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City deposits new parking meters

By KATE PRASSE
Reporter

The first week of school is full of expectations: you expect to have trouble finding a place to park, you expect to park a mile away and you expect to be both sweaty and late to class.

However, this year you did not expect to use your laundry quarters to feed the newly installed parking meters on the edges of Creighton's campus.

Parking meters recently were installed on three of Creighton's side streets: Florence Boulevard, Cass Street and 20th Street. The high volume of cars parked on these streets for free sparked some interest from the City of Omaha.

According to Charlie Krajicek, city engineer, the city made the decision to install meters on the north side of the city for various reasons, including Creighton's expansion and the popular Morrison Soccer Stadium.

"At this time, there is more development taking place on the north side," Krajicek said. "There was a lot of street parking there, so that's why we extended the meters."

Meters were extended west on Cass Street from 21st Street, north on Florence Boulevard to California Avenue, and south on 20th Street to Kenefick Hall.

All the meters installed are 10-hour meters. On Cass Street, it costs 25 cents for 75 minutes, and Florence Boulevard meters collect 25 cents for every two hours.

Krajicek said parking on campus is expensive.

"You can probably pay less to park on the street than on one of Creighton's lots," he said.

Dan Burkey, Creighton vice president for Administration and Finance, disagrees.

"The current fee for full-time student permits is \$260 per year, and full-time faculty/staff permits are \$300 per year, both of which provide year-round access," Burkey said.

Burkey said most people are not on campus all year but rather the 35 weeks of the school year.

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Remembering Hurricane Katrina



Photo by Courtney Wittmann

Members of the Creighton community participate in a prayer vigil in front of St. John's Church on Tuesday night.

Shuttle routes reinstated

By AMANDA PORTNER
Assistant News Editor

Student responses to a reduction in the shuttle route drove the service to resume business as usual.

On Aug. 9, an e-mail was sent stating the shuttle route would not include stops at Davis Square, Opus Hall or 38th Street. One week later, this announcement turned on a dime when another e-mail reinstated these stops.

The reasons for the initial changes were financial, said John Wilhelm, associate vice president for Administration and director of Operational Planning. There has been an increase in the cost of operation of the shuttle program, including gas prices, Wilhelm said. Last year, operating costs had surpassed the budget. This year, the route reduction was identified as a way to concentrate the resources available to the shuttle program while still providing a safe and effective service. Lack of use was not a reason for the proposed change.

Business senior Jonathon Tokheim has used the 38th Street stop for the last year as his primary method of transportation to and from campus. He said he was concerned about the initial change.

"I didn't think about it [the shuttle] at all until I used it for a whole year," Tokheim said. "I became very dependent because I came to count on it."

Student demand like Tokheim's materialized itself in the feedback the Shuttle Service received from students and parents urging reconsideration of the matter. After evaluating these concerns, the shuttle stops at Davis, Opus and 38th Street were reinstated.

"We decided that we would allow the budget to basically go into a deficit for the academic year as we pursue other alternatives," Wilhelm said.

One of the alternatives is implementing a fare-based service, which would require those

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SHUTTLE SCHEDULE

Stop	Location	Shuttle Times	
1	Opus Davis (NW Corner 20th Webster)	:08 :28 :48	E A S T
2	Law School (SW 20th Cass)	:10 :30 :50	
3	Kenefick (SE Corner)	:14 :34 :54	
4	Heider Hall (Alley on north)	:16 :36 :56	
5	Swanson Hall (SW Corner)	:16 :36 :56	
6	Kawatt Hall (South side)	:17 :37 :57	
7	Cross 1 (NW Corner)	:20 :40 :00	
8	BIC (SE corner by Garage)	:22 :42 :02	
9	Burt St. stairs (26th Burt)	:23 :43 :03	
10	Dehman Circle	:25 :45 :05	
1	Dehman Circle	:05 :25 :45	W E S T
2	Cross 1 (NW Corner)	:06 :26 :46	
3	BIC (SE Corner by Garage)	:07 :27 :47	
4	31st Chicago (Pike House)	:09 :29 :49	
5	31st Davreport (NW Corner)	:10 :30 :50	
6	33rd Davreport (NE Corner)	:11 :31 :51	
7	35th Ave Davreport (NE Corner)	:12 :32 :52	
8	38th Davreport (NE Corner)	:13 :33 :53	
9	34th California (SE Corner)	:14 :34 :54	
10	36th California (South side)	:15 :35 :55	
11	34th California (South side)	:16 :36 :56	
12	39th California (SW Corner)	:17 :37 :57	
13	Burt St. stairs (26th Burt)	:20 :40 :00	
Hours of Operation		East	West
M - Th		6:10 am-1:00 am	7:05 am-1:00 am
F		6:00 am-8:00 pm	7:05 am-5:00 pm
Sat		11:00 am-6:00 pm	No Service
Sun		1:00 pm-1:00 am	5:00 pm-1:00 am

Graphic by Teddy Ogilvie

Pepsi product prices increased on campus

By SARAH SMITH
Assistant Editor

Keep those extra quarters, nickels and dimes handy: it will cost a few more coins to quench that thirst for soda or water.

The price of Pepsi products sold on Creighton's campus increased on July 10: 20-ounce bottles of soda and water increased from \$1 to \$1.25, 12-ounce cans of soda increased from 65 cents to 75 cents, and 20-ounce bottles of Gatorade increased from \$1.25 to \$1.35.

The price increases include beverages sold in vending machines and any place on campus

where Food Services sells canned and bottled beverages, including the Skutt Student Center and Jack & Ed's.

Rowland Hughes, director of the Student Center, said the university started thinking about increasing the price of Pepsi in spring 2005.

He said the price increases are part of the contract Creighton has had with Pepsi for the past six years and that this is the first time prices have risen.

"It was part of the ongoing process of doing business," he said.

Hughes said the Student Center receives a commission from all vending machines on campus, except for those in residence halls, and that some of the extra income generated by the increased prices will go toward the Student Center.

"Our hope is that the additional commission will help to hold down the request for university fee increases for the next fiscal year," Hughes said.

Greg Nestle, general manager of Dining Services, also said the beverage price increases will benefit the university.

"I think it will directly benefit Creighton in that more money can be turned back into the program," he said.

Though Hughes said he has not received any feedback about the price increases yet, some students are dissatisfied.

Kevin Cleary, Arts & Sciences senior, said he used to buy a bottle of water each morning and a Diet Pepsi every afternoon before prices increased.

"I've definitely cut back on my vending machine usage," he said. "I have a case of water

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"Smaller and farther from the sun than any planet in the solar system, Pluto was always 'that planet.' You know, the one who you would call if you wanted to have a couple drinks at the Jay or needed a 10th player for pickup basketball at the KFC, but who you never considered more than a fringe member of your group of friends." ~ Michael Stacy, Sports Editor. Check out the rest of his column on page 8.

WEEKLY CAMPUS SAFETY REPORT

8/23/06

9 a.m. Contractors reported the theft of equipment from an unlocked trailer parked south of Heider.

10:20 a.m. A vehicle parked in the purchasing parking lot was damaged by a Mail Center vehicle.

12:34 p.m. A staff member reported a backpack missing from an office in Criss III.

8/24/06

12:55 p.m. A purse found in the Kiewit Fitness Center was returned to the owner.

8/25/06

10:45 a.m. Four juveniles were banned and barred from campus after being observed testing the door handles on cars parked near north 20th Street.

12:20 p.m. A student reported losing software, computer cables and video games sometime during a move from Heider Hall to an off-campus apartment.

5:15 p.m. A 30-year-old non-affiliate was banned and barred from campus after loitering at Morrison Soccer Stadium.

8/26/06

10:34 a.m. An ill student was transported from McGloin Hall to CUMC.

8/27/06

11:49 p.m. Officers transported an intoxicated student from Gallagher Hall to CUMC.

8/28/06

12:14 a.m. An ill student was transported from Gallagher Hall to CUMC.

Five-Day Forecast

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
High: 78 Low: 59 Rain	High: 72 Low: 55 Thunderstorms	High: 72 Low: 53 Rain	High: 73 Low: 53 Cloudy	High: 76 Low: 55 Partly Cloudy

The Atmospheric Science Society

SHUTTLE: CU seeks alternative financial solutions

riding the shuttle to pay for a pass. At this time, no decisions have been made. A focus group composed of a cross-representation of on- and off-campus students as well as faculty and staff, is being assembled to further research the issue and find a solution.

"It's an important service to the Creighton Community, and we want to make it work as best as we can with the funding that we're given," Wilhelm said.

Jessica Berwick, graduate assistant and apartment coordinator of Davis Square, did not receive much feedback about the shuttle. She attributed this to the fact that the announcement was made during the summer, so many

students had not yet heard about the change. In her first year at Creighton, Berwick said she was surprised at the reliance students had on the shuttle.

"I didn't know the value the shuttle had at Creighton," said Berwick. "I thought of it as a privilege."

Although Berwick said she does not consider herself as one of those students dependent on the shuttle, she is anticipating its benefits.

"I'm kind of looking forward to it when the weather gets bad."

Questions regarding the shuttle program can be directed to Mark Simanek at 280-2396 or msimanek@creighton.edu.

PEPSI: Product prices increase to \$1.25

in my room now that I just got from Target. It's much cheaper that way."

Cleary said the price increase has made it less convenient to purchase beverages on campus.

"While the increase isn't too significant, the convenience of just having a dollar to buy a drink is gone now," he said.

Although prices have risen, Hughes said he thinks Creighton's beverage prices are lower than those in some convenience and grocery stores.

"If you go out and take a look at alternate vendors, we still feel we're under the going rate out there," he said.

Nestle also said the price increase is positive because it will put more money toward Creighton.

"Building back into the program: that's the primary goal," Nestle said.

Correction

In the Welcome Week issue of the Creightonian, Opus Hall named incorrectly.



Watch for our coverage of Hurricane Katrina: One Year Later in the Sept. 8, 2006 issue

Cultural picnic



Photo by Amanda Guenther

Joel Chang, Arts & Sciences sophomore, helps out with the pig roast during the Multicultural Affairs Picnic on Sunday. The event, which is held to welcome incoming students to Creighton, was hosted by the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

METERS: Parking meters installed near campus

"If you came to campus five days per week for a full 10 hours per day, the Cass Street meters would cost you \$350 for that part of the year," he said.

Burkey met with the city to discuss the parking meter situation and stated various reasons why Creighton objected to the meters being installed, such as financial burdens and visual clutter.

Burkey said the installation of meters was a decision intended to create additional revenue for Omaha.

"They extend parking meters from their

core downtown locations to adjacent areas where they believe they can generate additional parking revenues," he said.

Krajicek said there are no plans to install meters on Burt Street or any other streets close to campus; but as Burkey indicated, that does not mean it will not happen in the future.

If your car is parked at a meter, don't forget to feed it. After all, the cost of a parking ticket is \$16 — and that is a lot of laundry money.

10-Hour PARKING METERS

- North on Florence Boulevard Between Cass and California Streets Costs 25 cents for 75 minutes
- South on 20th Street Between Cass Street and Kenefick Costs 25 cents for 2 hours

— New Parking Meters

Graphic by Chelsey Brown

Cardoner hosts talk about Jesuit's book

■ Rolheiser's collection of essays discusses spirituality.

By RYAN BORCHERS
Reporter

The beginning of the school year can be stressful. The joys of summer can be forgotten amid the rush of moving in and the flood of back-to-school homework.

However, Cardoner, an Academic Affairs program, is dedicated to helping students, faculty, staff members and alumni realize faith in their personal and professional lives. It is also trying to bring a little peace to a hectic campus.

On Monday, Cardoner held a discussion on the first half of the Rev. Ronald Rolheiser, S.J.'s book, "Forgotten Among the Lilies: Learning to Love Beyond Our Fears."

"It's a collection of essays that he has written," said Dr. Kristina DeNeve, director of Cardoner. "They deal with a ton of different spirituality topics, ranging from finding God in everyday life to realizing that you don't have to have your act together in order for God to love you."

More than 35 people attended the discussion, which covered chapters one through six of the book.

DeNeve said she was pleased with the turnout, considering it was the beginning of the semester.

"This is a dizzy time of the year. It's the first full week of classes," she said.

Arts & Sciences senior Allison Kinney at-

Upcoming Cardoner book discussions:

"The Death of Innocents: An Eyewitness Account of Wrongful Executions" by Sister Helen Prejean

Nov. 13 at 7 p.m., Lied Education Center for the Arts Main Theater

tended the book discussion.

"It was very good," she said. "I wish more people would come."

Rolheiser is the author of six books on Christian spirituality, including "Against an Infinite Horizon: The Finger of God in Our Everyday Lives" and "The Holy Longing: The Search for a Christian Spirituality."

"I'm always flattered whenever anybody discusses my books," Rolheiser said in a telephone interview. "We need to discuss these ideas with others to fully get them."

The discussion was a chance to calm down and relax with a message of peace amid the first week's hustle and bustle.

It also was an opportunity to prepare for Rolheiser's upcoming visit to Creighton on Sept. 21-22.

DeNeve said those who attend the discussions will have the chance to meet Rolheiser in a small study after his lecture.

"I'm going to discuss principles for adult discipleship," Rolheiser said. "We'll also talk about trying to keep a mellow heart in a bitter world."

Cardoner will hold a discussion for the book's remaining six chapters on Sept. 12 at 11:45 a.m. in the Union Pacific Room.

Reinert offers IM service to students

By SHANNON LAUBENTHAL
Reporter

Say "OIC," "OMG" or "BRB" to your newest instant messenger buddy: the Creighton University Reinert-Alumni Memorial Library or "curalaskus."

For the first time, Creighton's library reference staff will be available to students via instant messaging software, allowing communication to take place outside the library walls.

"We want to broaden our reach. With campus expanding eastward, there won't be as much foot traffic here in the library," said Chris Carmichael, reference specialist.

The virtual reference desk will enable a wider audience to use the services and make it easier to access information.

Reaching your new buddy is relatively simple: add "curalaskus" to a buddy list on AOL, MSN or Yahoo! instant messaging networks, and start asking questions.

"It's useful and an easy place to start; an extension of what you already do on a regular basis," Carmichael said.

She said the service is available to answer questions regarding anything from library hours to citing resources.

Reference specialists also will be able to send articles through instant messaging, similar to sending a picture or music.

"Face to face may still be more advantageous in some situations, and we will let the students know if that is the case," Carmichael said.

The new network, which already exists at the Klutznick Law Library and Health Sciences Library, is an "exciting adventure," said David Buffington, reference specialist.

"If you are home during a break and can't find a database, you can IM a librarian on cam-

Reference Service Desk hours with IM service

Monday-Thursday 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

• Reinert reference staff can be contacted at curalaskus@yahoo.com, curalaskus@aol.com, curalaskus@hotmail.com and <http://reinert.creighton.edu>.

pus.," he said. "It's good for distance learning."

The new service has had one customer so far, and Carmichael said the student was very happy with the service he received.

"People are comfortable chatting," she said.

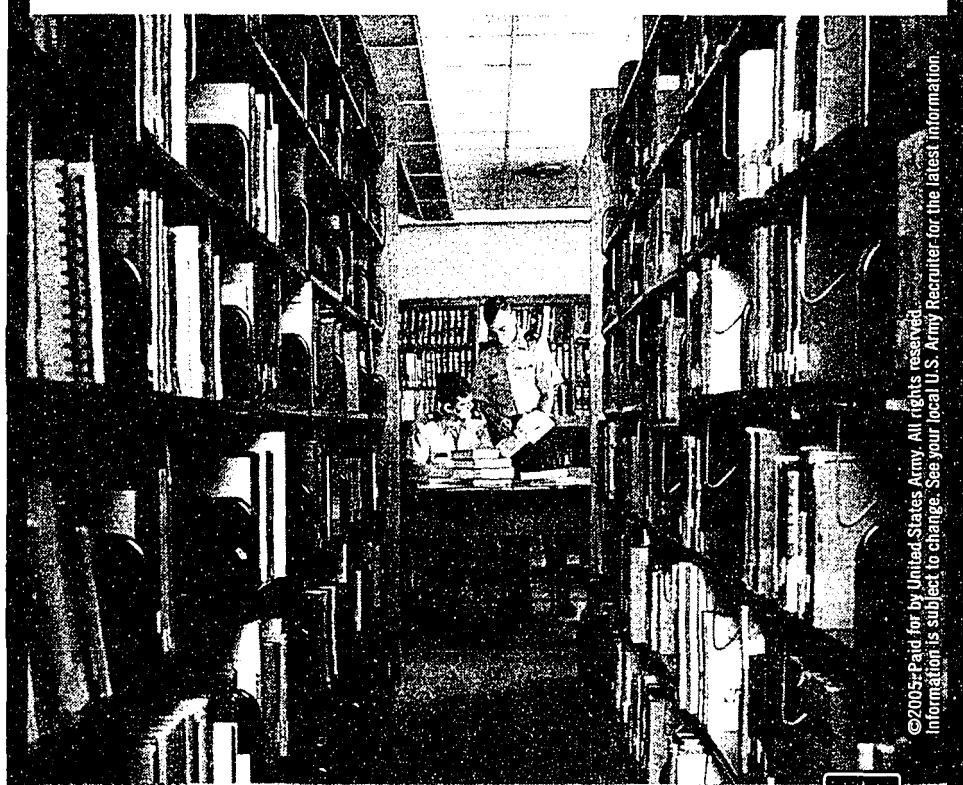
Though the service is not offered 24 hours a day, it is available during reference service desk hours.


A similar Internet reference service once was available in conjunction with other Jesuit universities. The new service is geared toward Creighton only, so students are guaranteed to "chat" with a Reinert staff member.

The Reinert reference staff can be contacted at curalaskus@yahoo.com, curalaskus@aol.com and curalaskus@hotmail.com.

Students also can access contact information via the "ask-a-librarian" link on the library's new Web site homepage, <http://reinert.creighton.edu>.

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DR Program conveys new worldview

By CHRISTINE GALT
Assistant News Editor

The incessant peeping of alarm clocks jolts students from their restful slumbers, waking them for a day full of classes.

Breakfast is waiting once the students stumble out of bed. But this morning, instead of bacon and eggs at Becker Dining Hall, the meal is prepared by campesino families for Creighton students in the Dominican Republic.

Creighton students looking to spend a semester outside their comfort zones — and the country — need look no further than the Encuentro Dominicano program.

"The [typical] student is a little more open and is ready to investigate beyond the Creighton bubble. It takes a person who is open to that experience. They must be willing to criticize themselves and their worldview," said Justin Lampe, Student Life director for the program.

Creighton has had a 35-year relationship with the Dominican Republic through the Institute for Latin American Concern. Two years ago, the curriculum for the study abroad program was redesigned to accommodate more students with diverse majors.

"[The program] should enhance the educational experience, not hinder it," Lampe said. "The curriculum is very flexible and fits in well with different career goals."

Last semester, 12 students participated in the program, living at the ILAC Center and doing two 10-day immersions.

"The immersions are key to the whole experience," said James Anderson, Arts & Sciences senior. "We approach the Campo as a whole and they will decide what they need in the community and their priorities, then we put our resources behind it."

This past semester the campo, or village, decided that certain families needed cement floors in their houses.

For more information on Encuentro Dominicano, contact:

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•280-2717

Encuentro Dominicano Web site
•www2.creighton.edu/encuentro

"Personal property to the Dominicans is very important, but if it means sweeping their front patio clean and making the streets dirty, they don't care," said Andrew Venrick, Arts & Sciences junior. "There really is no infrastructure within the city; the roads are unpaved and pothole-laden, and there are mopeds weaving in and out of everything."

Students are given the opportunity to experience a culture where many people live at poverty level, yet, first-year Pharmacy student Kristen Hayes said she believes it is not the Dominican surroundings that make an impact; rather, it is the hearts of the Dominican people.

"The people make the country," Hayes said. "The hospitality is incredible. They value each other so much more than things because they don't have things, just each other. To be honest, I have never felt love like I have felt down there."

"Creighton's program is unique because the students who are coming back are the face of the program," Lampe said.

"Bringing back the story of the people has been as much a part of the program as going and experiencing the culture," Hayes said.

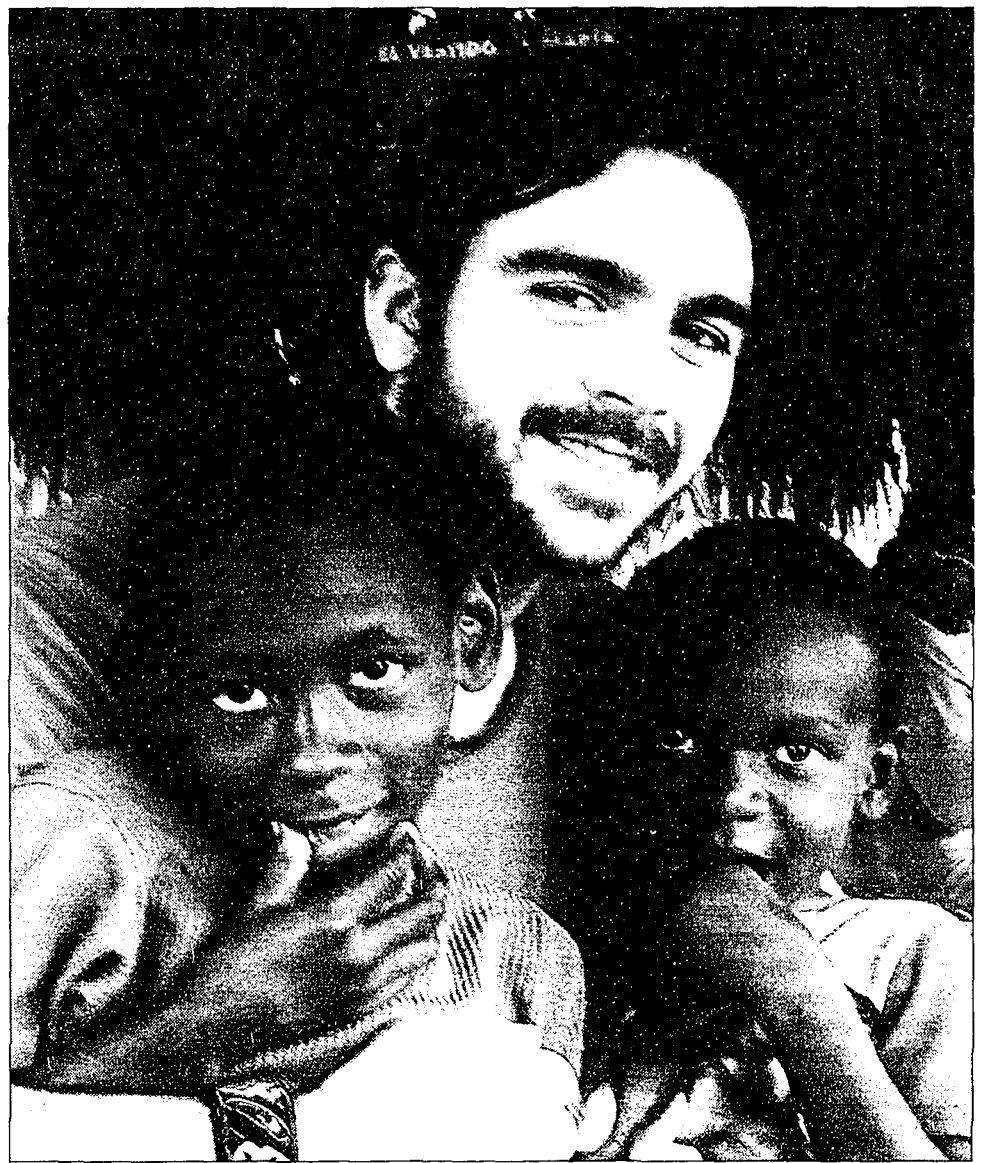


Photo courtesy of James Anderson

Andrew Venrick, Arts & Sciences junior, bonds with two boys he met when participating in Caritas, a feeding program for school children in the Dominican Republic.



Vocation and the Holy Longing

Thursday, Sept. 21, 2006
7:00 p.m.

Rigge Science Auditorium, Rm. 120



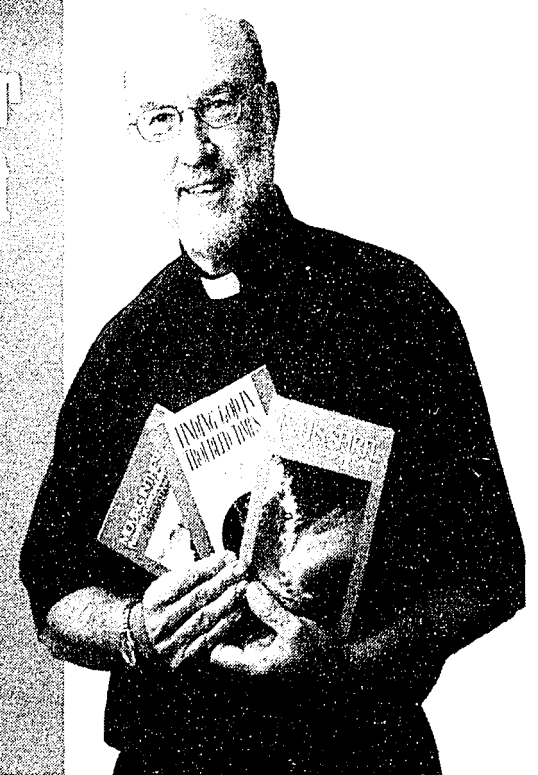
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9th planet demoted to dwarf status

■ Definition of planet changes, and Pluto doesn't cut it.

By BRIAN NORTON
Editor-in-Chief

The sixth-grade solar system models of the past are no longer in balance after the International Astronomical Union demoted Pluto from planetary status.

Last week during the IAU's 2006 General Assembly in Prague, astronomers voted to change the definition of a planet and, as a result, Pluto now falls under the new category of "dwarf planet."

"They had a dilemma. They found a body out beyond Pluto that was actually larger than Pluto. So what they were up against was trying to decide whether or not to make that the 10th planet," said Dr. David Krieger, professor of Astronomy at Creighton and University of Nebraska-Omaha. "One of the proposals was to have that body being a planet; Ceres, which is an asteroid, being a planet; and even the moon of Pluto being a planet."

"That would have increased the solar system to 12 planets ... The best and simplest thing to do was to just demote Pluto from being a planet."

According to an IAU press release, a planet is defined as a celestial body that orbits around the Sun, has sufficient mass to overcome rigid body forces so as to assume a nearly round shape and has sufficiently cleared out the area around its orbit. A dwarf planet is a celestial body that orbits the Sun and has enough mass to assume a nearly round shape but has not cleared out the area around its orbit and is not a satellite.

Pluto, the asteroid Ceres, and the larger body past Pluto, 2003 UB, all fall under the definition of dwarf planet. However, they are not the only small objects on the outskirts of the solar system.

"Out in the area of Pluto, beyond Neptune ... we have found a lot of small bodies, which we call Kuiper Belt objects. These are 100- to 200-mile objects," Krieger said. "It appears this area is very well-populated with small chunks of ice and rock that remain from the solar system's formation."

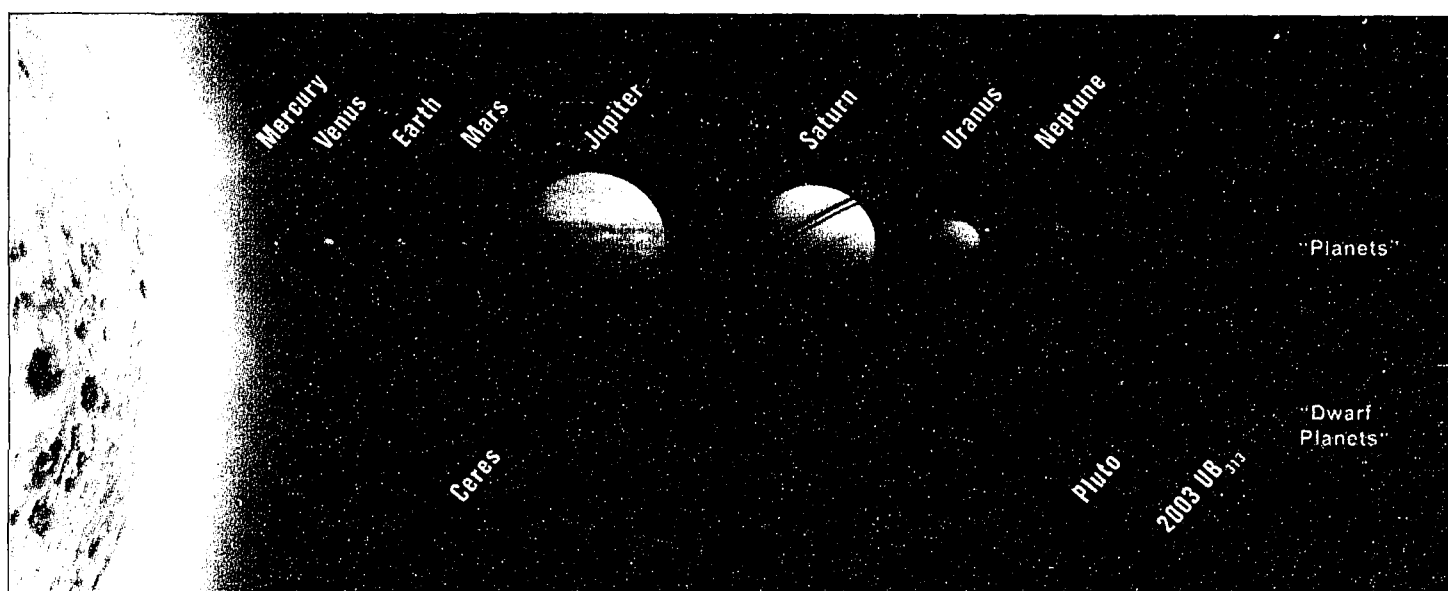
"The thought is that Pluto is one of those leftover pieces that just got bigger."

In January, NASA launched the New Horizons spacecraft, which is scheduled to study Pluto and the Kuiper Belt objects in 2015. It will be the first spacecraft to visit a dwarf planet, although it was originally scheduled to be the first spacecraft to visit the ninth planet of the solar system.

The change in Pluto's planetary status will have more than just an impact on the textbooks of future students. It also could affect the way astronomy and other sciences are taught.

"The impact it will have is to make people be more aware that there are other bodies aside from just the 'eight planets.' If they wish to speak about Pluto, they will have to bring up the fact that there are asteroids and comets and Kuiper Belt objects; there are bodies that are larger out beyond Pluto," Krieger said. "I think they are going to make students more aware of minor bodies. In reality, the planets are important ... but the minor bodies, like asteroids, are the ones that can hit the Earth."

"It is important that people understand there are minor bodies, so I have a feeling this might emphasize some of the differences and why those differences are important in our solar system."



Courtesy of International Astronomical Union

The Milky Way Galaxy is now home to eight planets instead of nine. The International Astronomical Union redefined the word "planet" to exclude celestial bodies with debris surrounding them. Pluto also no longer fits the definition because of its size.

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Lessons get students into swing of things

■ Dance Club brings lindy hop, jitterbug to CU.

By KELLI MUTCHLER
Scene Editor

Your grandparents jitter-bugged 60 years ago; now, you too can jump, jive and wail this Friday night at the Creighton Swing Dance.

The first-time event, sponsored by the Creighton Dance Club, will take place from 8:30 p.m. to midnight in the Skutt Student Center Ballroom. Admission is free for Creighton students and \$5 for non-students.

Before the club's practicing dancers take the floor, lessons will be offered for beginners and newcomers.

"It's the perfect opportunity to get experienced dancers to come here and new dancers to see what people do," said Tita Teresa Blake, president of CDU and Arts & Sciences senior.

Hoping for students to stop by the dance, Blake promised that the moves are not as hard as they look in the movies. She said the lessons are offered to teach footwork, rhythm and style — not just the high-flying lifts most people associate with swing dancing.

For students who won't have their dancing shoes on in time for the event, the club also offers weekly lessons throughout the school year. Besides giving instructions in the style of East Coast swing, volunteer teachers also will demonstrate some sassy moves in tango and cha-cha.

Eager learners do not need to be club members and may attend as their schedule allows. Although more women typically show up, Arts & Sciences sophomore and club member T.J. O'Neill encouraged skeptical guys to go as well.

"Judge it for yourself — come out and try it and then determine if you like it," O'Neill said, who would like to see more balance between genders.

Even though there may not be enough guys to sweep every girl off her feet, learning the moves is a good way to meet new people and dance with as many partners as you want, Blake said.

"It makes a nice cheap date for couples," O'Neill said.

For more information, e-mail Blake at teresablake@creighton.edu.

Student has stroke of success

By SARAH KNAACK
Scene Reporter

Danny Jones is not your typical artist, but this Arts & Sciences senior is well on his way to success. Even though this Omaha native has never had formal art training, his work is featured at the Everything Them gallery in the Old Market.

Jones said his interest in art started when he was young.

"I've just always done it since I was a kid," he said. "It grew out of doodling."

Jones' doodling has grown into more than a pastime and has caught the eye of several people. During a flight, he made a drawing on his tray table, and the man sitting next to him offered him \$200 for it.

But Jones said he was unconvinced his sketches were worth anything. He said that it wasn't until his freshman year at Creighton that fellow students started complimenting his artwork. Encouraged, he showed his aunt, who was trained in art, and she convinced him to take his collection to local galleries. Jones found Everything Them in the yellow pages, and asked owners Brian and Joanna Murzyn if he could show them his pen-and-ink work.

It is hard for Jones to describe his work.

"It's something you should see in person," he said. "Some of my designs kind of look like fake characters or hieroglyphics. A few have hidden words or themes, and others are up to your own interpretation."

Jones said these pieces usually are "totally uninspired" and that he doesn't have a plan — he just puts pen to paper.



Photo by Amanda Guenther

A photograph of Creighton student Dan Jones, Arts & Sciences senior, hangs next to his artwork in the gallery Everything Them, located at 1105 Harney St. in the Old Market.

The shift from unknown walk-in to full-fledged artist with prints being sold to New Zealand, California and Omaha lofts has been rapid, but Jones remains unpretentious about

his talent and still wants to become a clinical psychologist.

"For me, drawing is somewhere between a hobby and a passion."

Program Board rocks campus with bigger budget, new ideas

By MYRA GOTTL
Copy Editor

The 10 members of CSU's Program Board have big ideas, backed by a budget that is larger than ever. They spent all summer planning events they think will represent the diverse interests of Creighton students.

Your job? Show up and enjoy all the free stuff!

Thursday Night Live is back again this fall. The first TNL of the semester featured Cedarwell on Aug. 24.

Every other Thursday in the Skutt Student Center at 8 p.m., Program Board provides a variety of entertainment; the next event is bingo on Sept. 7.

TNL also hosts an exhibition of student talent: Creighton Idol. Starting Oct. 26, Creighton Idol gives students a chance to show off, or for the less musically gifted, an opportunity to watch classmates rock out.

Program Board also will continue with Wednesdays After Class, held from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. every Wednesday on the mall.

"We try to make WAC bigger and better

every time," said John Sullivan, assistant vice president for Programming. Next Wednesday, Sept. 6, Program Board will dish up ice cream sundaes on the mall. Sullivan said he is most excited for the gourmet caramel apples on Sept. 20 and the professional massages on Oct. 11.

Vice President for Programming Andrew Spaulding said he was pleased that WAC was held on the first day of classes.

"I'm very proud of the group we have now. They're very committed to the group and to each other," Spaulding said.

Homecoming this year is themed Rock N' Roll and will kick off on Sept. 23 with the Jay Walk, a 5k run that benefits Omaha's Jesuit Middle School. The annual Mr. & Ms. Bluejay pageant will be emceed by comedian Pete Lee on Sept. 25.

This year also will mark the 21st year hypnotist Jim Wand will perform at Creighton. More information about homecoming will be released next week on the CSU Program Board website www.creighton.edu/csu.

One difference this semester will be the expansion of Program Board's Creighton in

Common program. The program focuses on diversity, multicultural education and entertainment.

"At first the program was a week long [and] last year it was all of February. Now we're planning on doing one event a month," Sullivan said. "We're providing a support for cultural groups already on campus, like CULSA and CUASA."

The first Creighton in Common program will be a panel discussion on Sept. 26. Student leaders from multicultural programs will be on the panel to discuss whether CSU programming is meeting the needs of Creighton's diverse student body.

Though Program Board is busy advertising its upcoming events, one secret remains. The band for the Fallapalooza concert is yet to be announced.

"We're talking with a specific band, but we can't release who until we have a contract. It's a different kind of show. I'm excited about the group we're looking at, and I know Creighton students will be, too," Spaulding said.

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The Scoop on Omaha Ice Cream Favorites

Although soft serve from Brandeis is a favorite among many Creighton students, there are places in Omaha that will make it easy to forget the cafeteria.

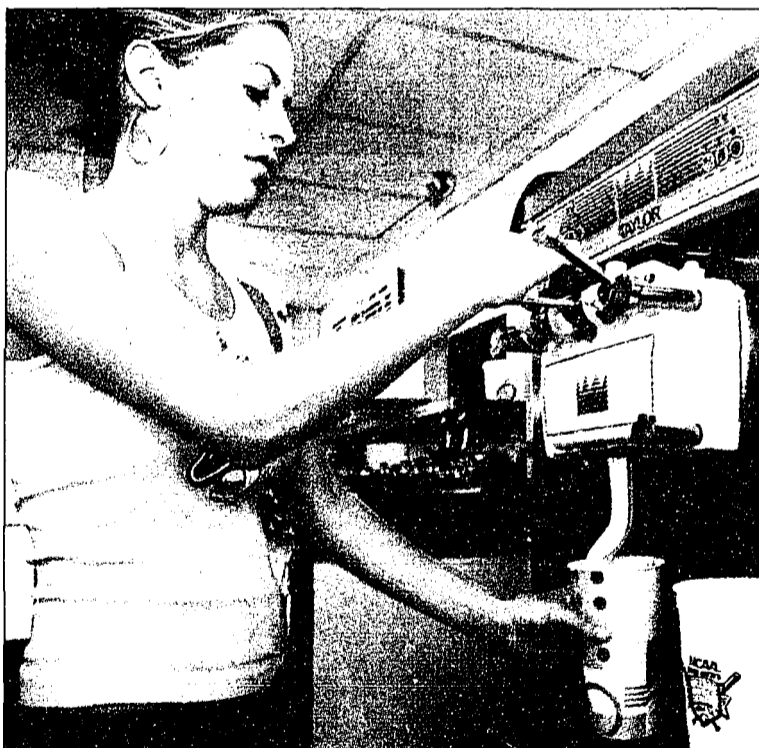
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Maggie Moo's Treatory

A popular spot for Creighton students to get their sugar fix is Maggie Moo's Treatory on the intersection of 12th and Jackson Streets, across from Ted and Wally's. A single ice cream with one mix-in flavor is \$3.91. Remember Maggie Moo's personalized ice cream cakes on a special occasion. To avoid weight gain, try one of Maggie Moo's fat-free flavors or a non-fat fruit smoothie. Getting ice cream doesn't have to expand your waist line.

Right: Margie Heffernan helps her two daughters, Karlie and Jamie, choose an afternoon treat from Maggie Moo's.



Employee Danielle Salced begins to make one of the Zesto's famous shakes.

Zesto's

Located across from Rosenblatt Stadium on 13th Street, Zesto's, a family-owned ice cream shop, provides an old-fashioned atmosphere. Wash down a Zesto's burger with their famous hot fudge shake. A small shake costs \$2.75, but chances are you will want more. In the days to come, Zesto's will make your ice cream trips easier when it opens a drive-through.



An employee demonstrates the old-fashioned way to make the perfect homemade ice cream: using rock salt and ice.



Java N' Ice

Java N' Ice goes above and beyond a simple scoop of ice cream. In addition to frozen treats, Java N' Ice on 108th Street and West Center Road serves coffee and espresso drinks, pastries and other specialty desserts. With free wireless Internet access, it is a great place to get a sugar rush while hitting the books. A single scoop of ice cream costs \$2.46. As fall approaches, don't forget to try their award-winning coffee.

Ted and Wally's

Try Ted & Wally's on 12th and Jackson Streets in the Old Market. This popular ice cream shop has more than 72 homemade flavors. Be sure to try at least one of the 25 mix-ins Ted and Wally's is known for. A single cone with one mix-in ingredient costs \$3.76. Although it may not have the same charm as the original, check out the new Ted and Wally's branch, which opened last month in Dundee.

Editorially speaking

Speak out, they might just listen

We all know those people who always have something to say. Usually, it's negative. Though complaints are valid, of course, we should take the time to remind those people to change the things about which they were complaining.

For example, Creighton's shuttle service attempted to change its routes earlier this year. There were many students who chose off-campus housing based on the shuttle's path and were upset. So the students took action, voiced their opinions and let shuttle services know they depended on that route. Sure enough, the shuttle route was re-expanded for the year.

If you have something to say, just say it

This gives faith to the idea that students can impact their school. Whether it is an opinion about something in Brandeis, on campus or in the world, students have the means to use their voices and make a difference.

The Mission Statement says that "Creighton exists for students and for learning." That is a powerful statement, which faculty and staff are expected to follow. Students can spark changes: send a letter to the editor, a comment card in the dining hall or make an appointment with an administrator. You never know until you try...

Chart-topping title, no meaning

It's practically normal to see that Creighton has been ranked No. 1 by U.S. News & World Report, (again) for Midwest Masters Universities. It should be a big deal. But to the people it concerns, it doesn't matter.

For current students, Creighton's rank is meaningless. They are already here, and chances are they wouldn't leave Creighton over a ranking. Also, the category Creighton was ranked in makes undergrads feel that it matters even less. Students who intend to get a master's degree might be concerned, but not in the near future. Students not planning to pursue a master's degree

have no reason to think about it.

Seniors in high school who are applying to colleges might be the only ones who look at rank. But since Creighton doesn't make a big to-do about it, is it even memorable? Even if it is, tuition, location and school size would come before rank. Creighton is expensive. Not everyone is willing to pay that much, even if Creighton is No. 1.

Creighton is #1 again... Who cares?

Creighton sets the example. If Creighton isn't excited about its rank, why should prospective students care? Unless Creighton starts tooting its own horn, its rank won't matter.



Cartoon by Jake Schutz

Racial segregation "survives" in reality TV show



Toss it in

Nikki Zamora & Rebecca Schier

Do you believe you should be at home watching TV? Apparently, some people believe that is what the new season of "Survivor" is for.

Year after year, "Survivor" keeps trying new ways to "survive" in today's reality TV obsession. This year, producers thought it would be fun

to watch groups of blacks, whites, Asians and Latinos battle for the title.

Yes, you read that right. The producers thought it would be neat to segregate contestants.

Can "Survivor" in a desperate attempt to lure in viewers, undo years of integration and equality? It has the potential to. Although this is probably giving a reality TV show way too much credit.

Should race really decide who is best fit to survive on an island? And where do those who don't know which box to check belong? Will there be tension between those of the same race?

Tony Pierce, the editor of LAist.com, said in an article the ethnic division "is more likely to keep people off the streets and in their homes

watching TV, where they ought to be."

So now, instead of going out on the streets to have racial wars, we get to sit at home with a bowl of popcorn and watch other people have racial wars for us. That is, if we think the show is worth watching.

Well, one perk is "Survivor" watchers can do themed dinner nights: soul food, pizza, fried rice, tacos or just a potluck if they can't decide which team to support.

As "Survivor" continually attempts to boost its ratings, we have to ask ourselves, "What's next?" Will the teams be based on religion or sexual orientation? Or better yet, by favorite colors or maybe their favorite sports team?

Or, heaven forbid, producers actually make it a real competition and get rid of all the scripted drama. But that would be crossing the line.

Pluto, the first 'dwarf planet,' loses celebrity status



Straight Cash

Michael Stacy
Sports Editor

Enough about P. Diddy and J. Lo, J. Timberlake and Britney and K-Fed, and every other star of the entertainment world whose every action becomes instant tabloid fodder.

If you want real drama, forget the stars of Hollywood, and look to the stars — or, rather, the planets — of our solar system, because right now there's a controversy of planetary proportions brewing over the status of a little guy I like to call P-To.

Last Thursday, P-To (Pluto to most people) was stripped of its status as a planet and reclassified as a "dwarf planet" following a vote by members of the International Astronomical Union. Always a bit of a Pluto apologist, I found myself wondering, "Can they really do that?"

Sadly, they can.

The scientific explanation for why Pluto was stripped of its dignity is loaded with words that have more syllables than Saturn has rings. So if you're looking for an astronomically correct assessment full of confusing technical jargon, keep looking. But if an explanation of the situation in layman's terms is what you're seeking, you've come to the right place.

The way I figure, there's someone like Pluto in every group of friends. Smaller and farther from the sun than any planet in the solar system, Pluto was always "that planet." You know, the one who you would call if you wanted to have a couple drinks at the Jay or needed a 10th player for pickup basketball at the KFC, but who you never considered more than a fringe member of your group of friends.

Some called Pluto's unusual orbit of the sun "eccentric." Others thought it was weird, even creepy. Whatever the case, Pluto definitely didn't fit in with your group.

So, when it came time to make spring break plans and you realized there wasn't room for everyone in the eight-seater van you were renting for the trip, someone had to go. Well, Pluto's spring break has arrived, and it looks like he's going to spend it at home, alone, studying for the MCAT rather than with his buddies soaking

up rays in South Padre.

Pluto, in typical fashion, has declined to comment on the situation. The planet has apparently chosen to take the high road, refusing to openly criticize the IAU's decision.

Others in the astronomical community have not been so kind. Take Dr. Alan Stern, who spearheaded the effort to send a NASA probe to Pluto just last January.

"Dr. Stern is not really happy with the changes that took place in demoting Pluto," said Dr. David Krieger, astronomy professor. "So what he is going to try and do is to get the International Astronomical Union to reinstate Pluto as a planet and leave it as such."

Unfortunately, the chances of reinstatement are, like Pluto's proximity to the sun, very remote. So take a pair of scissors to the ninth planet on your solar system mobile and a sharpie to the smallest dot on your planet poster; Pluto appears gone from the planetary ranks for good.

Alas, there is some consolation for grieving Pluto supporters. While K-Fed and co. may enjoy only 15 minutes of fame, P-To, discovered in 1930, survived almost half an orbit.

-Brian Norton contributed to this column

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"What do you think about Pluto being rejected as a planet?"



Josh Doucette
Arts & Sciences Junior

"Pluto's not a planet anymore?"



Anne Staeheli
Arts & Sciences Freshman

"I think it's weird they taught about it for so long and now they're taking it away."



Mary Rose Dwyer
Business Junior

"This is George Bush's fault."



T.J. Ikhen
Arts & Sciences Sophomore

"I'm pissed because the 16 years I spent learning Pluto was a waste of my time."

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Increased depth fuels high hopes

By KEVIN KLAMAN
Sports Reporter

This weekend marks the beginning of the women's cross country season. With nine returning runners and nine newcomers, the team looks forward to a much more competitive year.

"This is our best class of females in years," said coach John Wissler. "I'm very excited about our freshmen, but they're still untested. I'm excited to see how they develop. I wouldn't be surprised if three of the top five runners this season are freshmen."

Wissler also had much to say about this year's top returning runner, Arts & Sciences junior Megan Foste.

"Megan put up a killer summer mileage," Wissler said. "We always have to find new ways to challenge her."

Foste is fully prepared for those challenges.

"This is a much deeper team," she said. "We are all very committed and very dedicated. We're a close-knit group. It's like a second family."

Foste's personal goal this season is to break the 20-minute mark.

"We're all working for a better showing at Conference," Foste said.

Creighton will host this year's Conference meet at Pioneer Park, a nationally rated course in Lincoln. The top seven or eight runners will represent Creighton's Conference team.

"It's going to be more of an honor to make the Conference team," assistant coach Chas Davis said.

"The girls are competitively much more

Creighton CROSS COUNTRY Men & Women <i>Jays</i>	
Day & Date	Opponent & Location
Sat. 9.2	CU/UNO Invitational Omaha, Neb. (Chalco Hills)
Sat. 9.16	Woody Greeno/Nebraska Invitational Lincoln, Neb. (Pioneer Park)
Sat. 9.23	Dean White Invitational Crete, Neb.
Sat. 9.30	Sean Earl Loyola Lakefront Invitational Chicago, Ill.
Sat. 10.7	Briar Cliff Invitational Sioux City, Iowa
Sat. 10.14	Evansville Invitational Evansville, Ind.
Sat. 10.28.06	State Farm MVC Championships Lincoln, Neb. (Pioneer Park)
Sat. 11.11	NCAA Midwest Regionals Minneapolis, Minn.

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focused this year," Wissler said. "Our No. 5 this year is a lot better than our No. 5 last year, which shows how deep this team is."

The women's cross country season kicks off on Saturday at the CU/UNO Invitational at Chalco Hills. The women will face both the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the University of Nebraska-Omaha.

Men's squad strives to exceed expectations

By NICK WILDE
Sports Reporter

If there were a championship for team unity, the Creighton men's cross country team would win it without breaking a sweat.

Coach John Wissler said he believes unity will make the men a better team because the runners won't want to let each other down.

When the Missouri Valley Conference men's cross country preseason rankings came out, it was no surprise to the Jays that they were picked to finish last among the nine teams.

Wissler believes his team is better than the preseason rankings indicate.

"I think we could finish as high as seventh at the conference cross country championships," Wissler said.

Junior John Krumsee is the top returning runner for the Jays, as he was the team's No. 1 runner in every meet last year. The Jays will count on Krumsee to set the pace for them.

Krumsee also set a goal to be an MVC All Conference runner this year. If Krumsee achieves that goal, he would be the first in school history to reach that level, Wissler said.

"If John is going to be successful this year, then he's going to have to stay with the leaders," Wissler said. "He's a strong runner, and he goes out there and hammers away and sees who can keep up."

The Jays also return seniors Bob Robinson, Anderson Adams, Brent Hogan, Matt Barnes and juniors Brian Werner, Kyle Berens, Peter Cole and Robby Kampen. They also added three freshmen to vie for the top seven spots on the team.

"We should have a strong top three," said assistant coach Chas Davis.

Cole and Werner return as the No. 2 and No. 3 runners and could be joined by Adams as one of the top five runners. Davis said it's

too early in the season to tell who the top seven will be.

"Adams had a good summer and he will play an important role for us in the fall," Davis said.

Davis said freshman Tommy Murphy has run really well so far. He said Murphy is a tough kid who doesn't shy away from the workouts.

Injuries also will dictate how good the team will be this year. Wissler said Kampen and Cole are already being bothered by injuries.

"Peter has a lot of potential, so we need to keep him healthy," Wissler said.

Creighton has 12 runners this year, so the lack of depth on the team is a concern for the coaches. If all 12 can stay healthy, then depth is not a problem. Wissler would like to have more runners on the team, but he said he really enjoys the group he has.

In order for Creighton to be successful this year, the whole team needs to be healthy in October. Davis said the runners on the team push each other hard in practice.

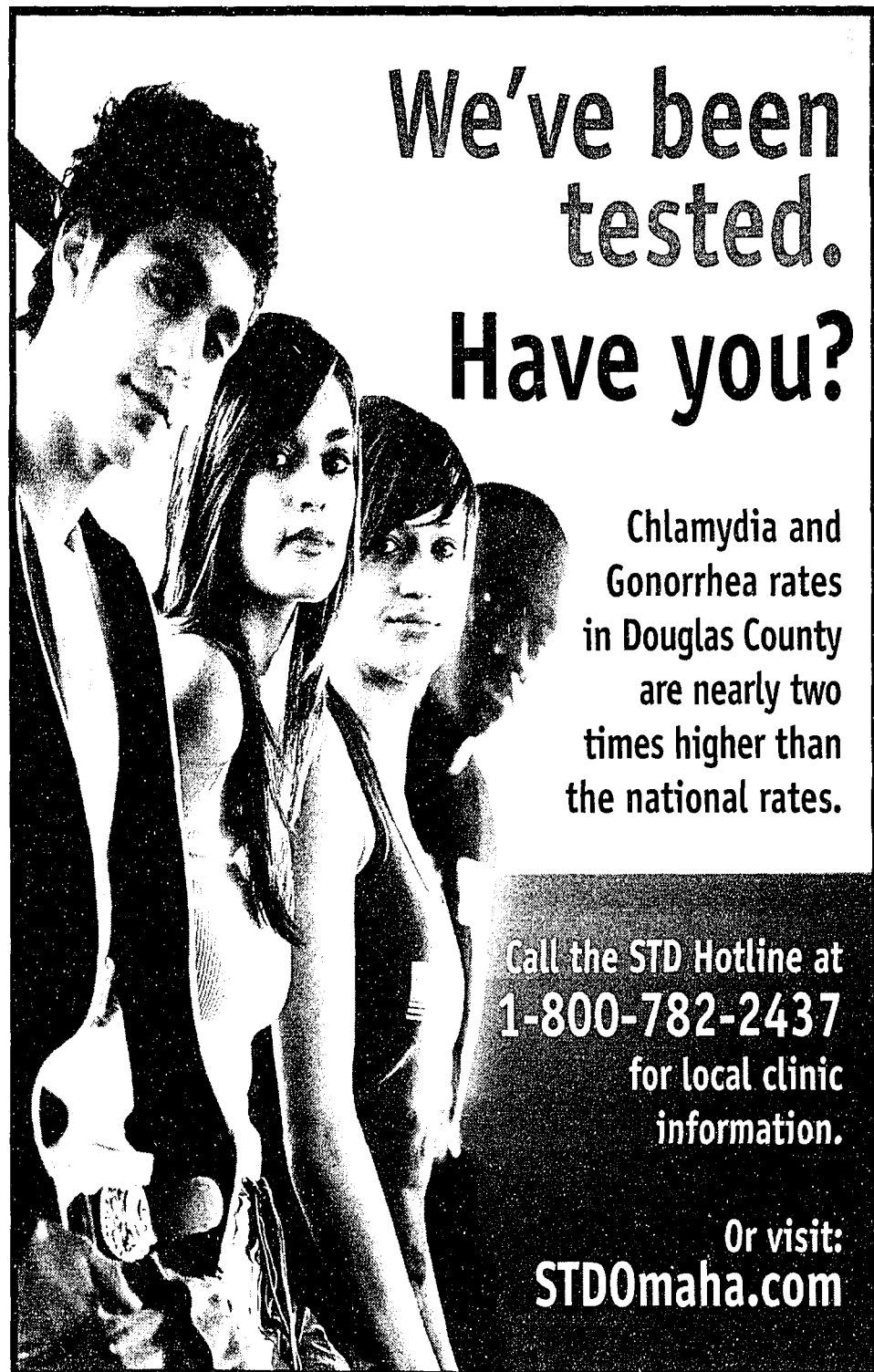
"We won't know how well the team is until October," Wissler said.

"Our goal is to have them running their best at the conference meet," Davis said.

Coach Wissler said if everyone is healthy at the conference championship, the results would meet the team's goals for the season.

Creighton travels to Evansville for the Evansville Invitational in October. Two weeks later Creighton hosts the State Farm Missouri Valley Conference Cross Country Championships at Pioneer Park in Lincoln.

The Jays open the season at home in the CU/UNO Invitational at Chalco Hills on Saturday.

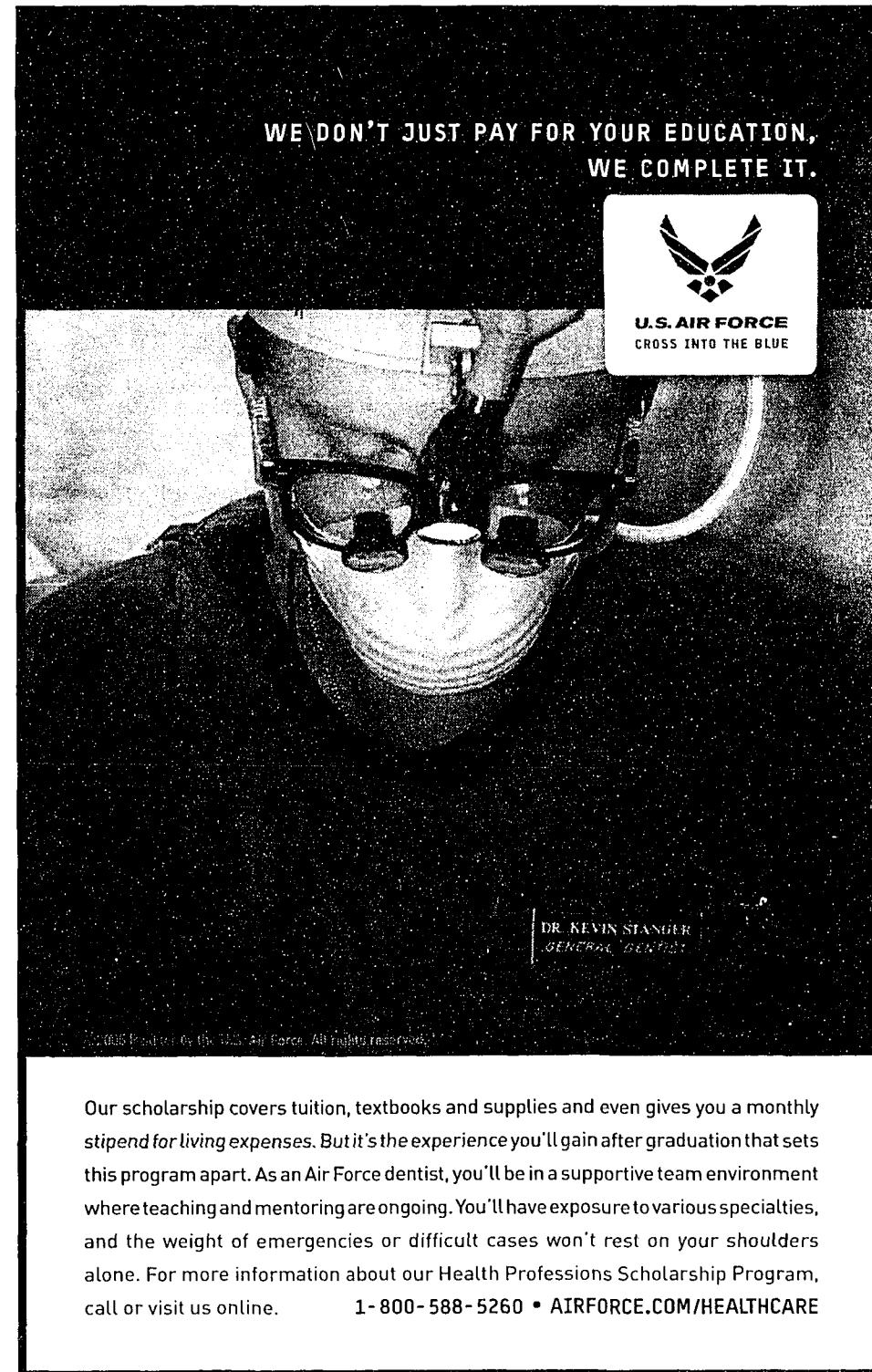


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Jays serve up high hopes in 2006

Squad looks to make strides in talented MVC

By PAT DONOHUE
Sports Reporter

If last weekend was any indication of what to expect from the Creighton volleyball team this year, coach Kirsten Bernthal Booth must be thrilled about the potential of her squad.

Creighton opened the year in Bozeman, Mont., at the Holiday Inn Classic. Creighton won the tournament, notching three impressive victories over Nevada, Montana State and Florida Atlantic.

Three Jays received individual honors: sophomore Carolyn Decker and junior Abby Baumann made the all-tournament team, and sophomore Korie Lebeda was honored as the tournament's most valuable player.

The Jays enter the 2006 season with what Bernthal Booth considers to be an experienced squad. The Jays will have two seniors that participated last year, Emily Greisch and Julianne Jackson, and a new senior, Kristi Woodard, who joins the squad after playing four years on the basketball team.

"The great thing about having Kristi on the team is that she's a winner," Booth said. "What we're really asking Kristi to do is step

up as a leader. We're trying to take the next step in the program as far as wins; I think she will help us do that just with her experience and leadership."

Despite losing seasoned veterans from last year's team, the Jays have a bright future ahead with some of their younger talent. Creighton added freshmen Lauren Bloemke, Sarah Schulze and Maggie Workman.

Booth indicated that she intends to give Bloemke a redshirt this year. She also said both Schulze and Workman give the Jays depth that is vital during the long collegiate season.

Even though the new faces have participated in only three matches, their teammates feel they are adjusting well.

"The new players are doing a great job," Decker said. "It's a big adjustment to go from high school to college, but they're doing great."

Creighton will have a tough task in a talented Missouri Valley Conference. Booth said the Jays were picked to finish fourth in the conference.

The team is predicted to finish toward the middle of the conference race, but Booth looks at the Jays' scenario a little differently.

"I think that there are five teams that think they have a shot to win the league," she said. "The four years that [I've coached] here, I think it's the year where it's the most wide open."

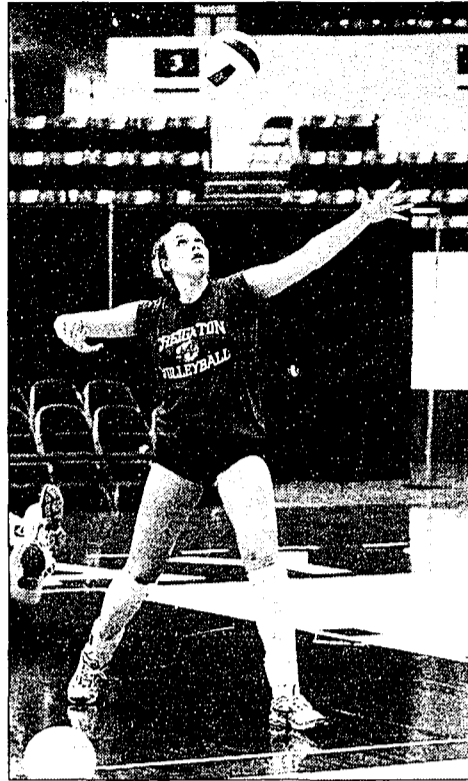


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Junior middle blocker Kelly Goc works on her serve during practice at the Omaha Civic Auditorium.

Women's Volleyball Fall 2006 Schedule

Day & Date	Opponent/Location
Fri. 9.1	Jacksonville State/ OCA
Sat. 9.2	North Dakota State/ OCA
Sat. 9.2	Iowa/ OCA
Sat. 9.9	Saint Louis Murfreesboro, Tenn.
Sat. 9.9	Miami (Ohio) Murfreesboro, Tenn.
Sun. 9.10	Middle Tennessee State Murfreesboro, Tenn.
Fri. 9.15	Evansville/ OCA
Sat. 9.16	Southern Illinois/ OCA
Tues. 9.19	South Dakota State Brookings, S.D.
Fri. 9.22	Drake/ OCA
Sun. 9.24	Nebraska Qwest Center Omaha
Fri. 9.29	Illinois State Normal, Ill.
Sat. 9.30	Indiana State Terre Haute, Ind.
Fri. 10.6	Northern Iowa/ OCA
Sat. 10.7	Bradley/ OCA
Fri. 10.13	Wichita State Wichita, Kan.
Sat. 10.14	Missouri State Springfield, Mo.
Sat. 10.21	Drake/ Des Moines, Iowa
Fri. 10.27	Indiana State/ OCA
Sat. 10.28	Illinois State/ OCA
Fri. 11.3	Bradley/ Peoria, Ill.
Sat. 11.4	Northern Iowa Cedar Falls, Iowa
Fri. 11.10	Missouri State/ OCA
Sun. 11.12	Wichita State/ OCA
Fri. 11.17	Southern Illinois Carbondale, Ill.
Sat. 11.18	Evansville/ Evansville, Ind.

OCA* = Omaha Civic Auditorium

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Decker's return derailed by season-ending injury

By BRIAN NORTON
Editor-in-Chief

The excitement of an opening week-end sweep ended in disappointment for the Creighton volleyball team.

Sophomore outside hitter Carolyn Decker will miss the rest of this season after tearing the anterior cruciate ligament in her left knee during the final game against Florida Atlantic on Saturday.

"You always feel bad when kids get in-

jured, especially after seeing all that Carolyn went through to come back from last year's injury," coach Kirsten Bernthal Booth said in a press release.

"Carolyn is extremely competitive and one of our best leaders. Unfortunately, she'll have to lead from the sideline again in 2006."

Decker, who missed all but six matches last season after tearing her ulnar collateral ligament in her right elbow, played well enough in her return to action to earn a spot on the all-

tournament team this past weekend. She averaged 3.78 kills and 2.11 digs per game.

The torn ACL came 355 days after her season-ending elbow injury against Kansas State. She was granted a medical redshirt for last season because she participated in less than 20 percent of the team's matches.

Booth said the school has already begun exploring the possibility of applying for a rare sixth-season of eligibility for Decker to use in 2009.

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One mission: NCAA champs

■ Men's squad opens year with eyes on title

By PETER DELLA PENNA
Assistant Editor

One season ago, Creighton was on the brink of making a run at a national championship. In a quarterfinal match for a berth in the Final Four, they played 89 minutes of scoreless soccer at Clemson.

One moment changed everything. Charlie Roberts directed a header off a free kick into the net for the Tigers with just 39 seconds to go to bring the run to a grinding halt.

"It felt awful," senior forward Michael Kraus said. "It's always heartbreaking to lose it like that, but it's always something you want to correct and make sure it never happens again."

One way to move forward is to look at the positives coming out of that match. Such is the philosophy of coach Bob Warming.

"To beat the ACC Champions [Duke] on the road and the Big Ten Champions [Penn State] on the road. They had accomplished a lot to get to that point," Warming said. "Although it was somber, I tried to remind the guys what they had done."

The trail traveled by Creighton certainly left its mark on the national media as Creighton starts off this season as the No. 8 team in the NSCAA/adidas poll. The team has been battle tested in the opening weeks of the season in which it played in two tournaments against stiff competition.

"I don't know anybody that has played four teams in the top 15 in the country in eight days," Warming said, referring to a slate that featured games against No. 9 Akron, No. 5 Clemson, No. 12 Indiana and No. 15 Notre Dame. Despite coming out of that monster stretch with two regular-season losses, sophomore forward Byron Dacy was optimistic about the experience.

"We didn't get the results we wanted this past weekend, but it was a great learning tool for us because we found a lot of things we needed to work on and we've already started to correct them," Dacy said.

One such mantra for the team is hard

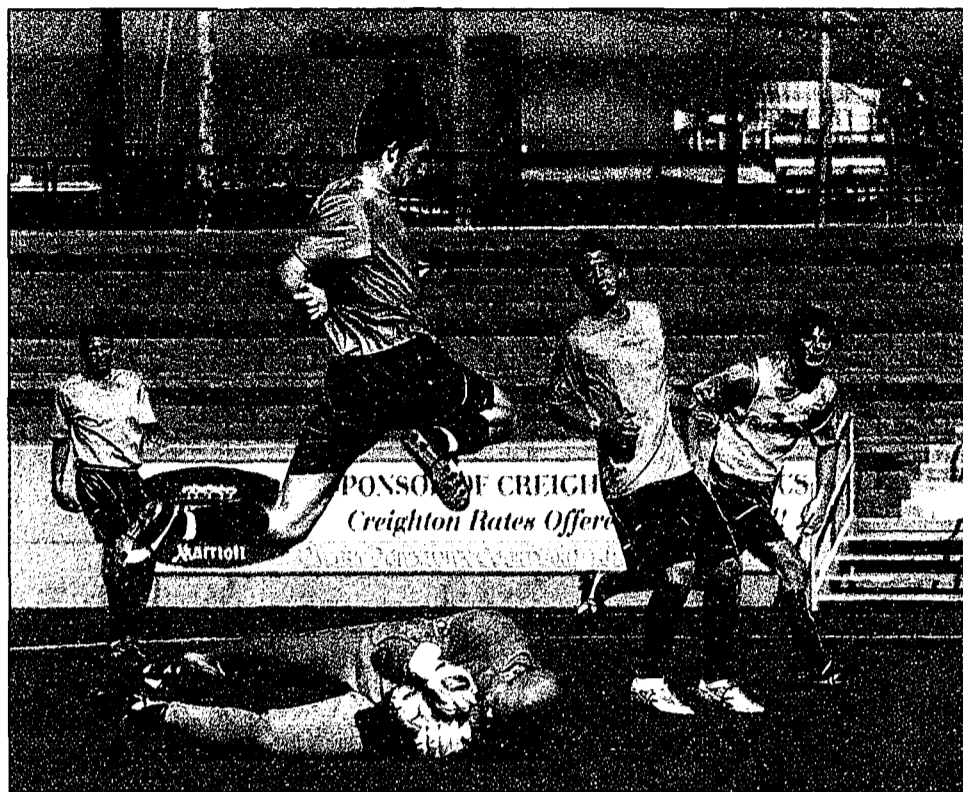


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Senior goalie Nathan Gibson dives on a loose ball in the box during practice Wednesday at Morrison Stadium. The team opens its home schedule there tonight at 7:30 p.m.

work, something Warming drills into everybody that steps onto the pitch.

"We have three internal goals in our team every year. Play hard, play together as a team, and play with intelligence," Warming said.

One way to achieve these goals is to build around Dacy, last year's MVC Freshman of the Year and a preseason national player of the year (Hermann Trophy) candidate.

"I know I'm probably gonna be marked a little bit tighter this year," Dacy said. The phenom tallied nine goals to lead the team a season ago. "I just have to work harder and use the guys around me more."

He's found a few mates already, rating Brazilian freshman midfielder Rodrigo Faria very highly and heaping praise on transfer defender Chris Schuler, a former high school All-American.

"Chris Schuler is just phenomenal in the back. He can distribute the ball better than

anyone I've ever seen," Dacy said.

One man the opposition will find it hard to get past this season is junior goalkeeper Matt Allen. At one point last year, Allen had a 480 minute scoreless streak, the third longest in the history of the program. Creighton also returns tremendous experience up front with speedy junior forward Tim Bohnenkamp and on the back line with senior defenders Ryan Junge, Tony Odorisio and Andrew Peterson. When all the ingredients are mixed together, it produces a special concoction.

"We know we have the talent on the team," Kraus said.

One mission remains for Warming and his team: bringing home that elusive NCAA crown.

"The very first thing I said when I started the program at the very first meeting in 1990 is that our goal is to win the national championship."

Men's Soccer Fall 2006 Schedule

Day & Date	Opponent/ Location
Fri. 9.1	Georgetown Morrison Stadium (Ameritas Classic)
Sun. 9.3	Fairleigh Dickinson Morrison Stadium (Ameritas Classic)
Fri. 9.8	Wisconsin-Milwaukee Madison, Wis. (Wisconsin Invitational)
Sun. 9.10	Wisconsin Madison, Wis. (Wisconsin Invitational)
Fri. 9.15	Oregon State Morrison Stadium (Diadora Challenge)
Sun. 9.17	Yale Morrison Stadium (Diadora Challenge)
Sat. 9.23	Air Force Morrison Stadium
Wed. 9.27	Central Arkansas Morrison Stadium
Sat. 9.30	Western Kentucky Morrison Stadium
Wed. 10.4	Missouri State Springfield, Mo.
Sat. 10.7	Memphis Memphis, Tenn.
Wed. 10.11	Drake Morrison Stadium
Sat. 10.14	Eastern Illinois Charleston, Ill.
Sat. 10.21	Evansville Morrison Stadium
Tues. 10.24	UMKC Kansas City, Mo.
Sat. 10.28	Bradley Peoria, Ill.

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Talent, drive prove perfect combination for Kraus

■ Senior forward sparks team in numerous ways

By PAT DONOHUE
Sports Reporter

Creighton men's head soccer coach Bob Warming sums up senior forward Michael Kraus' great attitude towards soccer with a few simple words.

"The biggest qualities that Michael has, and they're pretty tough qualities, is that he has a tremendous work ethic and he's talented," Warming said.

"Some players have great work ethics, but they aren't as talented, and some players are talented but they don't have a great work ethic. Michael has got them both."

That is an impressive compliment coming from one of the winningest coaches in collegiate soccer history. However, if one individual on the 2006 Creighton soccer team deserves those comments, Kraus certainly fits the bill.

He has assembled some impressive numbers entering his fourth and final season as a Jay.

His freshman year, Kraus introduced Creighton fans to just how dynamic he can be on a soccer field. He led the team in goals, assists and points on his way to being named to the NSCAA All-Midwest Region Third Team.

Kraus' sophomore campaign added more to his identity as one of the toughest, grittiest individuals on a soccer field. During Creighton's exhibition season in 2004, Kraus went down with a broken foot.

The injury meant Kraus would have to sit



Photo by Colin Conces

Michael Kraus takes on a defender during the Blue-White Scrimmage, played at Morrison Stadium Aug. 12. Kraus' Blue squad prevailed over the White team 3-0.

out a majority of the season; however, Kraus returned to action during the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament and scored a goal.

He would eventually be honored with the team's most inspirational player award.

Kraus was able to return to his old, dominant form in his junior year. He was second on the team in both goals and points. Kraus was also named Second Team NSCAA All-Midwest Region, helping the Jays in their quest for a national championship.

Some may wonder how Kraus came to play at Creighton. Kraus is from Memphis, Tenn., where he was a high school standout and two-

time Memphis player of the year.

His reason for coming to Creighton is simple: he knew of an ex-Creighton standout, Richard Mulrooney, who was from the Memphis area and chose to play soccer at Creighton.

Mulrooney would later go on to play soccer professionally. So far, Kraus and Mulrooney's Creighton experiences are eerily similar.

This year, expectations are very high for the men's soccer team. It was given a No. 8

preseason ranking in the coaches' poll. The road to a national title will not be easy for Creighton, as the Jays discovered last weekend in South Bend, Ind., at the Mike Berticelli Memorial Tournament. The Jays dropped their first two matches of the season against No. 12 Indiana and No. 15 Notre Dame.

Even though Kraus was limited to just one shot on goal the entire weekend, Warming said he believes he will be a huge player for the Jays this year.

"We already know what we have in Mike," Warming said. "We have a guy who works

harder than any forward on the field for us or any forward on the field for the opponent.

"What you can control [as a soccer player] is how hard you work and run, and we know every time we play, we get Mike's maximum effort, which inspires the whole team."

Kraus has surely proven himself at the collegiate level. The next question asks about the future of Michael Kraus' game. Can he play at the next level? His coach certainly seems to think so.

"If I were coaching a pro team, I'd take a chance on a guy who's got talent and work ethic," Warming said.

Kraus views turning pro as something he wouldn't mind doing for a living.

"I've had that dream, and I've worked pretty hard, I'd like to think, the last three years," Kraus said.

"With all the help that the coaches have given me, they have given me enough key information to help me out that I do think that I can play at the next level."

So, the prospect of playing at the professional level looms on the horizon. But, for now, Michael Kraus has a more important goal on his mind: getting Creighton a national championship.

"I think it's very realistic," Kraus said, referring to the Jays' national title hopes. "We've set our goals pretty high this year. We've fallen short the previous three years, but we've come close."

"The hardest part is finding a place for everybody on the team. We have a lot of talented players, so we're just going to have to find the right mix of guys. Hopefully, with a little luck, we can get the title."



Photo by Courtney Wittmann

Sophomore forward Lindsay Vaught takes on two South Dakota State defenders during the Jays' 2-0 victory Wednesday night.

Jays named MVC favorite

■ CU returns many key weapons from 2005 squad

By JOE BYAM
Sports Reporter

For the second consecutive year, the coaches in the Missouri Valley Conference have tabbed the Creighton women's soccer team as the favorite to win the league championship. It is hard to argue with the opposing coaches' logic.

In 2005, the Jays captured their third Missouri Valley Conference championship in the last four years. The team finished with a record of 12-6-3, including a 4-2-0 record in conference play. The bad news for the rest of the Missouri Valley is that the Jays return their top six scorers from a year ago.

The team also returns five all-MVC selections and added one of the best recruiting classes in the conference. The women's team also has the added bonus of hosting the State Farm Missouri Valley Conference Tournament for the second year in a row.

The Jays opened the season with two matches at the Wisconsin Big Toe Invitational on Aug. 25 and 27. After losing 3-2 against

Wisconsin in game one, the Jays rebounded and beat Indiana 2-1.

The Jays returned to Rev. Michael G. Morrison, S.J. Stadium for the home opener against South Dakota State on Aug. 30. Behind a shutout from sophomore goalie Kristen Casey, the Jays defeated the Jack Rabbits 2-0.

Casey delivered the shutout on the heels of being named Missouri Valley Conference Defensive Player of the Week for the first time in her career. Casey was in goal and recorded six saves in the Jays' first win of the year over Indiana.

The goals for this season remain virtually the same, according to coach Bruce Erickson.

"Our goals are very similar to every year. We always want to exceed where we were in the past," Erickson said. "We always want to win the conference title, and this year we have set it even further. We have the talent, and if we stay healthy that will help us."

Junior goalkeeper Heather Currie, a new transfer from Wake Forest, said it will take a total team effort for the Jays to reach their goal of playing deep into the postseason.

"Like always, the whole team wants to get better, and I believe that this team is striving after that goal," Currie said. "We all want to see this team excel into the postseason, and everyone on the team is crucial in making that a reality."

With so many returning players from a successful 2005 team and an influx of talented newcomers, Erickson said his team's greatest advantage is in its numbers.

"I think our depth is our greatest strength. We have 25 players competing for 25 spots. The competitive nature of practice has allowed us to improve. We also have a lot of players capable of scoring goals," he said.

The team returns its leading goal scorer and honorable-mention all-MVC pick as a freshman, Marcy Gans. The next five leading scorers from 2005 also return, giving the Jays plenty of weapons to utilize on offense.

Naturally, Erickson points to the team's defense as an area for improvement.

"I think overall our team defending needs to improve, not just our defenders, but our team as a whole needs improvement. That will then help us with our attack. We are still a work in progress," he said.

It will not take the Jays long to figure out just how much of a work in progress they are, as the team faces stiff competition early on in the season.

"Obviously the conference is the most important part of our schedule, but leading up to the conference, we play five NCAA tournament teams," Erickson said. "That is not by accident, and that should help prepare us for conference play."

Women's Soccer Fall 2006 Schedule

Day & Date	Opponent/ Location
Fri. 9.1	Loyola Morrison Stadium
Mon. 9.4	Northern Illinois DeKalb, Ill.
Fri. 9.8	Iowa State Morrison Stadium (Diadora Classic)
Sun. 9.10	Western Michigan Morrison Stadium (Diadora Classic)
Fri. 9.15	San Diego State San Diego, Calif.
Sun. 9.17	UC-Riverside Riverside, Calif.
Fri. 9.22	Grambling State Morrison Stadium (Diadora Classic)
Sun. 9.24	UNLV Morrison Stadium (Diadora Classic)
Fri. 9.26	Kansas Morrison Stadium
Sat. 10.7	Illinois State Morrison Stadium
Fri. 10.13	Drake Morrison Stadium
Sun. 10.15	Missouri State Springfield, Mo.
Fri. 10.20	Indiana State Terre Haute, Ind.
Sun. 10.22	Evansville Morrison Stadium
Thurs. 10.26	Northern Iowa Cedar Falls, Iowa
Sun. 10.29	State Farm MVC Quarterfinals Campus Sites
Fri. 11.3	State Farm MVC Semifinals Morrison Stadium
Sun. 11.5	State Farm MVC Championship Morrison Stadium

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Heralded newcomers shoulder lofty expectations

By JOE BYAM
Sports Reporter

The Creighton women's soccer program scored its first big victory of 2006 long before the season even started.

Coach Bruce Erickson and his coaching staff landed the best recruiting class in the Missouri Valley Conference, according to Soccer Buzz Magazine. The seven-member class included six freshmen and a Division I transfer.

According to coach Erickson, it has not taken long for the new recruits to make their presence felt.

"The class has made a big impact already," Erickson said. "Anne Peetz has already had a goal and made her first collegiate start in her second game."

"Jordan Bruch and [Eden] Hingwing have made an impact, and Justine [Hedlund] has been one of the biggest surprises. The class has already made an impact, and their best days are still ahead."

Freshmen Anne Peetz and Jordan Bruch were the only two in-state players in this year's recruiting class. Peetz, whose older sisters Ally and Katy also play on the team, is from Lincoln, and Bruch is from Papillion-LaVista.

Though both have enjoyed early success, they still note the difficult transition from high

school to Division I athletics.

"The adjustment from high school to Division I soccer has been a little tough," Peetz said. "Practices and games are more demanding physically and mentally. The biggest difference is the skill and competitive levels."

Bruch said her summer conditioning regimen eased her transition, but there is still an adjustment period.

"The biggest difference would have to be the physical aspect of Division I soccer," she said. "Everyone is a lot stronger, and the game is played a lot quicker."

In addition to the two in-state freshmen, the Jays also signed defender Tara Bailey, a native of Fort Collins, Colo.; Kyla Hoskins a defender/midfielder from Olathe, Kan.; Hedlund, a goalkeeper from Allen, Texas; and Hingwing, a defender from Burnaby, British Columbia.

The Jays also landed junior goalkeeper Heather Currie, who transferred during the spring after playing her first two seasons at Wake Forest.

Currie started 15 matches as a freshman at Wake Forest, logging a 1.39 goals against average.

Erickson said several factors played a part in landing this type of a recruiting class.

"We have been able to put together four or five straight good recruiting classes," he said.

"There is no such thing as an off-season in recruiting. Our assistants, alumni and current players all help out. When recruits come here, they see the great team chemistry that we have and that helps."

Freshman defender Tara Bailey echoed Erickson's sentiment.

"The team here is really close, they all hang out outside of soccer and seem to be good friends," she said.

"Everywhere else I went the team was only together during practices and games."

Though the new class has been received well by the veterans and already made an impact on the field, they still are made aware of where they stand.

"They [the upperclassmen] have been nice and welcoming, but they also make it known that you are an underclassman and



Photo Courtney Wittmann

Freshman midfielder Jordan Bruch battles a South Dakota State opponent for the ball. Bruch is one of several new Jays who have seen playing time early in the season.

there are certain duties that have to be done," Kyla Hoskins said.