



## Buffett offers words of wisdom

Warren Buffett, chairman and chief executive officer of Berkshire Hathaway, gestures as he speaks to MBA and undergrad Business students Wednesday night in the Hixson-Lied Building. Buffett is holding his signature glass of Diet Cherry Coke.



Photo by Jen Edney

By CHRIS BAUER  
Reporter

"Microphone check one million, two million," said Berkshire Hathaway Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Warren Buffett as he prepared to begin an hour-long question-and-answer forum with Creighton Business and Master of Business Administration students Tuesday night in the Hixson-Lied Science Building auditorium.

Buffett is the second wealthiest person in the United States and is often referred to as the most successful American businessman. The Omaha native has rarely spoken at Creighton.

"Mr. Buffett is the most requested speaker by the students of the business school, and it is an honor and privilege to have him with us tonight," said Stacy Korte, an MBA student who organized the event.

Buffett, who took a tax class and then

briefly taught at Creighton in the '30s, began the night by saying, "I love doing this, so ask me some tough questions, throw some hardballs on my head."

The businessman, nicknamed the "Oracle of Omaha," spoke candidly on a range of topics, from leadership and community values to why he loves Omaha and what gets him out of bed every morning.

During his questioning, Buffett joked with the crowd as he sipped on his signature glass of Diet Cherry Coke.

"Success in life is very unconventional," Buffett said. "You have to be the best-functioning person, and at the same time you also have to be generous and honest."

He told the audience to be wary of personal behavioral habits. "Qualities that you admire in other people are the qualities that

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## Facebook attracts new faces

By CHAS DAVIS  
Scene Reporter

Of all the things your roommate could be doing huddled up to his computer at 3 a.m., add another one to the list.

The Facebook has come to Creighton, and — roommates beware — it is infiltrating computers across campus.

A self-proclaimed "online directory that connects people through social networks at colleges and universities," The Facebook has been keeping college students across the nation glued to their computer screens since February 2004. Whether it is a useful way to keep in touch with people or just another way to put off studying is yet to be determined.

"I have friends from K State and KU that were on it, and they couldn't stop talking about it," said Diana Jantsch, Nursing freshman.

Chances are, you are already a member, but for those not attuned to the latest craze, logging on to [www.thefacebook.com](http://www.thefacebook.com) gives the user a chance to create his or her own account, much like a personalized Web page.

Students can create profiles of themselves, complete with extensive bios, pictures, personal message boards, listings of courses and friends. The idea is to keep people connected, whether through common interests, shared classes or even the same high school.

"I think it's just another way for people to keep in touch like instant messenger or e-mail, only a little easier to find people you know or don't know to talk to," Jantsch said.

It is doing more than just keeping students connected. Many spend hours every week browsing through The Facebook, entertained by members' profiles, searching for more friends to add to their lists or doing some research their crushes from chemistry class. It has become a daily ritual for many, as standard as checking e-mail every few hours.

"In the beginning, Facebook is addicting because you get so overwhelmed with all that you can do with it," said Stephanie Righeimer,

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## Memorial service honors Hornickel

RIGHT: Cagney Shattuck, Business junior, places the white Janelle candle on the altar at St. John's Church during the memorial service for Hornickel on Jan. 20.  
BELOW: Shattuck and Anne Tomlinson, Arts & Sciences sophomore, remember their Delta Zeta sorority sister.

Photos by Angie Zegers



## Autopsy shows drugs played part in Hornickel's death

By CATHERINE MONAHAN  
Reporter

Questions are being answered and gaps are closing in the mystery surrounding the deaths of a Creighton student and her boyfriend.

A press conference held Jan.

21 at the Sarpy County courthouse quelled speculation with the release of autopsy and toxicology reports on Janelle Hornickel and Michael Wamsley.

The autopsy results revealed that both Hornickel and Wamsley died of hypothermia. Lee Polikov, Sarpy County attorney, said that

no other significant injuries were found on Hornickel or Wamsley.

But the results of toxicology tests performed on the couple revealed the presence of drugs in both. Dr. Henry Nipper, director of toxicology at Creighton University Medical Center, stated that methamphetamine, amphetamine

and marijuana were found in the systems of Hornickel and Wamsley.

Wamsley had 127 nanograms per milliliter of methamphetamine in his system; Hornickel had 495 nanograms. Therapeutic use of the drug normally falls be-

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### Weekend Weather

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
High: 33 Low: 22	High: 38 Low: 24	High: 39 Low: 25
Chance of Snow/Rain	Cloudy	Cloudy

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tween 10 and 100 nanograms.

"She had quite a bit more (meth) in her blood," Nipper said. "Both individuals were impaired at the time of death."

Nipper stated that the presence of meth helps to explain the couple's behavior the morning of Jan. 5, when their truck became stuck in rural Sarpy County. Calls made to 911 by both Hornickel and Wamsley showed signs of confusion and hallucinations.

"High levels of methamphetamine can result in confusion and irrational behavior," Nipper said. "People can be very paranoid. There's a range of behaviors."

Nipper said that meth can cause one to feel very hot, a factor that might explain the couple's dress. Hornickel and Wamsley were wearing only jeans and hooded tops when they were found. Temperatures fell to 4 degrees below zero the morning the couple became lost.

There is no way to determine how long Hornickel and Wamsley had been using meth.

"It's not possible to tell exactly when or how frequently," Nipper said.

Authorities also confirmed that 0.3 grams of meth had been found in Hornickel's truck. The meth found is 90 proof, which classifies it as crystal meth, or ice.

Additional information came from Dan Peterson, director of the Sarpy County 911 Center, and Jeff Davis, Sarpy County sheriff.

Davis announced the Jan. 21 arrest of a Kearney mother and son in connection with the deaths of Hornickel and Wamsley. Judith Morel, 48, and her son, Mica Morel, 19, were arrested on suspicion of possessing methamphetamine. Hornickel and Wamsley had stayed in the Morel home Jan. 3, the night before they became lost.

Recordings of the 911 calls Hornickel and Wamsley made

throughout the morning of Jan. 5 were distributed to members of the press. The tapes, which consist of a series of calls made by the couple between 12:30 and 5 a.m., portray their increasing confusion and despair. Due to their disturbing nature, the recordings were accompanied by a word of warning from Polikov.

"These tapes will test your civility and decency," he said. "You can choose to run them or not."

In light of public outcry over Nebraska's current 911 system, which provides dispatchers with the phone number and the location of the nearest cell phone tower but not a geographic map of a caller's location, Davis defined the enemy as "a two-headed dragon."

"On one hand, you have the need for technological improvement," Davis said. "On the other hand, you have the battle against drugs. As it is now, we're losing it."

## BUFFETT: 'Oracle of Omaha' speaks candidly

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people admire from you. Likewise, qualities that you despise in others are the qualities that people despise in you."

At times, Buffett found silly metaphors to describe how he made business and personal choices in his life.

"I used to seek out companies that were like a soggy, used cigar butt, because there's still another puff in them, and it's free," Buffett said.

He spoke of the importance of having heroes. As he described some of his own personal heroes, he told the audience to appreciate the qualities of others because that is how you shape your own character.

One member of the audience asked Buffett what he looks for in companies he is interested in purchasing.

"It's best to think of a company as a castle, and in order to protect your castle you have to build a moat around it," Buffett said. "Capitalism is wonderful and brutal at the same time, so in order to stay ahead you have to constantly widen your moat so no one can storm your castle."

Buffett has turned his moat into an ocean, which can be seen through the companies owned by Berkshire Hathaway. For instance, Buffett's company owns 8 percent of Coca-Cola, the largest share amount owned by a single investment group.

Buffett went on to say that an important part of being a good businessperson is surrounding yourself with good people whom you can trust.

"You not only have to have a good horse, but you want it to be ridden by a great jockey," Buffett said. "It's just like in baseball — everyone has a different batting style that works for them; you just have to sit back and encourage them to do the best they can."

Buffett also spoke of the importance of setting a good example.

"Example is a bigger motivator than money," Buffett said. "You want something bigger than yourself, but if you count only on money you'll hit a wall at some point."

Buffett's words are not what you would expect from a man who has 180,000 employees and over 400,000 stockholders worldwide.

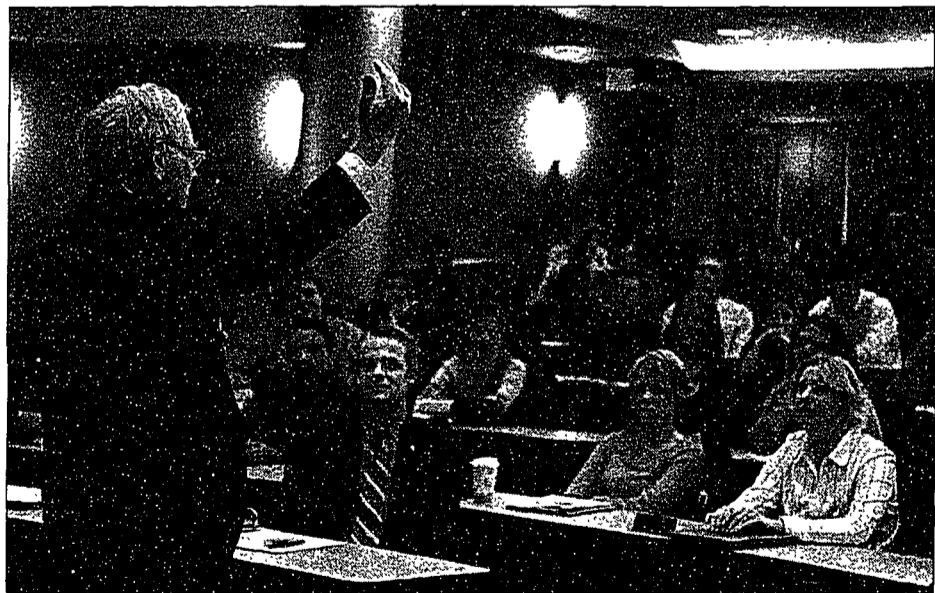
"I've made some huge mistakes in my life, and I'm going to make more, but it's OK," Buffett said. "It's good to make mistakes every once and a while; it's human. I don't dwell on the mistakes I've made, and I'm willing to admit when I am wrong."

At the end of the event, Buffett posed for pictures with members of the audience by letting them hold his wallet.

"Mr. Buffett is a tremendous guy who has done incredible things for the business world and American society," said Gabe Lapito, Business senior. "He should be the president."

LEFT: Buffett smiles during his talk Wednesday night in the Hixson-Lied Building. BELOW: Students are all ears as the "Oracle of Omaha" fields questions.

Photos by Jen Edney



## Welcome to thefacebook!

Creighton

### Ima BlueJay's Profile

Picture



Connection with Ima BlueJay:

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Mutual Friends:

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Ima BlueJay last logged in from a non-residential location.

Web site created: Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2004

Introduced to Creighton: January 2005

Web site's concept created by: Harvard

sophomore Mark Zuckerberg

1.6 million users in 339 schools nationwide

Features: Personal Profile

Listing of friendships, pictures

Browse for students at Creighton and other universities

Message Boards

Interest Groups

Course Listings

Must have a school e-mail address to create an account

Graphic by Daisy Bonham-Carter

## FACEBOOK: Students love new form of procrastination

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Arts & Sciences freshman. "You waste hours setting up your profile and finding old high school friends and asking them to be your friend on Facebook."

One of the most popular functions is the ability to join groups created on The Facebook. They range from the serious to the absurd, from the "I didn't attend Creighton Prep"

group, to the "Creighton needs football" group. It enables people to associate themselves with others through common interests and causes.

The database was created a year ago by then-Harvard sophomore Mark Zuckerberg and his roommates. The original idea has spread to universities across the nation like mono through freshmen. Currently, The Facebook has 1.6 million users in 339 schools.

With so much information readily available in such an open format, some have raised

privacy concerns. Profiles often list e-mail addresses, pictures of members and even dorm room and cell phone numbers.

"In the beginning, Facebook is addicting because you get so overwhelmed with all that you can do with it."

Stephanie Righeimer  
Arts & Sciences freshman

"I'm not really all that worried about it," Righeimer said. "Only Creighton students or confirmed friends from other schools can access your information, and the contact info I put in my profile really isn't anything

people couldn't figure out on their own eventually."

Whether it is social networking for the 21st century or nothing more than a flash in the pan, it certainly is a procrastinator's best friend.

"The Facebook is a fad and a complete waste of time, but it's an enjoyable waste of time," said Matt Barnes, Arts & Sciences sophomore. "Do homework or spend a little time on The Facebook? It's an easy answer."

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# New sorority gets ready to recruit

By BREANE STRYKER  
Reporter

Creighton University is already home to over 6,000 students, five fraternities, four sororities and countless other clubs and associations. Soon, one more sorority will be added.

Kappa Kappa Gamma will open its 132nd chapter at Creighton later this year. The sorority has planned an information night for Monday, Jan. 31, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Skutt Student Center Ballroom. Recruitment events will be held throughout the week until new members have been selected.

At the informational meeting, Kappa Kappa Gamma alumnae and undergraduate members from other institutions will be available to answer questions about the sorority and its plans.

All women who are interested are encouraged to come and meet with the representatives to learn more about the organization.

Kappa Kappa Gamma is an international organization, with collegiate chapters in both the United States and Canada. Schools in the Midwest that have Kappa Kappa Gamma chapters include the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Iowa State University and the University of Kansas.

The idea of bringing a new sorority to Creighton was first proposed in the fall of 2003 by Panhellenic Council, the governing body for women's Greek chapters. Current chapters at Creighton include Theta Phi Alpha, Delta Zeta, Pi Beta Phi and Gamma Phi Beta.

According to Angie Cottrell, assistant director of Student Activities, Panhellenic Council voted to create a committee to investigate the current status of women's organiza-

tions and to determine if there was a need for another chapter.

"Our current chapters are much larger than our Panhellenic community would like," Cottrell said. "With the addition of another chapter, sizes will eventually become smaller, allowing our chapter members to become better sisters and to refocus on the fundamentals of their organization."

Cottrell said that after receiving approval from Dr. John Cernech, vice president for Student Services, Panhellenic Council's extension committee began narrowing the number of chapters interested in coming to Creighton down to three. Of the three chosen sororities that made presentations on campus last fall, Kappa Kappa Gamma was chosen as the best fit for the Creighton community.

"I am hopeful that in a short time Kappa will have approximately the same number of women as our current chapters and allow our students the opportunity to join this new outstanding organization," Cottrell said.



## WEEKLY CAMPUS SAFETY REPORT

1/18/05 12:19 a.m. A student in Davis Square reported receiving a harassing phone call on her cell phone.

10:55 a.m. A student reported a broken window in his vehicle parked at 22nd and Cuming streets.

4:01 p.m. A student reported her vehicle was damaged while parked in the McGloin parking lot.

1/19/05 8 a.m. A student and a non-affiliate were involved in a minor traffic accident in the Burt Street parking lot.

11:23 a.m. A staff member reported damage when snow and ice slid off the roof of Becker Hall onto his vehicle.

1:30 p.m. A student reported hit-and-run damage to his vehicle parked at 21st and California streets.

4:04 p.m. A student reported hit-and-run damage to her vehicle parked at 21st and Cuming streets.

1/20/05 9:10 a.m. A student and a faculty member were involved in a minor traffic accident at 24th and Cuming streets.

1/21/05 2 a.m. Two intoxicated students were transported by Public Safety from Gallagher Hall to CUMC for treatment.

9:30 a.m. A faculty member in the Hixson-Lied Building reported a digital camera missing.

11 a.m. A staff member reported property damage in the Skutt Student Center.

1 p.m. A student reported hit-and-run damage to her vehicle parked south of Gallagher Hall.

2 p.m. A student reported her vehicle stolen from the Kellom Knoll Shopping Plaza.

1/24/05 4:30 p.m. Staff members in the Boyne Building reported receiving harassing phone calls.

8 p.m. A student reported clothing and books missing from her vehicle parked at 26th and Burt streets.

8:30 p.m. A student reported a winter coat missing from his vehicle parked at 27th and Burt streets.

### KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA

Creighton University is the 132nd chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Kappa Kappa Gamma was founded at Monmouth College, in Monmouth, Ill., on Oct. 13, 1870. In the Midwest, Kappa Kappa Gamma currently has chapters at University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the University of Kansas and Iowa State University.

#### Mission Statement:

Kappa Kappa Gamma is an organization of women, which seeks for every member throughout her life bonds of friendship, mutual support, opportunities for self-growth, respect for intellectual development and an understanding of and an allegiance to positive ethical principles.

## CONGRATULATIONS

to the 2005 Martin Luther King Jr.  
Essay and Art Contest Winners

### Essay

**1<sup>st</sup> Place:** Sandra Chavez

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Sylvia Chavez

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** Tiffanee Carter

### Art

**1<sup>st</sup> Place:** Lauren Pascale

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Jason Kenning

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** Brandy Vann

Each student entered the contest with an essay or art submission which addressed this year's Martin Luther King Day theme, "Which of Dr. King's messages speak to you and how do we keep moving towards a more just society?"

These students were recognized for their outstanding work at the Creighton Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration held Monday, January 17, 2005.

Special thanks to the CSU Diversity Committee, the MLK Planning Committee and the President's Office for sponsoring this year's undergraduate competition.

# Clearing up questions over ILAC programs

By PATRICK KINNEY  
Assistant News Editor

The Institute for Latin American Concern's diverse educational and service programs are enjoying more popularity than ever despite recent safety concerns and confusion over what distinguishes them from one another.

The center is a nongovernment organization in Santiago, Dominican Republic, that houses people volunteering to serve surrounding rural areas. Many programs are run from the center, including Encuentro Dominicano, formerly known as Semestre Dominicano, and the summer program.

The summer program is centered on service, immersion and faith and is organized by the ILAC office at Creighton, which is part of University Ministry.



Dubocq

It is independent from Encuentro Dominicano, which is a study abroad program coordinated through the College of Arts & Sciences and International Programs.

The summer program involves setting up medical clinics in "campos," or rural villages. These makeshift clinics take shape in churches, schools or whatever space becomes available.

"It's a very improvised way of health care," said Margarita Dubocq, program coordinator.

Each team is comprised of a number of workers, including one nurse, a physician and a dentist. The professionals volunteer their skills, performing much-needed procedures.

"We call it improving the quality of living. For the most part it's health oriented," Dubocq said.

The "Ayudantes," or helpers, are made up of alumni, undergrads and family members.

They fill in any gaps, helping the pharmacists and nurses, taking patient histories, translating or simply keeping kids entertained, Dubocq said.

The teams work together in the rural clinics for about a month.

"All programs have a service element because that's what we're about — serving others," said Teresa Lynch, ILAC director.

According to information provided by Dubocq, the summer session is the flagship program of ILAC.

In 2002 there were about 40 participants in the program. Since then, interest in the summer program has risen. For the summer 2005, Lynch and Dubocq are preparing 65 students for the summer program.

"I think our greatest recruitment tool is word of mouth and experiences from the people who have done it before," Dubocq said.

The number of Pharmacy School students who signed up doubled, due in part to a presentation by last year's participants, according to Dubocq.

"If students aren't telling the story of how it changed their life, then it's not going to grow," Lynch said.

She also said technological developments are opening avenues for volunteers to help.

The Dental School provided a gas-powered compressor for M.A.S.H.-style field units, making more procedures possible. This in turn creates need for more volunteers.

The ILAC office on Creighton's campus serves as the American headquarters. It is here that administrators like Lynch and Dubocq help manage all the various programs.

"We are a clearinghouse of information to prepare students to go in lots of ways — logistically and spiritually," Lynch said.

Though Creighton had a hand in starting the center, the university does not own the ILAC Center.

Additionally, participation in ILAC's

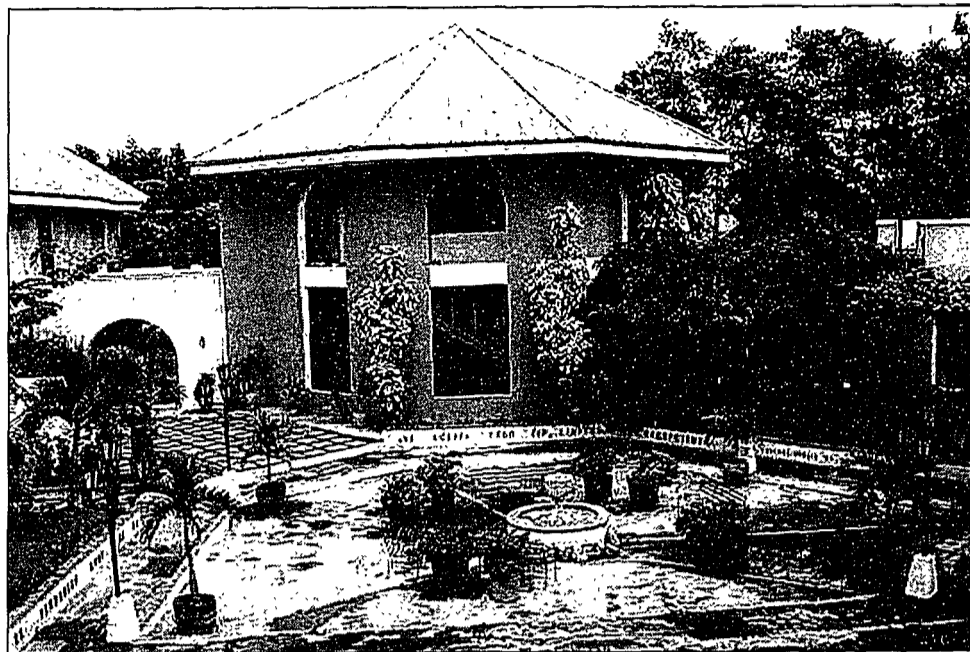


Photo courtesy of Teresa Lynch

**The ILAC Center dorms house volunteers from a number of universities and high schools. The summer program provides the opportunity for people to serve and grow in faith.**

programs is not limited to Creighton students. Students affiliated with high schools and other universities can and do sign up for the summer program.

Regardless of questions about safety at the ILAC Center, the popularity of the ILAC programs continues to increase.

Lynch stressed that all complaints and allegations were from 2002 and before. Since then, a new administration and policies have been set in place, which include a new executive director, Radalme Peña.

"We want to offer not only clarity but assurance, whether it be to a student or a professional volunteer or a mother or a father, that we're doing everything possible to make it safe," Lynch said.

Lynch said that the ILAC board now includes about half Dominican and half Ameri-

can.

"We are turning to the Dominicans and saying 'what can we do to help?' because as Americans we don't always know what is best," Lynch said.

Dubocq, a Creighton graduate, was born and raised in the Dominican Republic.

Lynch is a registered nurse by trade and had volunteered in the summer program since 1989 before taking her current position.

Those interested in any of the ILAC programs should look into recruitment in the early fall.

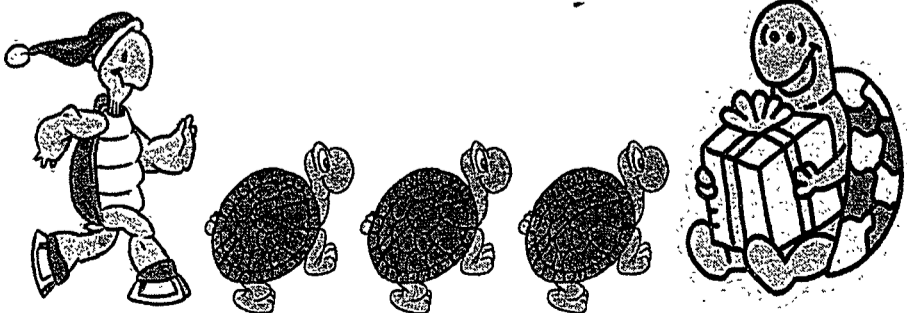
More information about the center and its programs can be found at <http://www.creighton.edu/ILAC/ilac.html>.



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# Methamphetamine 101

■ Meth abuse crosses all lines, including income, age and location.

By KEVIN COFFEY  
Assistant Editor

Law enforcement officers have named methamphetamine to be the most dangerous and prevalent drug in Nebraska, and its use continues to increase, even among 8th graders.

Sarpy County Sheriff Capt. Rolly Yost was in charge of the search for Business junior Janelle Hornickel and her boyfriend, Michael Wamsley, after their disappearance. Their autopsy reports show that each of them had high levels of methamphetamine in their systems at the time of their deaths.

"Two young kids died from this, and if people can't learn from this, then there is really a problem," Yost said. "Meth is not resident to one particular group. It's professionals on down to the homeless. It's across society."


The drug is usually smoked, snorted, orally ingested or injected. Its effects include increased energy and alertness as well as decreased appetite. The user feels an intense rush almost instantly after smoking or injecting meth. The drug can cause users to be addicted after only a few uses.

"It affects your rational thinking and decision making," Yost said. "It's the drug of choice."

Chronic use can lead to intense paranoia, hallucinations, out-of-control rages and violent episodes. Many chronic users have sores from scratching their skin after using the drug due to a common feeling that bugs are crawling

**List of possible ingredients in methamphetamine:**

Battery acid	Pseudoephedrine
Lye	Ephedrine
Lantern fuel	Iodine
Antifreeze	Anhydrous ammonia
Muriatic acid	Red phosphorous
Acetone	Hydrochloric acid
Driveway cleaner	Drain cleaner
Paint thinner	



**The effects of methamphetamine:**

- Short, intense rush
- Increased activity
- Decreased appetite
- A sense of well-being
- Psychotic behavior
- Brain damage

Effects can last from 20 minutes up to 12 hours.

Can aid in medical treatment of narcolepsy, attention deficit disorders and obesity.

under their skin. According to Yost, crystal meth, or ice, is popular in Omaha. Crystal meth is very pure and can be compared to cocaine; however, the effects of crystal meth do not last as long, and there is not as much of a kick.

"Meth is here in Omaha," Yost said. "There is no doubt about it, and it's becoming more and more prevalent."

In 2001, the average sentence for federally convicted methamphetamine offenders was about 7.5 years.

According to a November 2003 report by the National Office of Drug Control Policy, most methamphetamine comes from Mexican criminal organizations. They can produce 10 pounds of meth in a 24-hour period. One pound can be sold for between \$3,500 and \$23,000, \$350 to \$2,200 per ounce or \$20 to \$300 per gram.

Not all meth comes from Mexico. State-side, meth labs still account for much of the production and can produce the drug with

ingredients purchased in local stores. Pseudoephedrine, an ingredient in cold medicines, and anhydrous ammonia, used on farms as fertilizer, are two of the chemicals.

Congress put limits on the amounts of those chemicals that can be purchased at one time. It also sets harsher sentences for those convicted and better training for law enforcement officers dealing with drugs.

Labs are prevalent in Nebraska and Iowa. In 2004, 245 labs were seized by the Drug Enforcement Administration and state and local authorities in Nebraska.

In producing one pound of methamphetamine, the lab also produces between 5 and 7 pounds of toxic waste. This leads many police officers and other personnel to be injured upon raiding a lab. Also, labs are often booby-trapped, and the operators are usually well armed.

Yost said authorities have been working on methamphetamine suppliers for years in order to stop the drug. After stopping the supply of meth, Yost thinks the focus should be put on education in order to stop the demand.

"It is becoming a drug of choice, and it's what people on the street want, and there are people willing to sell it to them," Yost said.

In a survey conducted by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services published in 2002, over 12 million people ages 12 and older reported having used meth.

Of people interviewed from ages 18 to 25, 5.7 percent reported having used the drug, 1.7 percent in the past year and 0.5 percent in the past month.

The University of Michigan conducted a similar survey for 8th and 12th grade students as well as college students and young adults ages 19 to 28. Each was asked whether he or she had used the drug in the past 30 days, past year and in their lifetime.

A large number of 8th grade students had used the drug; 3.5 percent have used it before and 1.1 percent used within the last year.

Among college students surveyed in 2002, 5 percent had used meth, 1.2 percent in the past year and 0.2 percent in the past 30 days. Those numbers were down from 7.1 percent, 3.3 per-

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Twelve million people above the age of 12 report that they have used methamphetamine at least once in their life.

The following figures describe the amount of college students and young adults that used methamphetamine between 1999 and 2002:

LIFETIME			
Age Groups:	1999	2000	2002
College students	7.1%	5.1%	5.0%
Young adults	8.8%	9.3%	9.1%
ANNUAL			
Age Groups:	1999	2000	2002
College students	3.3%	1.6%	1.2%
Young adults	2.8%	2.5%	2.5%
PAST 30 DAYS			
Age Groups:	1999	2000	2002
College students	1.2%	0.2%	0.2%
Young adults	0.8%	0.7%	1.0%

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cent and 1.2 percent, respectively, in 1999.

Methamphetamine is the largest concern for law enforcement in Nebraska, but other drugs also are problems. Cocaine, heroin, marijuana, ecstasy and prescription drugs, especially OxyContin, are large concerns.

"Anybody is taking their life in their hands if they use this stuff," Yost said. "One time is too many."

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# Generous rabbi rewarded for gift

■ Religious center rededicated for former Creighton professor and wife.

By NICK SCHNEEMAN  
Reporter

Long after his retirement, a former Creighton professor and advocate of interfaith relations is making sure faculty can continue to work on cross-faith research and discussion.

The Center for the Study of Religion and Society was rededicated Sunday as the Kripke Center, in honor of Rabbi Myer Kripke and his late wife, Dorothy, after Kripke gave a significant financial gift.

Kripke is the Rabbi Emeritus of Omaha's Beth El Synagogue, where he served for 29 years before he retired in 1975. Years after, Kripke served as an adjunct professor in Creighton's Theology department. In 2000 he was awarded the degree of Doctor of Human Letters by the university. Kripke is 91 years old and currently lives at the Rose Blumkin Jewish home.

The center was established on campus in 1988, and its mission is to facilitate scholarship, teaching and service in religion and society, according to Dr. Ronald Simkins, director and associate professor of Theology.

The center is open to all faith traditions and spiritualities and encourages interfaith discourse along with cross-disciplinary studies, in order to encompass the diversity of interest in the field and to encourage the widest possible comparative perspective, Simkins said.

The Kripke Center is funded by gifts from agencies, foundations and from donors like



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**Former Creighton professor Rabbi Myer Kripke speaks at the ceremony rededicating the Center for the Study of Religion and Society in his name.**

Kripke.

Creighton faculty run the center and its events are open to any who wish to attend. The center's Web site states that it is intended audience is the academic community, but events and research are open to all who are interested.

There are close to 20 faculty members involved in the center, and they are accepting new applicants. The center holds events, such as conferences, seminars, symposia and lectures. The next event will be a lecture given in Spanish, with simultaneous English translation, on the relationship between the Catholic Church in Chile and the Pinochet Dictatorship on Feb. 14 at 4:30 p.m. in Skutt Student Center Room 104.

# New vendor brews up fresh coffee on campus

Fair Trade coffee, shown on display in the Java Jay, can be purchased there and the Bistro, and also is served in the dining halls. Creighton students worked with University Dining Services to bring a new Fair Trade coffee supplier to campus.



Photo by Matt Anzur

By KATIE RYAN  
Reporter

The Bistro and Java Jay are no longer the only coffee stops on campus offering Fair Trade coffee. The dining halls and catering services will now be using Pura Vida coffee instead of the previous supplier, Starbucks.

According to [www.globalexchange.org](http://www.globalexchange.org), the Fair Trade coffee label certifies that farmers are receiving a fair price for their crop. Many coffee farmers are paid less than what it costs to produce, thereby leaving them in debt.

To carry the Fair Trade label, cooperatives pay at least \$1.26 per pound. Non-Fair Trade coffee importers pay 60-70 cents per pound.

According to Ray Lee, general manager of University Dining Services, Starbucks was a more convenient supplier, but the students asked for Fair Trade. Starbucks' premium coffees are Fair Trade, but premium brands take

too long to make for large numbers of people. "It stemmed from the Jesuit values and supporting socially responsible businesses in line with those values," said Amy Halbur, Arts & Sciences senior and member of the Peace and Justice Cooperative.

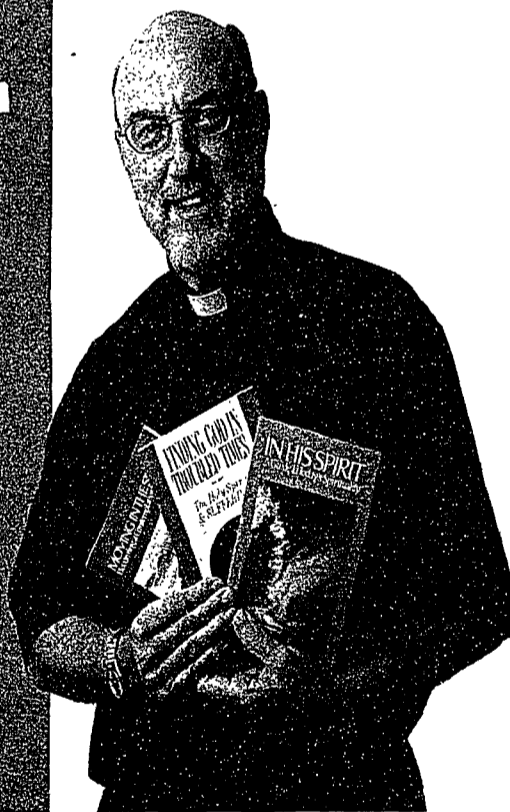
Since Starbucks is a main supplier, the company delivered twice a week and supplied pump pots for free. Pura Vida ships the coffee once it has been ordered and sells the pumps to Creighton.

Although shipping the coffee to Creighton instead of having it delivered costs more, Lee does not expect prices to increase.

He said that the people who have tasted the new coffee are pleased with the overall quality of Pura Vida.

"The goal is to sell more coffee in hopes that people will stay on campus instead of going somewhere else off campus," Lee said.

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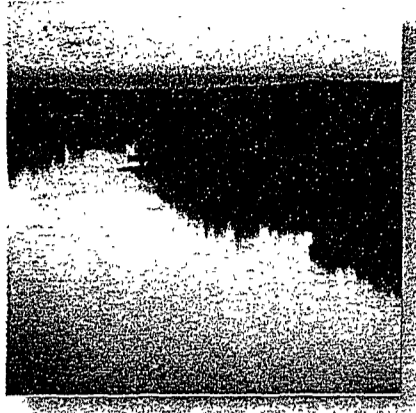
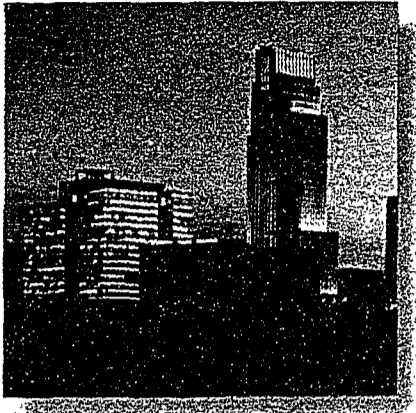
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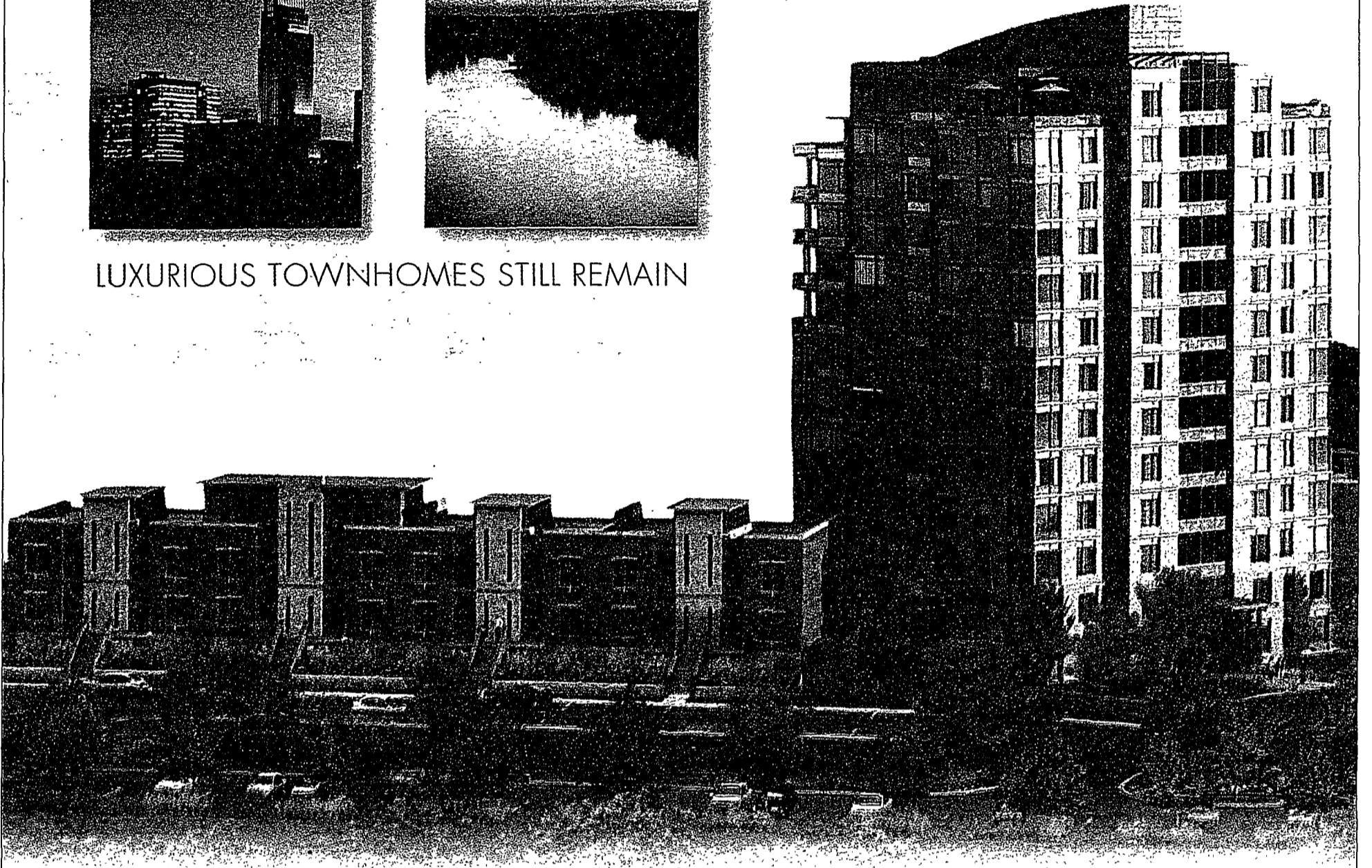
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# 'Dead Man Walking,' only at Lied

By MICK FORGEY  
Scene Editor

The only place to see Tim Robbins' latest work will be the Lied Education Center for the Arts.

The Creighton University Department of Fine and Performing Arts will present a production of "Dead Man Walking" this Feb. 24 to 26 and March 3 to 5 at 7:30 p.m.

The drama, focusing on the death penalty, featuring a death row inmate and the nun who befriends him, is directed by Alan Klem, assistant professor of Theater. Actor Tim Robbins wrote the script, a draft-stage adaptation of the 1993 book written by Sister Helen Prejean.

According to the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities, Robbins delayed professional production of the play for a year, enabling young people to perform it on stage. The AJCU Web site said Jesuit schools were chosen for the "Dead Man Walking" project due to their emphasis on social justice as being integral to Catholicism.

In an invitation to Jesuit schools, Robbins explained his decision.

"To widen the circle of public discussions on the death penalty, I am offering the draft version of my play, "Dead Man Walking," to be performed in selected high schools, colleges and universities," Robbins said. "Americans who debate and question government policies and laws do so because they love this nation and want to see it live up to its true potential."

Robbins' request in return for schools' use of the draft was that schools provide feedback about the play and hold interdisciplinary components during the show's run.

After being alerted about the script by Maria Teresa Gaston, director of the Creighton Center for Service and Justice, Klem contacted the Rev. George Lundy, S.J., and asked permission for the rights. The university was then granted a script draft, making Creighton the site of one of the 10 "Dead Man Walking" productions in the nation.

The play focuses on Matt Poncelet, a death row convict played by Rusty Perry, Arts & Sciences senior. Jeanne Tiehen, Arts & Sciences senior, plays Sister Helen Prejean in partial fulfillment of her Bachelor of Fine Arts thesis.

Klem found Robbins' draft interesting — a stage play written like a screenplay — with challenging flashback elements. The script also was appealing for its numerous roles for both males and females.

"One thing we were really looking for this year was a real challenge for Jeanne, for her BFA thesis as an actress," Klem said. "[The role of Sister Helen Prejean] is a great role because it's based on a real person, so you can do research on the person. It's a challenge, but a challenge she can handle."

Tiehen said the role is one of her most challenging due to the interactions with so many characters onstage.

"It needs incredible stamina just to go through the emotional and mental gymnastics that the script demands," Theilen said. "Thankfully the talented cast helps me incredibly."

"Playing someone who is such a strong voice in the abolishment of capital punishment demands a deep knowledge of

the issue, so over the last few months I have read several articles and books researching capital punishment," Tiehen said.

Klem said there have been no protests on campus about performing "Dead Man Walking."

"Overall, the Jesuits have really embraced the idea of doing plays that both enlighten as well as entertain, that deal with controversial and social issues," Klem said.

"This play requires the audience to watch the reenactment of an execution, that thing that the general public is not allowed to see," Klem said.

Following production, Klem will send Robbins his own feedback about the play.

He hopes the Omaha community will show up for it.

"Nobody else has the rights to do this. We're the only place in Nebraska to do this right now," said Klem.

Preceding and in conjunction with the production, Dr. Wendy Wright, professor of Theology and the Kenefick Chair in the Humanities, and the CCSJ will present a Brown Bag Lunch Series on the Humane Life, titled "Perspectives on the Death Penalty." The series will be held in the Skutt Student Center, and is free and open to the public.

Wright has been running a series with different themes, all of which have dealt with living the humane life.

"There's all kinds of interesting questions surrounding how we are a humane community, and what it is to treat each other humanely, so the death penalty is a good theme for that series," Wright said.

Wright sees the series as an important forum to examine the larger issues behind both the death penalty and people's views.

"One thing Creighton does well is to bring up critical and moral issues of a contemporary world, and I like to be able to help with that," Wright said.

The series begins on Feb. 2 with Eric Aspengren, director of Nebraskans for Peace, speaking about death penalty state legislation. Films by Amnesty International and the Consistent Life Organization about innocent incarceration and the sanctity of life will be shown on Feb. 15 and 23, respectively; a panel discussion will follow the opening night performance on Thursday,



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Jeanne Tiehen and Rusty Perry, Arts & Sciences seniors, portray characters Sister Helen Prejean and convicted murderer Matt Poncelet in Tim Robbins' "Dead Man Walking."

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Feb. 24 in the Lied Center. The last series will feature a legal and moral debate on the death penalty on March 1.

# Big screens, pianos, and fun at Dugout

By MATT VANEPPS  
Assistant Scene Editor

With the Super Bowl only days away, every football fan is wondering the same thing: where to watch the game.

While parties in apartments and dorm rooms are OK, space is limited. When you are looking for the ultimate sports bar to indulge your adrenaline-surgency fancy, check out DJ's Dugout.

Upon walking into the bar at 25th Street in Bellevue, I was bombarded by a myriad of colors and sounds. The bar boasts about 35 televisions, with seven big screens, featuring sporting events, important and trivial, from across the country. The bar subscribes to every sports package imaginable and displays webcasts. It also offers wireless Internet.

Like most sports bars, DJ's Dugout houses several pool tables, trivia games, arcade games and dartboards for those who want to get into the game without breaking a sweat.

The attention to detail obviously paid off because The Reader named DJ's Dugout the best sports bar in Omaha for 2004.

"It's nice to get that recognition," said Darwin Hanssen, founder of DJ's Dugout.

According to Paul Urban, kitchen manager at the West Omaha location, DJ's Dugout prides itself on staying one step ahead of the rest.

"We just try to create a different atmosphere," Urban said. "The bar scene is incredible."

To separate DJ's Dugout from the competition, Hanssen emphasized taking care of

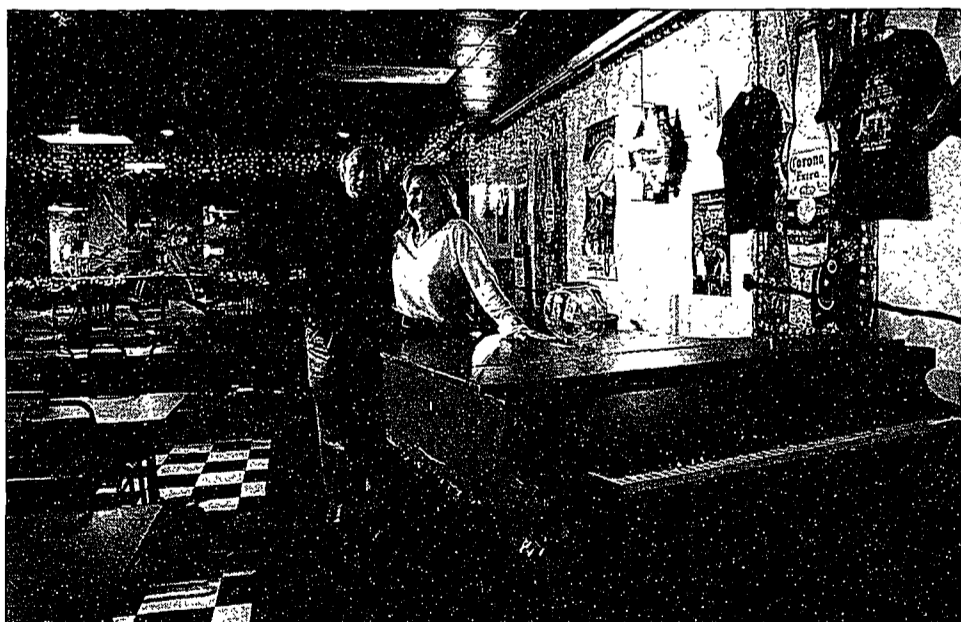


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**Darwin Hanssen, founder of DJ's Dugout, and Sunni Renner, general manager and partial owner of the West Omaha location, with the key player of the Blazin' Pianos event.**

customers with superior food and drinks and cutting-edge satellite technology.

"I don't think anyone in town can match us," Hanssen said.

The bigger location at 114th and Dodge streets is home to a new event called "Blazin' Pianos." This live, interactive, sing-along request show, the only one like it in Omaha, takes place Thursday through Saturday nights. Some of the best piano players from across the country, including New York City, Los Angeles

and Las Vegas, take requests and play original novelty songs and hits from the '70s, '80s and '90s. You can even embarrass your friends with a special birthday song.

Sunni Renner, general manager and partial owner of the West Omaha location, brought the concept here to Nebraska. She said she fell in love with the show while visiting Country Club Plaza in Kansas City 10 years ago. As with any new idea, Blazin' Pianos went through growing pains at first, but it has become popu-

lar by word of mouth. DJ's Dugout has done no advertising for the event, but Renner said the bar is packed each night.

"We're always tickled to have business," Renner said.

Her advice is to get there plenty early to find a seat. The doors open at 7 p.m. and the show starts at 9 p.m.

DJ's Dugout will host its Super Bowl party on Sunday, Feb. 6. Partnered with Miller of Omaha, the bar will be giving away a 35-inch television, along with T-shirts and other prizes. Everybody who enters the door has a chance to win, Renner said.

DJ's Dugout started when Hanssen bought an old sports bar in Bellevue 12 years ago. With an affinity for all things sports, Hanssen began running the bar with his wife Joy and named it after their initials, D and J.

DJ's Dugout has become the best through many years of experience and fine-tuning, Renner said. Both she and Hanssen had to become experts at figuring out the best way to obtain feeds from all over the country. Now they say they have become savvy, and they are proud to have the best, most sophisticated equipment in Nebraska, Renner said. The West Omaha location has the only digital satellite dish in Nebraska, and Hanssen has plans to expand with even more satellites, which means more access to more games. Some of the televisions in West Omaha have high definition, and that innovation will be making its way to Bellevue soon.

"I don't have any clue how they do it," Urban said. "They're pretty magical."



Performers Andy Taylor, Bob Amaral, Stuart Marland, Rich Affannato and company in "The Producers," the new Mel Brooks musical.

The show's story involves two clever producers who create a musical masterpiece, complete with brilliant costumes and dancing Nazis, with the hopes of striking it rich.



Courtesy photo by Paul Kolnik

# 'Producers' promises laughs

By KELLI MUTCHLER  
Assistant Scene Editor

The arrival of Mel Brooks' award-winning Broadway musical "The Producers" brings a new level of applause-worthy theater to Omaha.

The musical, produced in association with Omaha Performing Arts, is showing at the Orpheum now through Sunday. With a script by Mel Brooks and Thomas Meehan, "The Producers" is based on Brooks' 1968 film of the same title.

The plot follows the antics of two down-on-their-luck theater producers searching for quick cash. In a cunning plan, they produce a show that promises to be a flop so they can pocket the money from theater investors. A zany cast of characters is hired for their show, "Springtime For Hitler." But when their musi-

cal of Third Reich proportions garners rave reviews and throngs of fans, the two know they are in a sticky situation and comical madness ensues.

The humorous script is in similar style to Brooks' other popular works, including the films "Blazing Saddles," "Space Balls" and "History of the World, Part 1."

Brooks' original music and lyrics won "The Producers" a 2001 Tony Award for Best Musical Score. The show won a record 12 Tony awards, including Best Musical and Best Choreography. "The Producers" also won a Grammy for Best Musical Show Album.

The Orpheum Theater is located at 409 S. 16th St. Curtain times for "The Producers" are 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 7 p.m. Sunday, with matinee performances at 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

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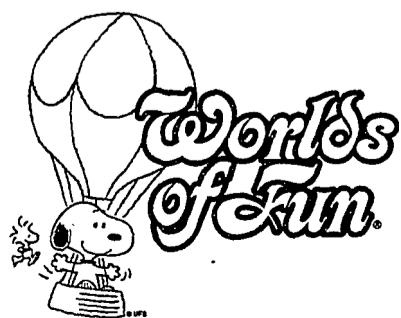
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# Editorially speaking

## New seating angers students

Due to lower-than-anticipated student attendance for men's basketball games, the Athletic Department is selling tickets to the general public for seats located in the student section. While filling the lower section seats is important, there have been problems caused by this change.

It is not unusual for students to stand during games of any sport, but this action has not pleased those who purchased tickets located in what was the designated student area.

Several students have complained of unnecessary verbal attacks by nonstudents who prefer to sit during the

games. While such behavior is inexcusable, students should deal with angry ticket holders calmly and politely. These people, despite their inconvenience, are displaying support for Creighton's team — something most students do not do.

### Students already paid for their seats

Problems can only be solved by the Athletic Department addressing the situation and coming up with a way to guarantee students seats in or near the student section while also doing whatever is needed to fill empty seats. However, students pay for seats with their tuition, so their concerns should be addressed as well.

## Take Hornickel tragedy seriously

With the public release of Janelle Hornickel's and Michael Wamsley's autopsies revealing the couple's use of methamphetamine and marijuana, and with the issues regarding the 911 dispatch and harsh winter conditions, students should realize that none of the circumstances that played into the incident are jokes.

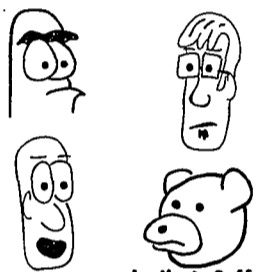
Drugs and harsh temperatures caused confusion for both the couple and dispatchers when it came to rescue attempts. While many may consider this a freak accident, the individual aspects of the ordeal should be taken very seriously.

Students should be respectful when talking about the incident and not joke about the circumstances that played into Wamsley's and Hornickel's deaths. Recently, an Omaha man committed the crime of using 911 services to mimic the police calls that were released to the public last week.

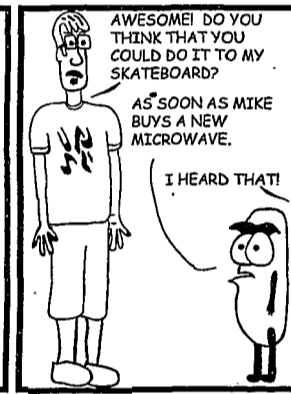
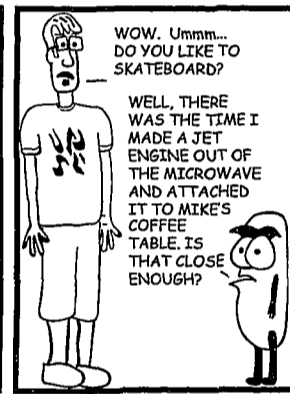
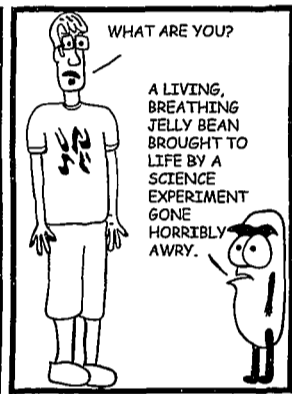
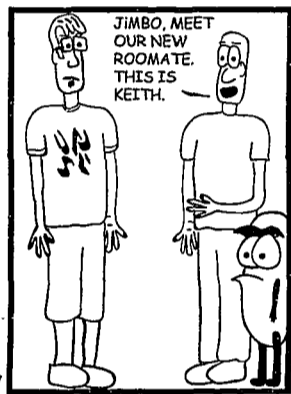
### Events are nothing to joke about

Hopefully, this story serves as inspiration for students to stop abusing drugs and to educate themselves about winter emergencies. Perhaps the state of Nebraska will look into using GPS technology for cellular phones in the case that a situation like this happens again.

### WELCOME HOME



by Kevin Coffey



## Your take

### Martin Luther King Day 'A Day On, Not a Day Off'

As chairman of the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Planning Committee, I feel compelled to respond to the editorial in which you criticized the fact that classes had not been cancelled and in which you stated that "Creighton again fell short in capturing the spirit of King's contributions to freedom in the United States."

Part of the program was aired live by the local NBC affiliate and received favorable coverage in two different articles in the Omaha World-Herald.

The planning for the 2005 Martin Luther King Jr. Day event began last January. Our planning meetings were publicized in Creighton Today, and the meetings were open to the entire campus community. We have actively sought student involvement and have been somewhat disappointed that we have not been able to get more participation from students.

The Rev. John P. Schlegel, S.J., university president, Omaha Mayor Mike Fahey and the more than 300 hundred people who attended the service were

more informed, inspired, motivated and challenged as a result of their attendance.

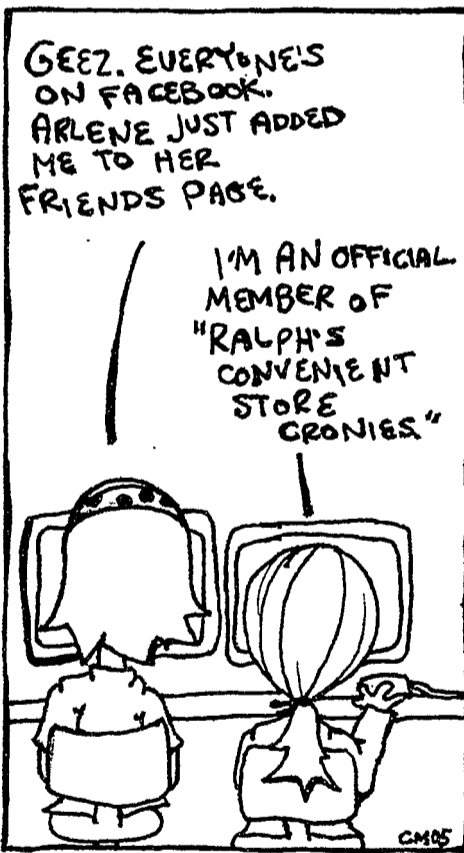
As Schlegel stated in his Jan. 24 President's Update, "It was an impressive program and a suitable way to celebrate the legacy of a great American."

It is worth noting that the National Martin Luther King Jr. Planning Commission's theme is "A Day On, Not a Day Off." In the spirit of King, I would like to see us strive for common ground.

We are open to suggestions for doing a better job promoting the program, and we would be particularly grateful for more student involvement in the planning process. Let us start now to commit to work together to plan a program for next year worthy of King's ideals and aspirations. Whether Creighton classes are cancelled or not, let's make it "a day on, not a day off."

John E. Pierce  
Chairman, Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Day Planning Committee

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# Shut-in: Student sites "sweet"



## GUEST COLUMN

Joe Sorrentino  
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Arts & Sciences  
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Video games and online tournaments have been around for a lot longer than thefacebook.com and dogears.net, but which have had more of an impact on my life is highly debatable.

For those of you who haven't made e-contact

with my online profiles, I'm Arthur Grennan. You probably haven't seen me before, and if you have, it was an accident. I take mostly e-classes at Creighton and skip the ones I have to actually attend so I can watch after my litter of kittens and deathmatch on Xbox Live. These days, if I am not doing either, I am managing an e-clan on Facebook called the Cat Lover's Association of Wyoming Shut-ins. I, too, am a shut-in, and thanks to Dogears and Facebook, I know that I'm not the only one who likes cat dander and the comfort of perpetual congestion.

I remember the first night I decided to expose myself online. I think it was the veritable cloud of pheromones in my dorm room; both of my calicos were in heat, and I was getting a busy signal on Xbox live (T3 connection in Swanson? Yeah flipping right!). I checked if anyone replied

to my post on www.dogears.net regarding my phobia of dogs, but my "F" button was sticky from cat urine and malfunctioned, causing an unscheduled visit to www.dogears.net.

I, along with an infinite number of other Creighton students, have been pretty much addicted to it ever since. Most people, not that I talked to any, use it to get in touch with friends from high school who go to other colleges. I guess you could say both Facebook and Dogears are systematically registering all college students and categorizing them into subgroups or something. I hope it is not for anything evil.

Well, I have a date with a Covenant Carbine and a cache full of plasma grenades, so I had better cut this column short. Deathmatches don't wait for deadlines.

What movie from 2004 do you think deserves the Oscar for Best Film?



Ryan Andrews  
Arts & Sciences Freshman

"Garden State" because Natalie Portman is a fox!"



Katie Wilberding  
Arts & Sciences Sophomore

"Troy" for its special effects, plot and Brad Pitt."



Dan Kailin  
Arts & Sciences Junior

"The Aladin" Special Edition DVD, because Jafar is a badass mofo."



Amy Schretenhauer  
Nursing Sophomore

"Sideways." I liked the different style."

answered questions found here. The campus is a public safety issue. We're regarding the what classes are outside of this.

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# Student seats being sold at Qwest

By MIKKI ZELLER  
Sports Editor

These days, missed shots and bad calls are not the only thing raising students' ire at the Jays' games.

Six games ago, the number of seats in the student section at the Qwest Center was reduced from 1,307 to 832. This decision was based on student attendance from the first five games, when the student section was averaging fewer than 400 students per game.

"We are thrilled with the student turnout, but we expected too much from the student population," said Mike West, director of Marketing, Sales and Promotion for the Athletic Department. "It would take at least one-third of the student undergraduate population to fill the student section, which is completely unrealistic."

West said that the student section should create a high-spirited atmosphere during each game, which also includes halftime entertainment, music played during timeouts and videos shown on the Jumbo-tron.

"Our gut instinct was to create a student section that can be filled," West said. "We do not want the students to look bad."

Creighton did not make the decision to sell seats in the student section as a way to make more money but as a way to create an atmosphere for people to enjoy watching basketball.

West said there have been many efforts to push students to attend games because of

the low turnout during the beginning of the season.

There were postcards sent out to students in the Omaha and surrounding area about the upcoming games. Posters and e-mails were sent out with dates of home games on them.

Despite all of the game publicity, the student section fail to fill the 832 seats. Before the Jan. 22 game against Illinois State, when the student section amounted to a record 1,108 students, the previous total was 626 at the Kent State game prior to Winter Break, when the Jays also were riding a seven-game winning streak.

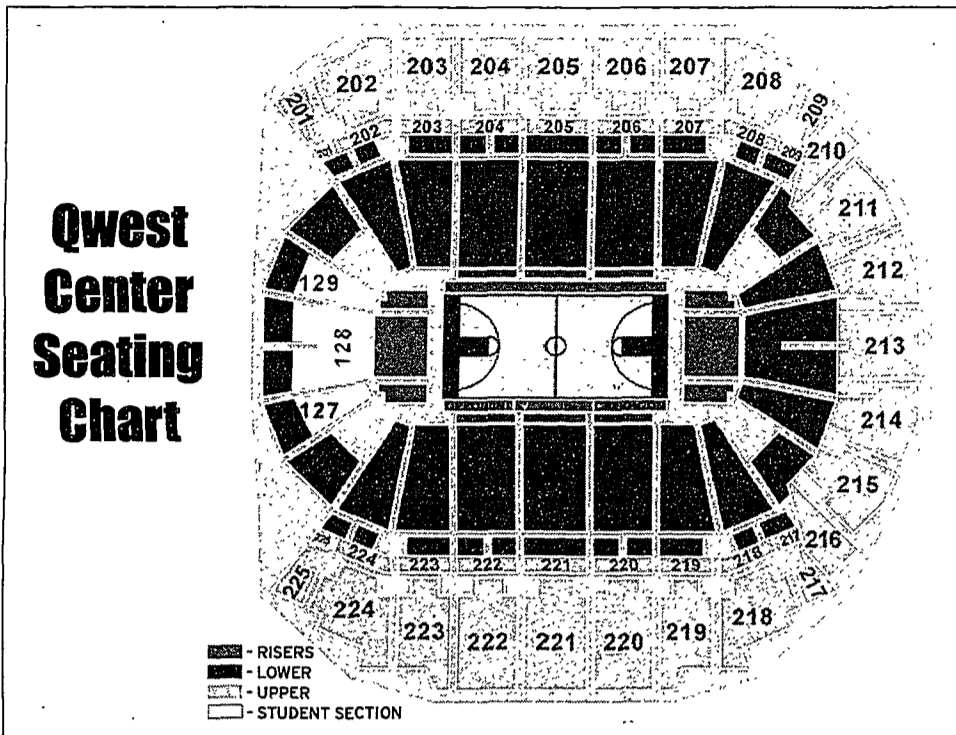
West said there will be a decision made concerning the ticket policy determining how many of the former student tickets are going to be sold to the general public at the end of the year. Currently, the general public can buy tickets in the student section for \$11, the same price as the upper bowl.

"We are going to watch the trends and consistency of student attendance," West said.

For the rest of the year, however, 475 seats in the student section will be sold to the general public. This had not been a problem until the Jan. 22 Illinois State game, when a group of students was involved in a minor altercation with a family sitting in the student section.

"I did not know the Qwest Center sold student section tickets to nonstudents," said Eric Marty, Arts & Sciences junior. "I will think twice before I sit in that section again."

Marty said the family complained that the



Graphic by Kathryn Brady

students were standing in front of them and they could not see the game. Marty said that the complaining eventually turned into verbal harassment, and physical threats were made against him.

West said situations like these can be avoided through education of all parties, in-

cluding making the ushers at the games aware of where the student section begins and ends.

"We just have to educate the general public that they may be sitting in the student section and that students could be standing," West said.

## IM basketball starts again



Chris Franks of MI Sasquatches brings the ball up the court against P.D. Rudersdorf of the D-Team All Stars on Jan. 26. Both teams are members of the Men's C-2 league for intramural basketball.



Raymond Collins (15) of Clam Chowder is guarded by Ryan Brown of Artest's Assaulters.

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# Fan clubs stand out from crowd

By **BOBBY GRENNAN**  
Assistant Sports Editor

From starting chants, to heckling opposing teams, to firing up and firing out shirts to the crowd during timeouts, Altman's Army, the Yell Squad and the Birdcage make up a large piece of the intimidating presence that is the home court advantage of the Qwest Center Omaha.

If one were to venture down to the front row of the Creighton student section, he or she would be engulfed by the overwhelming amount of school spirit that pours out of Altman's Army, the Birdcage and the Yell Squad.

Several members of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity started Altman's Army three seasons ago. The group has expanded from its humble beginnings and now includes both men and women, many of whom are not affiliated with Sigma Phi Epsilon.

"Altman's Army is an original alternative to the school-sponsored organization of the student section," said Brian Hanson, Arts & Sciences senior. "We're always open to having new people come down and join us if they want to cheer our teams on."

"The reason we created Altman's Army was to help promote unity and school spirit," said Anthony Romano, Business junior. "We've had the players comment on how they can hear and see us during the game, and they told us how it is an emotional boost for the team."

Altman's Army has grown both in number and in popularity over the last three seasons.

"I think Altman's Army is a fantastic group," said Lenli Corbett, Arts & Sciences senior and current president of the Birdcage organization. "They are dedicated to coming to every single game and help promote students to come out and watch Creighton basketball."

The Birdcage, a university-sponsored student organization, was created several years ago as a way for student fans to unify under a common theme in the student section.

Although student membership in the Birdcage has increased (this season more than 600 students registered for the Birdcage), the number of students actively participating at the games has seemed to decrease over the last two seasons.

Corbett said a large part of the problem may be due to the lack of information about the games, especially to members of the student body who live off campus.

"I send e-mails out to our members before every game, but that only reaches 600 people," Corbett said. "Creighton does a great job of encouraging participation from the city of Omaha, but I think they sometimes forget about the student section. My goal is to keep students informed and excited about all Creighton athletics."

Corbett said that many members of the Birdcage are freshmen and sophomores living in the various residence halls on campus, which makes it a little easier when it comes to keeping students informed. The difficult task becomes keeping those off-campus students informed.

"I've seen everyone come together at these games, and when it happens, we become a great student section," Romano said.

This year, there have been moves made to help bolster school spirit in the student section. Last Saturday's game against Illinois State saw the addition of hundreds of three-fingered foam hands. Blue and white balloons are passed out during halftime of the games and waved as distractions at opposing free throw shooters during the second half.

The Yell Squad is a new feature of the student section at the Qwest Center. Though they have only been in existence for two games this season, they hope that they can add a powerful voice to the student section.

"We need to be unified as a student section to get the main crowd excited about the games," said Beth Worthington, Nursing freshman and member of the Yell Squad.

Worthington said the Yell Squad has not fully caught on



Photo by Matt Anzur

Altman's Army, standing from left, Brian Hanson, Arts & Science senior; Anthony Romano, Business junior; Dan O'Brien and Tim Pundman, Business seniors. Kneeling, Mark Kable, left, and Andy Witt, Business seniors.

yet with the remainder of the student section. Their hope is to institute new and unique cheers meant to spark the crowd.

Members of both Altman's Army and the Yell Squad stressed that they are not looking to steal the limelight of the Birdcage. They simply want to help promote student pride in the athletic program at Creighton.

"If it encourages people to come and cheer, we're all for it," Corbett said.

Several members of Altman's Army also voiced their concern that more pregame activities have not been scheduled for either the men's or women's basketball games.

One of the major difficulties that the university has run into is dealing with an entirely new set of rules at the Qwest Center.

For instance, the pizza handout at halftime, a long-standing student section tradition at the Civic, was eliminated because the cost of bringing an outside product to the student section in the Qwest Center was too great for the Birdcage budget.

The Business school hosted pregame festivities for last Saturday's game against Illinois State. The university is sponsoring the Get Blue: National Game Viewing Day on Feb. 5 in coordination with the Jays home game against Southwest Missouri State. The Birdcage has plans to have large gatherings to watch several of Creighton's televised road games.

Members of Altman's Army praised the work of athletic and sports information departments for turning Creighton into Omaha's team.

Last season, Creighton's average home game attendance was 12,016, good enough for 29th in the country and ahead of basketball powerhouses Oklahoma State, Utah and Notre Dame.

"Having a good student turnout goes far beyond the 'big games.' They [the men and women's teams] need our support for the whole season," Corbett said.

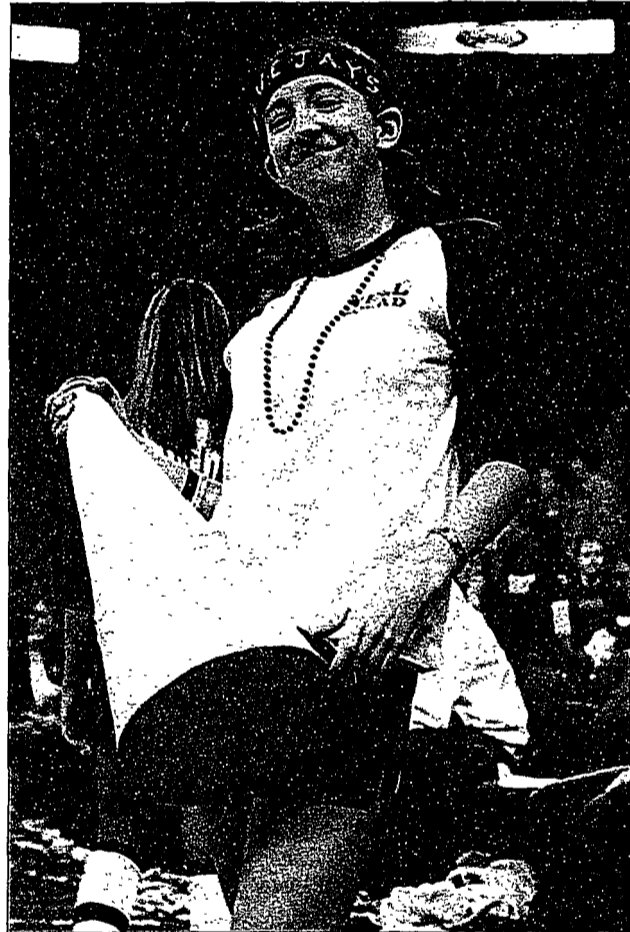


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Elizabeth Hilpiper, Arts & Sciences sophomore, gets ready to lead the Yell Squad and student section at the game against Illinois State on Jan. 22.

# Nash extends Jays' record draft streak

By **BRIAN NORTON**  
Assistant Sports Editor

The Creighton men's soccer program continues to be a national powerhouse with another player selected in the Major League Soccer SuperDraft.

Julian Nash was selected by FC Dallas (formerly Dallas Burn), in the fourth round of the SuperDraft on Jan. 14 as the 40th overall pick. He is the 13th Jay to be drafted in the 10-year history of MLS. Creighton is the only college soccer program in the nation to have at least one player selected each year during the Missouri Valley Conference nine-year existence.

Currently there are six former Jays on MLS rosters, including Brian Kamler with Real Salt Lake and Brian Mullan with the San Jose Earthquakes. Mullan also has spent time with the United States Soccer team.

Nash also is the sixth Creighton player to be drafted by FC Dallas, including Mike Tranchilla and David Wagenfuhr, who were select-



Nash

ed in the last two drafts. Both also were selected in the fourth round.

Coach Bob Warming said he hopes the former Jays on the FC Dallas roster will help Nash to adjust to the new level of competition.

"I believe it always helps players in general when there are people who you can identify with and relate to on your team," said Colin Clarke, FC Dallas coach. "I think it may be even more important for a younger player like Julian to come into an environment where he knows a few guys from school," Clarke said.

Nash finished his career at Creighton with 18 goals, 22 assists and 58 points. His best season was his sophomore year, when he posted 8 goals, 8 assists and 24 points in 24 games. He was named to both the all-MVC second team

and MVC all-tournament team.

Warming said his favorite memories of Nash's career at Creighton are his amazing, colossal goals.

"His strength is his strength," Warming said. "He's a very physically strong player."

This past season Nash was named a semifinalist for the Missouri Athletic Club's Hermann Trophy, the highest individual honor in collegiate soccer. He led the Jays with 9 assists and 21 points and also scored 6 goals.

"I think his biggest strength is his athleticism," Clarke said. "I saw him at the combine in Los Angeles and was very impressed with his big, strong, athletic capability on the soccer field."

At the MLS level, FC Dallas sees Nash more as a wide midfielder than the striker he was at Creighton.

Warming said Nash is practicing with the Jays at this new position to prepare for his first season with FC Dallas. As with most college players, the transition to the next level will be

a challenge.

"The game is faster; the speed of thought is faster," Warming said. "You need to get thrown into the competitive cauldron."

Nash is not the only Creighton addition to FC Dallas. Dallas recently acquired former Creighton player Jay Richard Mulrooney of the San Jose Earthquakes through a draft-day deal.

Mulrooney was picked third overall in the 1999 MLS College Draft by San Jose. He will play midfielder with FC Dallas this season. According to Clarke, Wagenfuhr should also compete for playing time this season.

"Everybody can always improve their game," Clarke said. "Guys like Richard Mulrooney and Simo Valakari are tremendous professionals who are classy and understand the meaning of what it means to be a Major League Soccer player. Hopefully, Julian can learn a thing or two from them when he comes into training with us."