the bands' tour dates:

Vertical Horizon
www.verticalhorizon.com

Five for Fighting
sonymusic.com/artists/FiveforFighting

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concerned about resource allocation and the budgeting process, financial aid, student demographics and the upkeep of facilities and technology.

Schlegel revisited the master plan, addressing the university's need to acquire land to the east. The expansion would not solely benefit Creighton. It

would aid the Omaha area by contributing to the revitalization of the downtown area.

The focus of the plan is the addition of new science facilities that would be used by undergraduate students as well as students in the schools of medicine, nursing, pharmacy and allied health professions.

The project would be the largest single capital project in the university's history, costing \$48 million.

Additionally, Schlegel is looking toward expanding the campus to relieve

the high concentration of people and facilities between 24th and 27th streets along the California mall. Academic buildings, student housing, recreational space, playing fields and parking spaces are all in consideration should Creighton decide to expand its population as well.

Schlegel also issued three challenges. In the first challenge, he invited all to continue to recommit to the Catholic and Jesuit heritage by transforming the community to be more inclusive and sensitive to the needs of the students.

Schlegel also put forth the challenge of raising expectations in order to succeed in grander ventures.

The third challenge was a call for active participation in planning for the university's future.

Schlegel appeared confident and excited about the many opportunities that the future holds.

"I believe that if we are united in purpose and united in action, we will succeed and see the emergence of the Creighton of tomorrow we all aspire to and hope for," he said.

Thomas

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This accessibility led third-year law student Nick Kuehl to receive a special invitation from Thomas.

Kuehl, who is also the team manager of the mens' basketball team, met Thomas the day he brought his great-nephew to a practice.

"It was great to meet Clarence Thomas in a basketball atmosphere," Kuehl said. "It was the best of both worlds for me."

After learning Kuehl didn't win a spot in the law class, Thomas invited him to be a guest in the classroom for a day.

The opportunity to take Thomas' class doesn't come without toil.

The final assignment for the class is to take a case Thomas and class discussed this week and write an opinion the way the student best thinks it would affect history.

Today Thomas is holding a question and answer period open to law students at 2:30 p.m. in the Gross Appellate Courtroom.

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01/31/01 1:55 p.m. A trespasser who had previously been banned from campus was discovered in the Skutt Student Center. He was escorted from the building by Public Safety officers and arrested by the Nebraska State Patrol on outstanding warrants.

01/31/01 10:05 p.m. A student reported that her vehicle located at 37th and Cuming Street had been broken into and the CD player/radio removed from the dashboard.

02/01/01 4:30 p.m. A student reported the theft of his wallet from the court area in the Kiewit Fitness Center. The wallet had been left unattended on the floor.

02/03/01 12:22 a.m. An intoxicated student was transported to St. Joseph's Hospital from McGloin hall for treatment of a head injury sustained when he fell on the floor.

02/03/01 2:05 a.m. A visitor was transported to St. Joseph's Hospital for treatment after she fell on Skinner mall, causing an injury to her mouth.

02/03/01 A subject who had been previously banned from campus was seen walking on the Skinner Mall. He was subsequently arrested by Omaha Police force for outstanding warrants.

02/04/01 9:20 p.m. Public Safety officers responded to a disturbance between two roommates in Gallagher Hall. Student Services was notified of the incident.

Crime Prevention Tip:

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Student income gets a boost

By Patrice Jones
Copy Editor

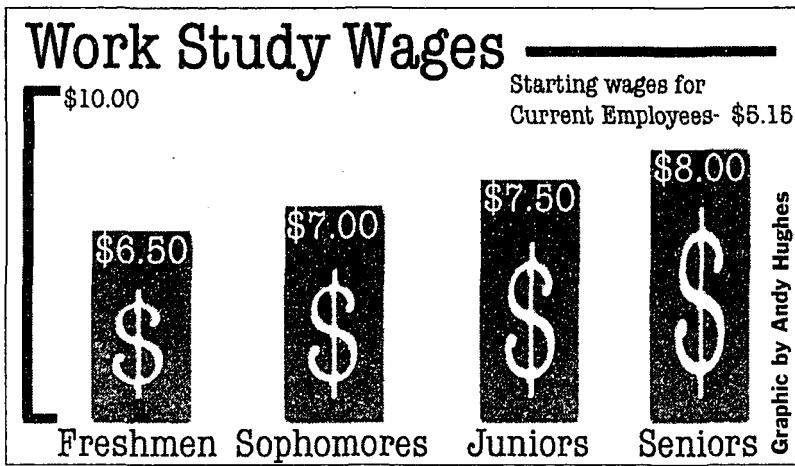
With the price of essentials such as pizza and movies on the rise, an increase in the work-study wage will have many strapped-for-cash students breathing a sigh of relief.

Starting July 2001, wages paid to work-study students, as well as other students employed by the university, will increase.

Therese McGrath, assistant director of financial aid for students said she foresees an increase in the federal minimum wage and said that the university would just like to be proactive.

Wages will be increased gradually with freshman earning \$6.50 an hour, sophomores earning \$7 an hour, juniors earning \$7.50 an hour and seniors earning \$8 an hour. Currently, student employees start out at \$5.15 an hour.

The increase in wages means students will have to work fewer hours to reach



their maximum work-study allowance, McGrath said. The average work-study award is \$2,000 a year, but most students only earn about \$1,200 a year.

To earn the maximum amount with the current pay scale a student would have to work 12.5 hours a week but with the pay increase a student would only have to work 10 hours a week.

Over the years the number of students accepting their work-study awards has

decreased because of the increased attractiveness of off-campus jobs. In 1984 821 students accepted their work-study awards while in 2000 only 488 students accepted their awards.

"We want to make our work-study jobs more attractive and competitive with off-campus jobs," McGrath said. "We're hoping to get more freshmen."

With increased wages, some of the less attractive jobs may draw more interest.

Jeremy Majeski, assistant resident director of McGloin Hall, said there have been problems filling undesirable shifts, such as the overnight desk receptionist shifts. He thinks that with the wage increase these shifts will be easier to fill.

"If wages are higher more people will stay on-campus," said Sara Bowman, a tour guide and employee of the Admissions Department.

Except for waiting tables, most off-campus jobs don't pay well she said.

However, Majeski said that few people know about the change and that those who did know thought it just affected work-study pay.

McGrath said she hopes there are more than monetary benefits to the wage increase. "We also hope that is we pay a better wage, students will be more conscientious about their work habits," she said.

Simon

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"I'm saddened because Creighton University and the Omaha community have been so wonderful to my family and me.

"It's an exciting time for Creighton soccer, coming off a fantastic season, and with the development of new facilities on the horizon.

"My wife Pam also has been offered a position at Stanford, and the professional and personal opportunities for us and our children were something we could not pass up.

Finances had no part in the situation."

Mullan was excited for Simon and his new opportunities at Stanford.

"For Coach Simon it's an incredible opportunity," Mullan said. "There's not a better athletic school than Stanford. The opportunities are endless for him."

Simon was a member of the Bluejay soccer staff for eight years. He replaced Bob Warming as CU's head coach in 1995.

Simon finished his sixth season as the program's head coach in the 2000 College Cup national championship match.

In 2000 Simon led the Jays to their most successful season in history. Creighton went 22-4 and finished as national runners-up after losing 2-0 to Connecticut in the national championship game.

The appearance in the NCAA championship was the first by any Creighton team in history.

Simon compiled a 96-26-9 (.767) overall record at Creighton while leading the Jays to four post-season Missouri Valley Conference tournament championships, a pair of MVC regular-season titles and six NCAA Tournament appearances.

His 96 wins mark the most soccer victories ever by a Bluejay head coach.

The Bluejays are optimistic about their future without Coach Simon.

"It's going to be hard for anything to break up the unity we have," said Sawarynski. "The whole getting the team together is pretty much done. The biggest loss is him."

"The team's a great team," Mullan said. "With the quality of guys who are on the team they'll be fine."

Simon spoke positively when it came to the future of Creighton's program.

"I'm confident that their future is very bright," Simon said. "The best days for Creighton soccer are still ahead. I would be shocked if there weren't dozens of the top coaches in the country seeking to be here."

The Creighton athletic department is hoping that is the case. There is no set timetable for the search for a successor. Rasmussen said the aim is to find the best person available.

"We're committed to soccer, we're committed to maintaining a strong program and finding an excellent coach in the Bob Warming and Bret Simon mold," Rasmussen said.

In the end, Simon had nothing but good things to say about his time here at Creighton.

"I think everything is very positive," Simon said. "I'm glad that it's so hard to leave. This is as good a job as any in the country. The school took care of me. They taught me. There was always someone ready to help on and off the field. Coming to Creighton was the best move I ever made."



Simon

Center to provide educational aid to poor

By Susan Morton
Assignment Editor

Children will find services and support at the heart of a new Creighton program.

Creighton will be in partnership with the Omaha Food Bank, the Hope Center, Campfire Boys and Girls and Our Lady of Guadalupe in a \$20,000 grant from ConAgra to help needy children.

ConAgra began the campaign to attack childhood hunger, called "Feeding Children Better," in 1999 along with

America's Second Harvest, a hunger-relief organization. Termed "Kids Café," these ventures are intended to get food to where kids are in a safe, nurturing environment, said Dr. Barbara Harris, educator in the department of social work.

As director of the Center for the Study of Children's Issues, Harris said she wanted to bring academics and the community together to promote education, research and service.

Harris found a lack of Kids Cafes in

Omaha. She talked to ConAgra and asked how an organization could get involved.

Harris said that the food would be prepared at the Hope Center, a facility operated by Trinity Church that provides services in north Omaha, and then transferred to the location. She said that it was the university's job to prepare a safe, nurturing environment.

The first Kids Café will be held in the Streighlow Apartments, located at 2007 N. 18th St., on Tuesdays through Fridays starting Feb. 20. Dinner and activities will take place from 4 to 6 p.m.

Approximately 30 children will be served. The apartment building is made up mainly of Sudanese refugees.

"We're going to be partners in the two-year commitment by providing tutoring, mentoring and activities," Harris said.

Since only 15 students have responded, volunteers are needed to read, tutor and sponsor activities for the children. Those interested should call Dr. Barb Harris at 280-2081.

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Students grill Schlegel

Schlegel answers questions on Napster, stadium at open forum

By Nic A. Prenger
Copy Editor

While the subject of boxers never came up, the president's responses were far from brief.

"Conversations with Fr. John P. Schlegel," an open forum allowing students to question the president, was held Monday night at the Skutt Student Center Fireplace.

Approximately 60 students attended the forum. Questions were raised by both undergraduate and graduate students.

A main area of concern among graduate students was the inception of online courses in the School of Pharmacy. Students questioned whether online courses are compatible with the Creighton's tradition of Jesuit education. One student also expressed concern with the lack of student input into the project.

"When this program is up and running, if it does not reflect the Jesuit education, it will need to be studied and restructured," the president said.

Schlegel was also asked to comment on the "Guaranteed Admissions" policy previously used by Creighton's School of Medicine. He reported that Creighton is down 45 percent in Medical School applications with the Guaranteed Admissions policy.

Schlegel further noted that, "The faculty was never really behind the program. It was a program that was put in place with many right intentions, but it was one that really threw the medical faculty a curveball."

As for undergraduate concerns, Schlegel was asked to comment on any future plans for a Greek Row of housing similar to that found on other colleges and university campuses. He responded that Creighton has no plans at this time to develop such on-campus housing.

The president expressed intentions of developing another student café/lounge area on the west side of campus. Schlegel said there have been discussions on the possibility of turning the basement of Gallagher Hall into such an area.

"I very much would like to see it turned into something similar to Java Jay," Schlegel said. Another suggestion for the proposed site was the lower



Photo by Jay Langhurst
A crowd of approximately 60 students listen to the Rev. John P. Schlegel, S.J., as he answers a question at a forum held Monday in the student center as part of Founders Week.

level of Becker Hall in what is the faculty dining room.

A great deal of student interest was shown in Creighton's plan for campus expansion. One student raised the concern that outward expansion might detract from the unique sense of community that attracts many students to Creighton.

In response, Schlegel said, "The expansion that we are looking at is not one of bricks and mortar, but one of playing fields, parks, and recreational areas. We are simply too dense right now."

Schlegel highlighted upper-class housing and a soccer stadium as priorities for the expansion.

"I suspect this will be the last opportunity we will have to effect the shape of this campus," he said.

One student asked if the recent departure of Creighton men's soccer coach Bret Simon would have any effect on Creighton's timeline for the proposed stadium.

"The soccer stadium was on the back burner when I got here. Since then, 98 percent of the land necessary for the project has been purchased. The speed of this project will neither dimin-

ish nor increase due to the presence of a single coach," Schlegel said.

When probed on the ever-controversial issue of Creighton's Christmas tree, Schlegel replied, "A tree was planted in 1978 to be the Christmas tree, and it was this year."

The president's tone strongly implied that students should expect no different in the future.

Students also asked Schlegel about the fate of the yearbook.

Faced with the possibility that this may be the last year for the traditional yearbook, Schlegel suggested looking into options. "I am in favor of having a tangible record of our school years - be it in the form of a book, diskette, or possibly CD-ROM," he said.

Students' heads snapped to attention when the inevitable question came - the future of Napster at Creighton. The president's cool response to the hot-button issue was both simple and reassuring. "You're safe."

Schlegel then added, "You know your rights and you know the law. We do, however, have a responsibility to our online students."

He dismissed the possibility of a university ban on Napster, but spoke of a concern that online students were having trouble accessing information because of the amount of traffic stemming from the online music provider.

The expansion that we are looking at is not one of bricks and mortar, but one of playing fields, parks and recreational areas.

Rev. John P. Schlegel, S.J.
University President

Fires heat up safety concerns

By Colleen Ronan
Reporter

Imagine that it's 2:30 a.m. on a weeknight. After a long hard day of studies and other activities, your night of rest is interrupted by the shrill buzzing of the fire alarm. You may opt to ignore the alarm. It's probably just a drill or a ridiculous prank.

A similar scenario occurred at Seton Hall, a New Jersey college, at 4:30 a.m. on January 19, 2000. The fire alarm was easy to ignore until black smoke filled the sixth floor of Boland Residence Hall. In the chaos that followed three students died and 54 were injured.



Worthing


Disaster was avoided at Creighton on September 18, 1999 when a fire on the fourth floor of Gallagher Residence Hall caused approximately \$70,000 in material damage. Fortunately, the building was evacuated quickly and no students were injured.

With the Gallagher and Seton Hall fires fresh in the minds of Creighton administrators, a new step was taken to prevent fire disasters. The position of Fire Safety Specialist was created and Bill Worthing, a Public Safety Officer of three years, was appointed.

Included in Worthing's responsibilities are live fire extinguisher training; review and inspection of fire alarms, alarm panels and sprinkler systems; and coordinating systems with Associated fire, a fire protection agency, and Electronic Contracting, which also deals with alarm systems. Previously, a general maintenance employee was responsible for fire systems on campus.

Testing of the fire alarm is done primarily during times when classes are not in session, such as semester breaks and summer vacation. One drill per semester is scheduled while classes are in session.

Worthing understands the aversion to late night fire drills but counters, "It may be annoying because you're sleeping or whatever, but if you were to read articles of the Seton Hall fire and to see how distraught people were...and realize how quickly things burn, it would change your mind immediately."



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Tradition draws Bluejays to bar & grill

By Stephanie Kidd
Reporter

Although it's not actually affiliated with the university, by junior year most Creighton students have visited the Blue Jay Bar and Grill more often than they have visited the Registrar or Career and Academic Planning.

The Blue Jay, located at 2416 Davenport, is a staple of Creighton life.

Creighton students both work at the bar and frequent the bar nightly until it shuts its doors at 1 a.m. It's Wednesday \$1 Busch Bottles, Thursday Night Pint Nights and Friday After Classes parties draw both undergraduate and professional students in herds. And while some students go to the Jay for cheap beer, others seem to think of it more as a social spot.

The Blue Jay, open Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. and Sunday from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m., has only been around since the mid-1970s.

The bar was originally owned by Bill Archibald, but has been sold four times since its opening.

Blue Jay manager Ed O'Neill said he just sort of "fell in" to his position.



Photo by Stephanie Kidd

Ed O'Neill, manager of the Blue Jay, stands with Mike Coffey, a Creighton graduate and former employee of the Jay. The Jay has been open for almost 30 years.

O'Neill was at the Brazenhead about three years ago when he met current Blue Jay owner Don Satiroff and, after a few drinks at the bar, wound up with a new job as a bartender for the Jay.

Since then he has been promoted to Manager.

Creighton graduate Mike Coffey, a former employee of the Jay, said he still comes to the Jay a lot. He even sheep-

ishly admitted that he was, in fact, spending his free time Wednesday afternoon to fix some tiles in the bar.

"Most of the people who hang out here, hang out here all the time," Coffey said. "We have a lot of regulars."

Business Administration senior Joe Bezousek is a regular. He often attends the Jay's Thursday Night Pint Night, which offers patrons beer and the glass it came in for only \$4.

"Sometimes I don't even get a beer," Bezousek said. "I just pay two bucks for the glass and fill it with soda. I go for social reasons."

O'Neill and Coffey both said they think a lot of their customers come to the Jay for social reasons. The Jay offers a number of special events throughout the year that bring in lots of CU students, including a St. Patrick's Day party, Creighton basketball games on a wide-screen TV and this year, a Mardi Gras party.

"We try to mix things up a little," O'Neill said. O'Neill will mix things up this weekend with an offering of live music both tonight and Saturday.

John Haddard, a PT student, will play 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. both nights.

Coffey said they get a lot of Creighton professors and professional employees from 1st National Bank and other close businesses.

The grill opens at 11 a.m. for lunch and stays open until 11 p.m., offering lunch and nightly specials each day of the week including \$1 burgers on Friday afternoons.

Former CU exposer jailed again

A man arrested last March for exposing himself twice in the Reinert Alumni Library was arrested again on Tuesday on misdemeanor charges of lewd conduct and indecent exposure.

David Gatson, 33, was arrested at Clarkson Hospital, said Omaha Police Department Spokeswoman Megan Fricke.

Gatson was employed by environmental services at Clarkson.

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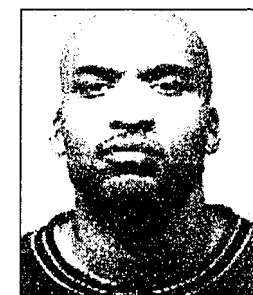
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Campus Voice

What did you plan to do during the break for Founders Day Mass?



Brenda Hovden

Card Services Director

"Attend Mass."



Marshall Holifield

Arts & Science Senior

"Go take a nap."



Mike Burke

Business Senior

"I'm going to the Founders Day Mass."



Mei Li Kwong

Arts & Science Sophomore

"Study for physics."

Give 'Brew City USA' a second glance, sniff



Post-Grad Wisdom

By Todd Bonkiewicz
Guest Columnist

It's official: after extensive testing, geneticists have determined that I do not have the Wayne Newton chromosome. This does not surprise me especially in light of the fact that my six-years-old-and-counting collegiate world tour has recently taken on a most sardonic sense of humor, dumping me roughly 1,500 miles east-north-east of Las Vegas. Someplace cold, to be exact. Someplace called Milwaukee, to be more exact.

Milwaukee. Some place, eh?

Well, yes and no. This city, being the last stop on a Volunteers-of-America kick on which I embarked at the beginning of Y2K, has left me alternately semi-thrilled and comfortably mystified, rip-roaring depressed and happily numbed.

My first thoughts regarding Milwaukee occurring during a \$30 cab ride from the airport to Marquette University on a rainy afternoon last May bordered on extreme prejudice.

Perhaps my initial negativity was symbolized (or, more likely, fomented) by a casino billboard that read, "Wayne Newton January 26." Or maybe it was the pungent stench (imagine the results of pouring 10-year-old potato chips into your gym shoes) emanating from, say, any of four dozen belching smokestacks bordering I-94. Or maybe it was the fact that the headlines of every major area newspaper were blathering about the sexual transgressions of a former Green Bay Packer.

Have I mentioned that I didn't like this city at first? But it has grown on me. No, check that; it has stuck to me,

like The Proclaimers' "500 Miles" or a MasterCard bill; I just can't shake it.

Milwaukee, as it turns out, is an interesting place. Think of it as Blue-Collar Town and Funky Town put together. Consider: 1) a stadium that can only be described as East Germany's tribute to baseball; 2) sausage races (Great Lakers' answer to meat markets?); 3) natives as indifferent towards Hell-freezes-over temperatures as any Inuit; 4) a skyline initially dominated by smokestacks the size of, well, skyscrapers; 5) Schlitz on tap or in bottles; and 6) Bob Uecker. You know, a startling amalgamation, like pepperoni-and-pineapple pizza or the potential offspring of Dennis Rodman and Carmen Electra. Toss in a number of outstanding

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restaurants, a slew of enticing ethnic festivals, and umpteen flavorful points of interest, and you've got this city perfectly pictured.

Having spent a sizeable portion of my late teens and early 20s in and around cities like New York, San Francisco, Phoenix, Chicago and Dallas, it has become easy for me to jump to conclusions about comparatively humdrum areas. Milwaukee was one of those areas. This despite the fact that I was born in Iowa and grew up in Omaha. You'd think I'd go nuclear at the sight of any population center boasting a few decent museums, a professional sports team, and at least two Banana Joe's. But a little walking around, taking in of sights, and pressing of flesh helped me to see the light, and nowadays I even catch myself pondering the notion of calling it home.

So, what's the moral of this meager story? How about, don't judge a town by its cover? (Or billboards. Or aroma.) If future travels should take you to "Brew City USA" instead of some flashier spot, remember two things: a) it probably has nothing to do with genetics, and b) don't let the anachronistic Wayne Newton advertisements fool you.

'Founding' is our tradition

By Jay Langhurst
Editor-at-Large

John A. Creighton died Feb. 7, 1907. Photos of his funeral show a sea of black as mourners from across the city came to pay their respects. Writings of the time speak of the national outpour of sorrow via telegraph. This is especially fitting for a member of the family responsible for extending that vital communication to the new West.

The scene on Feb. 7, 2001, at Founders Week Mass was not as spectacular. Many people were in attendance, but from the look of the crowd, it seems most students used the time to sleep or study.

Is this low turnout due to the fact that students feel less drawn to a Mass as our student body becomes appropriately more diverse? No, I don't think students would leap at the opportunity to attend a Founders Week Interfaith Celebration any more than a Mass. Especially when they could catch a quick nap or cram for a test instead.

By no means do I intend to rebuke anyone for taking the time to do what they need to get done. With the pace of classes and daily life, doing everything is just not possible.

However, there is a difference between getting things done and not doing what needs to be done.

In my mind, Founders Week is not about honoring the four founding Creightons, people long forgotten to the

world in physical presence. Founders Week is not about paying homage to those who founded the university, but a week dedicated to founding ourselves together at this university. The Creighton family is only one example of those that have founded themselves in Creighton University.

Our identity as a people - the students, faculty, staff and administrators of Creighton University - must be founded on common ground. This ground is not St. John's Church or Rigge Science or Kiewit Hall, but the united and varied background and skills of those in this place.

Founders Week celebrates the memory, the presence, and the hope that persons will dedicate themselves in and with those here. Also, that their dedication will be so great that something new will be united with the intangible spirit that makes Creighton such a special place, and thus contribute to the spirit of the place we all share together.

So, if you stole a nap, glanced over a book or decided Founders Week Mass wasn't for you, that is fine. I hope it gave you the strength you need to found yourself here, not only this week, but every week. Because in this founding you will not only give to others that which you uniquely possess, but also gain the fellowship of others. A fellowship so valuable that it prompted John A. Creighton to remark, "I have one child, and that is Creighton University."

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Fellow athletes build pyramids of support



Sideline View

By Brian Fuchser
Sports Editor

Sitting at the Creighton-Nebraska women's basketball game late last semester, a shrill sound reached my ears.

Normally screaming wouldn't stand out at an athletic event, but this was women's basketball. Not very many students come to the women's games and so the Civic Auditorium tends to be fairly quiet. Head Coach Connie Yori has even compared playing in the Civic to playing in a cavern.

At a couple of games this season, the Civic wasn't even entirely set up for basketball. Many of the elements used during UNO hockey games were still in place. This seems rather disrespectful, until you realize that there isn't enough of a crowd to warrant the entire transformation.

That wasn't the case on that afternoon. The screaming, it turned out, came from members of Creighton's volleyball team. They had come to show their support for their fellow athletes.

I was impressed because, like I said, the women's team doesn't enjoy much crowd support, even at home.

Throughout the course of the game, the members of the volleyball team proceeded to come up with



Photo by Brian Fuchser

Creighton students including members of the softball team cheer on the women's basketball team before an entire section of empty seats at last Sunday's game against Drake.

cheers to encourage the players on the court and at one point even ran through the rest of the crowd trying to fire them up and get them on their feet.

Creighton ended up winning the game and I think the crowd support played a part in the victory.

At the next game, the volleyball team was back. This time the team showed up dressed in Bluejay attire with their faces painted blue and white. They made up

cheers and dances during the game. They even mimicked the actions of the dance team and built pyramids to try and distract the opposition when they were shooting free throws.

It was so refreshing to see students coming out and supporting their fellow students and showing some school spirit.

Recently the softball team got in on the act. Last Sunday members of the team showed up to watch the women's bas-

ketball team take on Drake. They were also decked out in Bluejay attire and ran through the crowd trying to fire them up. They also built small pyramids and held up signs to support different players.

Over the course of the year I have noticed that most student athletes make a strong effort to come out and support each other and go to each other's games.

The volleyball and softball players are not the only students who come to the women's basketball games, but they and other student athletes are often the majority of student representation at the events.

The pep-band and the dance team both perform for most of the women's games, but most of the rest of the student body does not attend them.

I think this is a shame. Why don't the students of this university support all the athletic teams, the women's as well as the men's?

I have covered both the women's soccer and volleyball teams, and neither one receives very consistent student support. There are groups such as members of the women's crew team and some of the men's basketball team, that faithfully attend games or matches, but overall there is an incredible lack of student support.

I realize that Creighton doesn't have a strong athletic following, except for maybe men's basketball, but it's not necessarily a question of interest in sports, but one of showing school spirit and supporting our fellow students.

It'd just be nice to see other students show the same interest and support to all their athlete classmates, men and women.

Vindictive virus infects the spirit of Valentine's Day



And My Point Is...

By Andrea Patch
Commentary Editor

When you walk past the front desk of your dorm on Valentine's Day and encounter the array of roses waiting there, have you ever wished that the happy, lovesick recipients would prick their fingers on the thorns and bleed to death? Do you intentionally wear black on this day, while your roommates dress in red and pink? Do you take immense pleasure in the thought that other girls will gain 3 pounds from the heart shaped Godiva chocolates their boyfriends bought them?

If you answered yes to one of these questions, you have it too: Valentine's

Day Vindictiveness. Every Feb. 14 the epidemic hits. The female population, rather the single female population, becomes infected with this fever-inducing jealousy and resentfulness. Girls, don't pretend you have no idea what I'm talking about—we've all been there.

I'll admit that I too have been tempted by an irrational impulse to inch the Valentine's Day card my roommate received from her boyfriend steadily closer to the flame of our Glade candle. And I've spent more than one Valentine's Day in front of the VCR watching tragic love stories like "Romeo and Juliet," finding meager comfort in the fact that I will not be subjected to that kind of pain.

At first glance, most would say the cause of this Valentine's Day virus seems obvious, being single. But what's really at the heart of the virus? It has less to do with being single and more to do with something one believes she is missing out on because she lacks a significant other on this particular day. Valentine's

Day is all about buying the sappy cards and overpriced bouquets to express in a material way how special someone is to you. For those who don't receive these professions of love, the unconscious message it sends is that they aren't as special. It feels like everyone else is celebrating Christmas or a birthday but you.

This is a terrible misconception. We shouldn't need a guy to buy us a teddy bear wearing red boxing gloves with "knockout" printed on his chest to make us feel special. That feeling should come from our family, our friends, our accomplishments and most of all, ourselves.

I'm not going to insult your intelligence and list 20 reasons why it's great to be single like a Glamour or Cosmo article because we all know it's not true. Being single sucks sometimes. We would all like to have someone special in our lives to spend this day with. We just have to keep in mind that our singleness is not a statement about our self-worth.

In the midst of all the Hallmark hype, the point of Valentine's Day is lost. It's merely an arbitrary day designated to show someone who is important to

you that you care in case you don't always show it the other 364 days of the year. This person doesn't have to be the love of your life, girls. Valentine's Day can be about showing your friends how great they are too. Don't you remember passing out your Barbie Valentines to all the kids in your fourth-grade class?

This is the only cure for Valentine's Day Vindictiveness. Just keep in mind that being single has nothing to do with being special and that it is a day to tell anyone in your life that you love him or her. You will probably still want to throw up when your roommate's boyfriend arrives at the door with a dozen roses, six pink balloons, a red frog covered in hearts and an oversized card that plays "My Heart will Go On." But, hopefully, the bitter urge to scratch the cute little sayings off the candy hearts that your parents sent you will disappear.



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Student restructures life after paralysis

By Lea Platz
People Editor

Jason Dorwart has learned that what makes him human is more that what he is physically in this world.

Dorwart, Arts & Sciences junior, was paralyzed from the arms down last August in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. He formerly was destined to pursue acting while waiting tables. Now, his plans are not so finite.

Dorwart waded into the ocean last summer on a family vacation. He jumped over a wave that sent him somersaulting forward and then down to the bottom. In 5 feet of water he broke his neck. He was left with the ability to grip objects, but no individual finger movement and no movement from his arms down.

"I don't know if it was an act of God or serendipity," Dorwart said.

Five Los Angeles paramedics had checked into the hotel and just stepped onto the beach when the accident occurred. As they helped Dorwart onto the wooden structure that would hold his body for the next five hours, a few central thoughts rebounded inside his mind.

"My first thought was, I don't want to die," Dorwart said.

His immediate thoughts were of his girlfriend Stephanie Kidd, Arts & Sciences senior, and the play he was supposed to be the lead in that fall.

His instructions to his mother revealed his priorities. She was to call Stephanie and tell her what had happened and then have her call Alan Klem, director of *The Runner Stumbles*.

While Dorwart's concerns filled his mind, the American paramedics helped him even after the local Mexican paramedics arrived. The Mexican paramedics had problems with both the IV and the neckbrace. One American paramedic took over the process for them and rode with Dorwart to the Mexican hospital where the doctor immediately informed him he had to get to the United States.

"He didn't try to play a hero," Dorwart said.

An American plane had to be sent to the Mexican airport because it was closed for the night and no planes were present. Dorwart was taken to Huntington Memorial Hospital in Pasadena, Calif.

Throughout the plane ride there



Photo By Jay Langhurst
Jason Dorwart sits in his dorm room in McGloin wearing the headset he uses when he talks on the phone. His paralysis left him able to hold a phone, but the headset makes it easier.

were no certain answers; in Pasadena the diagnosis was paralysis.

After three weeks Dorwart was transferred to the Denver Craig Hospital where he stayed for three months.

During this time he participated in strengthening and occupational therapy. But doctors can do nothing to progress the healing of the spinal cord.

In the hospital he got used to navigating his wheelchair and met paralyzed adults. They were around to share their experiences in wheelchairs and to greet him after he came back from his first trip outside of the hospital.

"One guy asked how it was being out. Then he said, now you've seen it and it sucks," Dorwart said.

Those in wheelchairs told Dorwart that people would help him when he was out at stores and could not reach things. Their mantra was if a person doesn't help, that's their problem; deal with it and move on.

On Nov. 17, his father's birthday, Dorwart was released into his parent's care at their home where he lived until January.

Here he realized that it would do him no good to think solely about a future recovery. Dorwart said Stephanie helped him and his parents realize that they have to live in the now, and deal with the current situation.

Dorwart has now returned to Creighton this semester knowing that his career plans have changed.

Before the accident he wanted to be an actor. However, Dorwart said he is no longer cut out for that kind of unstable lifestyle.

"As an actor you never know where you'll be living. I have to be insured and have healthcare," Dorwart said.

Dorwart said that establishing healthcare and insurance is difficult to do when you move to a new state so he won't be in a position to move around a

lot.

Dorwart has not ruled out acting completely. Directing, as well as going to graduate school and teaching theatre afterwards are appealing options.

He said his career path is still a work in progress.

"I am still in a stage where when I got to bed, I'm just glad I made it," Dorwart said.

When Dorwart returned to school this semester Creighton was ready to accommodate him with a handicapped room in McGloin.

"They've been wonderful. I got calls from Creighton wanting to know what they needed to do," Dorwart said.

Creighton gave a remote to Dorwart for his dorm room door and made his meals available in the Java Jay as part of his meal plan.

But certain handicap accessibilities that were already in place are not always available. Dorwart said that handicapped spots are frequently parked in by non-handicapped people. The field house parking spots are often filled by non-handicapped vehicles. Also the empty spaces next to handicap spots get parked in because people don't realize the vacant spot is for a chair lift on a van.

Even though Dorwart doesn't want people to focus on his handicap, he does want people to recognize it. Dorwart said he would rather talk to a person who focuses on his handicap and make them forget about it than to have to say "Hey, I'm crippled."

"I'm dependent on people and things. If there's a fire and the elevator isn't working, I have to wait for a fireman to come carry me out," Dorwart said.

His biggest source of strength in accepting his paralysis has been concentrating on things that he can do like having enjoyable discussions with people and reading. Even though he was physically active before the accident, Dorwart said he knows that there is more to life than those things.

He said Stephanie encouraged his acceptance of his new situation when she accepted it and said "I wasn't dating your legs."

Dorwart said he feels trapped by his immobility at times, but his strength comes from this, "There are a lot of names for it, philosophy, religion. It is knowing that I am more than my parts."

Awards recognize different stages of success

By Rachel Buttner
Copy Editor

Three women were honored Thursday for their work in other countries, advocating diversity on campus, and using work experience in many organizations.

Kate Barrett, Beth Katz and Colette O'Meara-Hanson were this year's recipients of the Mary Lucretia Creighton Award.

The women were honored at the annual luncheon in the Student Center Ballroom.

Video portraits of all the winners were shown during the lunch and former recipients of the award were present to honor this year's winners.

"The award is given for contributions to the betterment of women on the Creighton campus," said Stephanie Wernig, associate vice president for Student

Services. The three women were nominated and selected by the All University Committee on the Status of Women. Dr. Barbara Harris, assistant professor of social work chairs the committee this year.

Kate Barrett received her Occupational Therapy bachelor's degree from Creighton in 1995. Soon after, she became a translator and facilitator for the OT and Physical Therapy programs in the Dominican Republic. While at Creighton, she served as the program coordinator for Institute for Latin American Concern and worked with the Indian Chicano Awareness Center.

Beth Katz is a recent summa cum laude graduate of the Education Department. As an active member of many organizations on campus, she is described as an advocate for equality and a dedicated supporter of diversity awareness at Creighton. Colette O'Meara-

Hanson has served in the Media Services Department at Creighton since 1992. She has worked in many areas of television production and technology. She has been active both on and off campus as a member of the Center for Women, Inaugural Steering Committee, a catechist at her parish and a member of the Parent Teacher Association.

The Mary Lucretia Creighton Award is awarded to a faculty or staff member, an undergraduate student and a graduate student who have created an environment supportive of achievement for women or served as a role model of accomplishment for women. The award was first given in 1981 to Eileen Lieben and the Rev. Joseph Labaj, S.J. (a former Creighton president).

This year's luncheon marks the 125th anniversary of Mary Lucretia Creighton's death.

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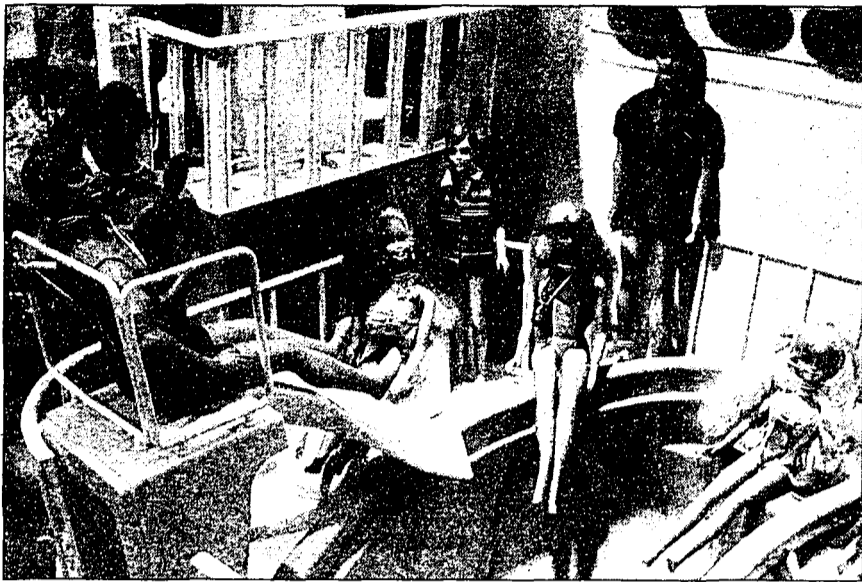
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It's a Barbie world



Photos by Jay Langhurst

It's a Barbie world on display through March 7 at the Durham Western Heritage Museum. Dan Whelan, who helped organize the show, heads the Heartland Fashion Doll Club, Omaha's all-Barbie fan club.

The Durham exhibit will be most exciting for collectors who really know what they're seeing. If you're not in the pink, slang among Barbie aficionados for being obsessed with the diva of dolls, here are some highlights to look for: There's a very rare No. 1 Barbie, worth more than \$10,000. Early Barbies look alike, but can be distinguished by their hairstyles. "It's like aging trees," Whelan said. You count the rings.

Barbie's beach brigade pictured on top features her 70s pals Ken, Midge and Skipper kicking back at Barbie's dream beach house.

Retro themes like the 50s soda shop with waitress Barbie and soda jerk Ken pictured above are also on display.

The museum is located at 801 S. 10th St. and is best accessed by taking Leavenworth to 9th St. because of construction. Operational hours are Tues.-Sat. 10-5 and sun 1-5. Admission for adults is \$5 at the door.

Student showcases Creighton antiques

By Lynn Safranek
Assistant Editor

After hours of sifting through junk at antique stores, it can be satisfying to find that needle-in-the-haystack item people have been searching for all their lives.

In a succinct, yet still satisfying, move, Business Administration senior Jay Langhurst opted to let a search engine do the sifting for him when hunting for memorabilia for his Founders Week exhibit.

With the help of ebay, an online auction site, Langhurst's exhibit includes a collection of Creighton memorabilia including programs from Creighton football games, a 1932 Creighton degree from the College of Commerce and a variety of postcards depicting virtually unrecognizable scenes from the campus.

Placed alongside the memorabilia are photographs of Creighton taken by Langhurst, who provides photographs to the Creightonian, Public Relations, Creighton's main website and the webcam.

"I wanted to do something that would showcase the photos I've taken, but I wanted to do something wider than that," Langhurst said.

The idea for the Founders Day exhibit came to Langhurst while he was building the guide web site during the summer of 1999. At that time he was searching for memorabilia to put on the historical link to the site. Searches on ebay yielded items Langhurst thought would be valuable to Creighton.

Langhurst used funds from Public Relations to purchase the memorabilia for the university. After accumulating a sizable collection, Langhurst and Public Relations made plans to display it during Founders Week.

The most elaborate antique in the display is a 1932 kit from the College of Pharmacy containing 144 small bottles of herbs and spices, such as cotton root bark, sage and spearmint. Every bottle

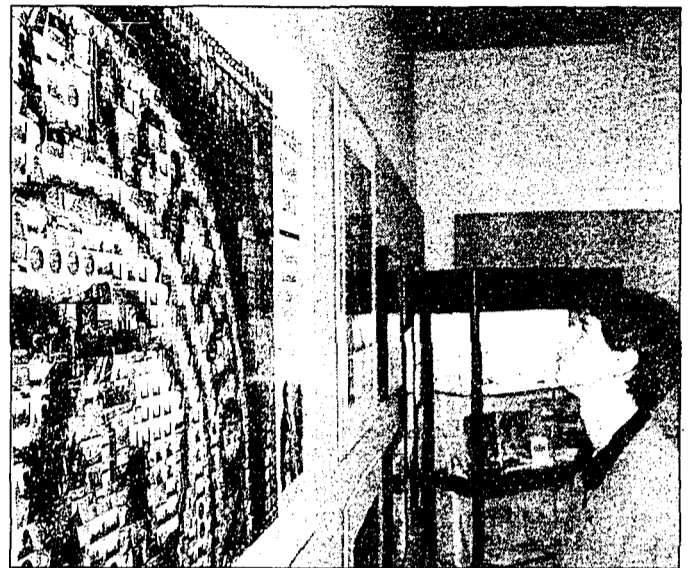


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Nate Lee, Arts & Sciences Sophomore, examines a montage of Mary Lucretia Creighton from the Founders Week exhibit in the student center middle level running through 4:30 p.m. today.

in the kit is intact, despite its age and miles traveled since leaving Creighton.

Langhurst bought the kit for \$500 from an individual in Arizona who found it in an estate sale in Nevada. In 1932 the kit was used as an instructional aide and was given to a graduate of the masters program in pharmaceutical chemistry, Langhurst said.

Some of the items of the display tell a story about its original owner, especially the antique postcards people had written messages on.

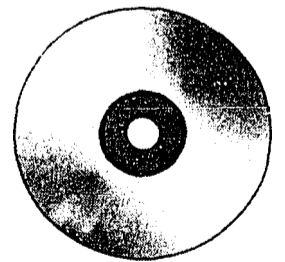
"One lady drew a square around the house she was living in to show her correspondent where she was," Langhurst said. The front of the postcard pictured Creighton's stadium and the neighborhood around it. On the back, the woman wrote about how from her house she could see the fireworks from the stadium.

In addition to the memorabilia and photographs, Langhurst used a computer program to construct photo montages of Creighton's founders, John, Edward, Sarah and Mary Lucretia Creighton. Each montage uses over 700 photographs taken by Langhurst to form a portrait of the founders - a thoughtful display of using new technology to bring life to the past.

The exhibit is on the middle level of the Student Center and ends at 4:30 p.m. today.

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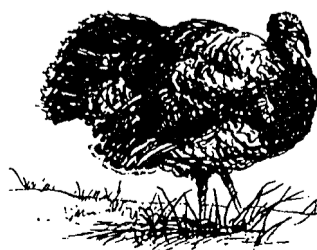
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Quirkiness, Italian style served at 'Buca'

By Stephanie Kidd
Reporter

There was one extra plate at the table when I ate at Buca di Beppo, Omaha's newest Italian restaurant, located at 3309 Oak View Drive.

My waiter told me it was so I could dish up my favorite food and share it with the neighboring tables.

This quirky feature was only one of many that made my dining experience full of both great food and an awful lot of kitsch.

I was invited to eat at the family-style Italian restaurant, which opened last Wednesday, for their training day. The staff is young - and somewhat inexperienced - but they make up for it with a lot of enthusiasm. (I couldn't take a drink of water without having my glass topped off and one eager beaver even tried to take my food away to bag it up before I was finished eating it!)

The restaurant itself is a little corny. Photographs cover the walls of each themed room and the greeters are quick

to tell you to check out the bathrooms, where the photos are a little more risqué.



Photo by Jeremy Quigley
Even the photos on the walls agree the food at Buca di Beppo is magnifico.

Buca di Beppo features huge portions. Each entree is designed to feed three to five people. In fact, their pasta dishes tip the scales at an astounding three pounds. Because of this, the prices for entrees seem a little steep. Expect to pay about \$15 - \$20 for a shared main dish and up to \$10 for a monstrous salad that could

feed an entire Residence Hall floor. Entree items range from pasta dishes like spaghetti with a number of different sauces to traditional items like Chicken Marsala, Chicken Marsuvio and lasagna.

The restaurant also offers a variety of appetizers that can feed an entire table - pizza, breadsticks and fried clams. Tiramisu, ice cream and bread-pudding are only a few of the many items on the dessert menu.

Buca di Beppo was amusing. It's the type of place you can go with a huge



Photo by Jeremy Quigley

You can enrich your Italian dining experience by chowing down on a plate of pasta with Pope John Paul II and the others who lead the Catholic church in the "Pope Room" at 'Buca.'

group of friends. The staff seems to have a "the more the merrier" attitude. And maybe, if you can't make up

your mind about what to order, you can just ask the table next to you to share.

Pucker up and learn the 'Art of Kissing'

By Annie Hall
Entertainment Editor

A kiss is just a kiss, but as any lip smacking lover knows there are many innovative ways to pucker up.

In the sequel *The Art of Kissing Questions & Answers*, author William Cane offers his expert opinions and advice about a subject he feels quiet pas-

sionate about. The book is a result of the thousands of letters and questions the "kissing coach" receives each year.

This lighthearted manual covers the basics of smooching such as: improving technique, mastering the French kiss, overcoming shyness and discovering what your partner most wants most out of a kiss.

Kissing Questions & Answers also delves into new territory by describing some of the bizarre kissing customs throughout the world. In the Trobriand Islands, for example, they suck and bite on each other's lower lips so vigorously they often bleed. At the height of their passion, they bite each other's chins and eyelashes. I definitely recommend checking with your partner before road testing this kiss.

If literally chewing on your partner's face doesn't appeal to you, the author does have some noteworthy tips for the rest of us. He recommends always swallowing your own saliva and suggests that you learn to breath through your nose, if this is a challenge for you Cane says learning to snorkel is good practice for those long lip locks. He goes on to say that contrary to popular belief, it isn't French kisses which are the most romantic but rather simple lip kisses. Finally, he reminds his readers that there

is no right or wrong way to kiss and that a little variety can spice up even the dullest of relationships.

All and all I found the book rather cheesy. It didn't really offer any new insights into the art of lip smacking and tended to droll on about romance in a sickly sweet manner. Not to mention,

the book wasted paper on such silly questions as "How is a spanking kiss done?" "What is an elevator kiss?" and "What is a wet kiss?" Just in case the questions plague you too, I'll save you some money and tell you the answers; the spanking kiss is simultaneous-

ly kissing and spanking - ouch!

The elevator kiss involves the tricky

technique of kissing on the elevator - a kiss to keep in mind the next time the Kiewit elevator gets stuck. Finally, the wet kiss is one where you get a shower of your partners saliva - the author points out this probably won't win you any points with your partner.

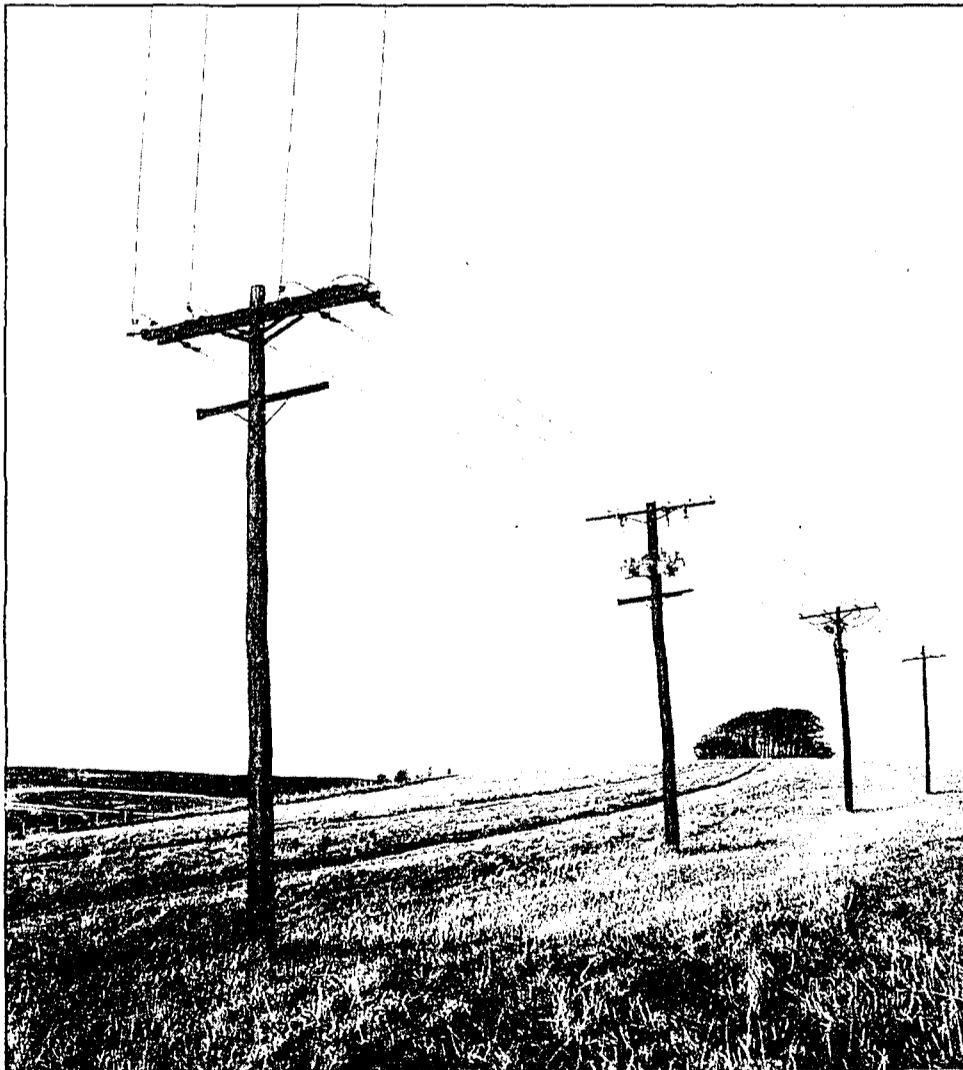
I recommend saving yourself some cash and checking out the free multimedia kissing presentation of William Cane brought to campus by Program Board Monday, Feb. 19. Cane will be using Creighton students to display over 25 different kisses and guarantees that by the end of the presentation you'll "be prepared to kiss upside down in a foreign country while driving and that's just for starters."

The Program Board is looking for volunteers to aid Cane in the demonstration so, if locking lips for about an hour on stage sounds like a fun way to spend a Monday night, contact the Program Board at 280-1715.

The demonstration promises to be a night of sheer entertainment and should be far more enjoyable and informative than this book, which is now serving as my pricey doorstop.

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CU women falter during loss to Drake

By Brian Fuchser
Sports Editor

Despite the efforts of freshman guard Christy Neneman, the Bluejay women's basketball team couldn't overcome a late surge by Drake as they fell 75-69 at the hands of the Bulldogs on Sunday at the Civic Auditorium.

Neneman recorded her second double-double of the season by racking up game- and career-highs of 22 points and 13 rebounds to lead the team. The Jays fall to 11-8 overall and 5-5 in the Missouri Valley Conference.

Drake avenged their only MVC loss by beating the Jays, who defeated the Bulldogs earlier in the season at Drake.

Creighton out-rebounded Drake 40-33 and was even with the Bulldogs in turnovers at 13. The difference in the game, according to head coach Connie Yori was free throw shooting.

"We felt like we controlled the game for the majority," Yori said. "It really came down to free throw shooting. They made all their free throws down

the stretch. We had a couple of turnovers in key situations. It was a tough loss."

Yori was pleased with the team's efforts on the boards.

"We did a nice job on both ends on the glass," Yori said. "That was the first game this year we out-rebounded our opponents and lost. We had our chances."

The Jays came out fighting in the first half and controlled the tempo of the game. Creighton opened the scoring by going on a 7-0 run to start the game behind a 3-pointer from senior guard Krissie Spanheimer and two layups by junior center Kim Hover.

"We knew they were going to come with a vengeance," Hover said. "We knew we needed to come out and play hard. Coach told us we had nothing to lose."

"I think it's always nice to get the momentum going," Spanheimer added.

Yori stressed the importance of starting the game strong.

"You anticipate, as a coach, a team like Drake coming out like gangbusters," Yori said. "I had expected Drake to obviously take us seriously."

The Jays held on to the lead until Drake tied the game at 11 on a layup by senior guard Kristin Santa with 15:33 left in the half.

Creighton took a 33-30 lead into halftime after freshman guard Dayna Finch cashed in a 3-pointer with 34 seconds left.

The Bluejays continued their tough play in the second half, leading most of the period. Drake came back, however, and took the lead when Santa rebounded a missed Neneman shot, and connected on a jumper to put the Bulldogs up, 60-58 with 3:55 remaining in the game.

Spanheimer hit a three to put the Jays on top 61-60 with 3:39 left, but that would be their last lead.

Drake sealed the victory when junior forward Erin Richards

Team	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
SW Missouri St.	10	1	.909	16	4	.800
Drake	9	1	.900	14	4	.778
Northern Iowa	8	3	.727	13	6	.684
Evansville	7	4	.636	11	8	.579
Creighton	5	5	.500	11	8	.579
Wichita State	5	6	.455	7	12	.368
Indiana State	4	7	.364	7	13	.350
Bradley	2	9	.182	7	12	.368
Northern Illinois	2	9	.182	5	15	.250
Illinois State	2	9	.182	4	16	.200

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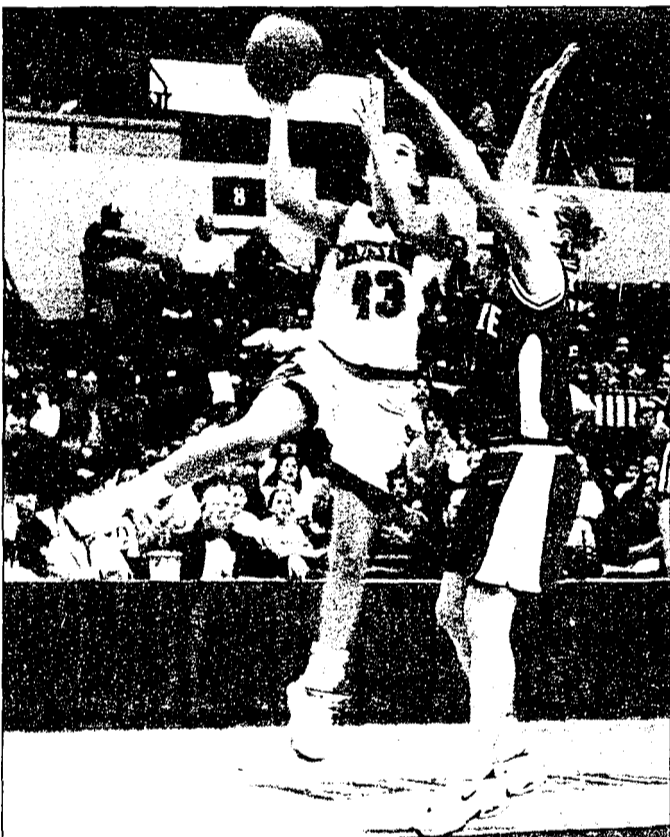


Photo by Brian Fuchser

Sophomore forward Teresa Wessling goes up for two during the second half of Creighton's home loss to Drake on Sunday. Wessling scored two points and grabbed two rebounds in the 75-69 loss. The Bluejays are 1-4 in conference home games.

hit a 3-pointer with 1:52 left to put the Bulldogs up 65-61. They extended their lead on free throws the rest of the way.

Despite letting the game slip away in the late stages, the Jays didn't feel there was a defensive lapse in the second half.

"That was our focus," Hover said. "To not let down on defense in the second half. This whole week was a defensive practice week."

"We did emphasize defense," Spanheimer said. "Everybody played hard. This was a huge game. We have a lot of home games left, hopefully we can pick it up."

Spanheimer finished with 13 points and eight rebounds. Hover chipped in 14 points and also added eight boards.

Yori was pleased with the junior's performance.

"It's good to see Kim Hover coming along for us and making an impact," Yori said. "She's becoming more of a rebounding factor for us."

Hover must step up for coach Yori now that senior center Lisa Buysse is out for the season with a foot injury.

Creighton returns to action tonight when the Indiana State Sycamores visit the Civic for a 7:05 p.m. matchup. The Jays continue conference play on Sunday when Illinois State comes to town.

"There's still a lot of games to be played," Yori said. "We have two very important games this weekend."

Softball

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"Early in the season we play a lot of good competition," Mellegaard said. "I expect our team to make a great showing against these opponents."

Creighton hopes to win the Missouri Valley Conference Championship for the fourth consecutive season.

The team is returning 10 players that started in 18 games last season. There are seven upperclassmen and six new members on this year's roster.

"We will definitely be looking to the seniors for leadership," Fitzgerald said.

Senior right-handed pitcher and infielder Marie Gieron is starting her fifth year in the program. Gieron is a two-time all region performer. She is also a leading hitter for the Jays.

"Marie has consistently been one of the top players in the conference," Fitzgerald said.

Gieron is pitching well, is healthy and has a great attitude, Vigness said.

Gieron said her goals this year for the team and herself are to win the Missouri Valley Conference, win regionals, finish in the top twenty-five and stay healthy.

Senior catcher and outfielder Frenchy Nix will be spending a lot of time behind the plate this season. Nix started in left field the past three seasons and will fill the position of starting catcher this year, Fitzgerald said.

"Frenchy has been doing a great job behind the plate in practice," Fitzgerald said. "She is very vocal and the players really look up to her."

Nix said she hopes to bat over .300 this year and rank on the MVC first-team in that category.

Along with Gieron and Nix, senior outfielder Amy Ficenecc will also add a great deal of leadership and experience to the team, according to Vigness.

Although the upperclassmen are expected to play a strong leadership role this season, Fitzgerald said that there is also a lot of new talent on the team.

"We are returning a lot of key people, but some of our newcomers will make an immediate impact," Fitzgerald said.

The starting out-fielders will be freshmen Elizabeth Pawlicki and Stacey Rybar and red-shirted freshman Jenny Hunt.

"We have a young but confident outfield," Vigness said.

The Jays also have a very talented group of pitchers.

In addition to Gieron, Mellegaard has had a good success on the mound. Sophomore right-handed pitcher Kristan Melton will be coming back this season after a shoulder problem, Vigness said.

The infield also has some experienced players. Starting the line-up will be Kaster on first-base, junior Rebecca Goodspeed on second, sophomore Sami Herbster on third and sophomores Cara Van Winkle and Nicole Garber are neck and neck as strong shortstops.

The program is improving every year and the team has a good attitude and a strong work ethic, Vigness said. His main goal for the Jays this year is for everyone to stay healthy in order to reach their full potential.

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Jays fight to the finish in February

Sophomore forward Terrell Taylor drives to the basket during the second half of CU's victory over the Drake Bulldogs on Wed. night at the Civic. Walker finished with a game-high 17 points in the game. Senior guard Ben Walker added 16 points and a game-high eight rebounds in the CU's 69-44 winning effort. The win was the Jays' second straight in February. It moved CU into second place in the Valley standings. The Jays continued their unbeaten streak at home this season where they are 11-0.

Photo by Jeremy Quigley



By Scott Bomar
Reporter

January hasn't been historically kind to the Bluejays. February, on the other hand, has.

With the first month of the new year behind them, the men are looking to finish strong.

"Anticipation comes with February," head coach Dana Altman said. "We go out, play hard, and hope things happen. We hope we're gonna have a strong finish."

The Jays looked to start that strong finish with a 69-44 win over Drake on Wednesday and a 77-71 upset at Indiana State on Sunday.

The team made Altman's 200th game as the Bluejays' head coach a happy occasion with the victory against Drake.

Sophomore forward Terrell Taylor started the game on a hot note, scoring 10 of the Jays' first 13 points. Creighton went into halftime with a 33-20 lead.

Drake started out the second half with a 12-6 run, cutting the lead to 40-32. The Bulldogs would score only 12 more points to Creighton's 29, as CU went on to win 69-44.

"My teammates did a good job of penetrating and dishing," Taylor said. "We put emphasis on the motion offense and cutting to the basket. We didn't want to take Drake lightly."

On Saturday, the men traveled to Indiana State, where the Sycamores had not lost in 22 games. The Jays ended that

streak with a 77-71 victory.

ISU went into halftime holding a 40-31 lead. They would lead by as much as 13 in the second half.

Then the Bluejays went on a 17-10 run that included a 3-pointer by senior guard Ryan Sears that just beat the shot clock. That tied the game at 67. They sealed the victory by outscoring the Sycamores 8-2 in the final five minutes.

"This is something we had to do. We had to come here and win," senior guard Ben Walker said. "We knew it was going to be tough, but I just think the last eight minutes we said, 'You know what, we have a chance. Let's have some fun out here and do whatever we can.'"

Altman agreed.

"The most important thing is the way we won," he said. "We fought back. Indiana State is as tough a place to play as any."

Sears led the team with 21 points, including 6-of-7 from three-point range. He was named this week's Missouri Valley Conference player of the week.

Walker added 10 points to go with his game-high 10 rebounds. It was his fourth double-double of the season and the eighth of his career.

The Jays out rebounded ISU by a count of 39 to 27.

Senior center Livan Pyfrom came off the bench and blocked two ISU shots in the final six minutes, including one in a two-on-one situation.

"Pyfrom made a tremendous impact in the second half," Altman said.

Senior center Alan Huss and sophomore forward Kyle Korver also put in 10 points each.

In other team notes, Michael Lindeman will be out 1-2 weeks with a sprained knee. He hasn't played since the Illinois State game on Jan. 27.

The men will travel to Carbondale, Ill., to take on Southern Illinois tomorrow. Creighton defeated the Salukis 78-63 in their first match-up this year. The game will be broadcast live on ESPN at 1 p.m.

Mullan shoots off to join LA Galaxy

By Brian Fuchser
Sports Editor

Former Creighton All-American forward Brian Mullan is moving to California to be part of the galaxy of stars.

On Monday Mullan became the seventh Creighton men's soccer player to sign with Major League Soccer when the Los Angeles Galaxy selected him with the ninth overall pick of the six-round draft.

He joins former Bluejays Steve Bernal, Brian Kamler, Richard Mulrooney, Ross Paule, Angel Rivillo and Johnny Torres in the league.

"I'm very excited for Brian," said former head coach Bret Simon. "Los Angeles is one of the top professional programs in the country. They have a coach who has seen him play a few times and is really known for picking top talent."

Mullan said he was both relieved and excited to be drafted by Los Angeles, one of the 12 18-player teams in the nation's premier professional soccer league.

"You go through the whole emotional spectrum," Mullan said.

Mullan was in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., on Monday for the draft, and left Tuesday evening from Omaha for Los Angeles where he joined the team for practice on Wednesday. The Galaxy have been training together since Feb. 1.

Although Mullan, who is from Littleton, Colo., and his wife, former Bluejay midfielder Kersten Flink, who is from Highlands Ranch, Colo., had hoped for a spot with the Colorado Rapids, they were happy with the draft's result.

"Kersten and I wanted to go back to Colorado since we are both from there," Mullan said. "But after that, whatever."

This past season Mullan helped lead Creighton to an appearance in the 2000 NCAA College Cup Finals, the first time in school history that any CU team played for a national crown.

Mullan, a second-team NSCAA All-American as a senior, led the Jays in scoring in 2000 with 49 points on 18 goals and 13 assists.

He capped his career by breaking Torres' school record for career points in NCAA Tournament play with 16 in four years. Torres, who is now with the New England Revolution, had set the mark with 13 points from 1994-1997.

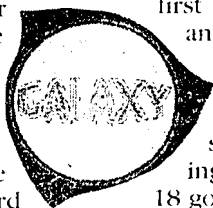
Mullan took part in the sixth annual Umbro Select All Star Classic on Feb. 3 at Lockhart Stadium in Fort Lauderdale. The game was held in conjunction with the start of MLS spring training and is used to showcase many of the nation's top seniors prior to the annual draft.

Mullan had signed a four-year contract with the league last week. This increased his chances of being drafted and helped him to get a slightly larger salary. He was one of five collegiate players to sign with MLS before the draft.

Normally, newly signed players receive the league minimum salary of \$24,000. However, since Mullan signed early with the league he is getting paid \$30,000, the same as the guaranteed sum for the top four players to go in the draft.

Despite Mullan's excitement and apprehension about the move to L.A., he is more concerned with the level of competition he will face in MLS.

"There will be some fighting going on," Mullan said. "It'll be pretty hard. I'm going to try my hardest and hope something comes out of it."



Mullan

Men's MVC Standings

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Creighton	9	4	.692	17	6	.739
Indiana State	8	4	.667	16	7	.696
Bradley	8	4	.667	13	8	.619
Southern Illinois	6	5	.545	12	10	.545
Evansville	6	6	.500	11	12	.478
Drake	5	6	.455	9	11	.450
Missouri St.	5	7	.417	9	12	.429
Wichita State	2	10	.167	7	14	.333
Northern Iowa	2	10	.167	5	18	.217

Graphic by Andy Hughes

Creighton softball team seeks home run in '01

By Jenni Sund
Assistant Sports Editor

Creighton's softball team doesn't plan to be left in the cold this season, so they've been practicing inside.

The team has been unable to practice outside yet this year because of the weather, assistant coach Danielle Fitzgerald said.

The team may not have a chance to practice outside before they travel to Oklahoma, according to junior right-handed pitcher Shellie Mellegaard.

"Although it is a challenge, I believe our team is capable of overcoming it and not letting it effect our game," she said.

The Jays begin the pre-season at the Oklahoma University Tournament Feb. 16-18 in Norman, Okla. On that Friday, they face Texas Tech and Wichita State. Saturday the team plays Texas-San Antonio and the defending national champion Oklahoma Sooners.

"The biggest challenge is having to start the season off against some big schools such as Oklahoma," junior infielder DeAnn Kaster said.

OU defeated the Bluejays 2-0 last season. The team had a good chance to win that game, head coach Brent Vigness said.



Photo by Jeremy Quigley

Senior outfielder Amy Ficene practices her hitting at Chilli Greens Golf, an indoor driving range in Omaha.

"Our next step is to get quality wins against ranked opponents," he said.

Creighton will play in four pre-season tournaments. After the OU tournament, the Jays play in the Oklahoma State University Tournament, the Hillenbrand Tournament hosted by the University of Arizona and the Creighton Spring Classic.

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