

New housing nears completion

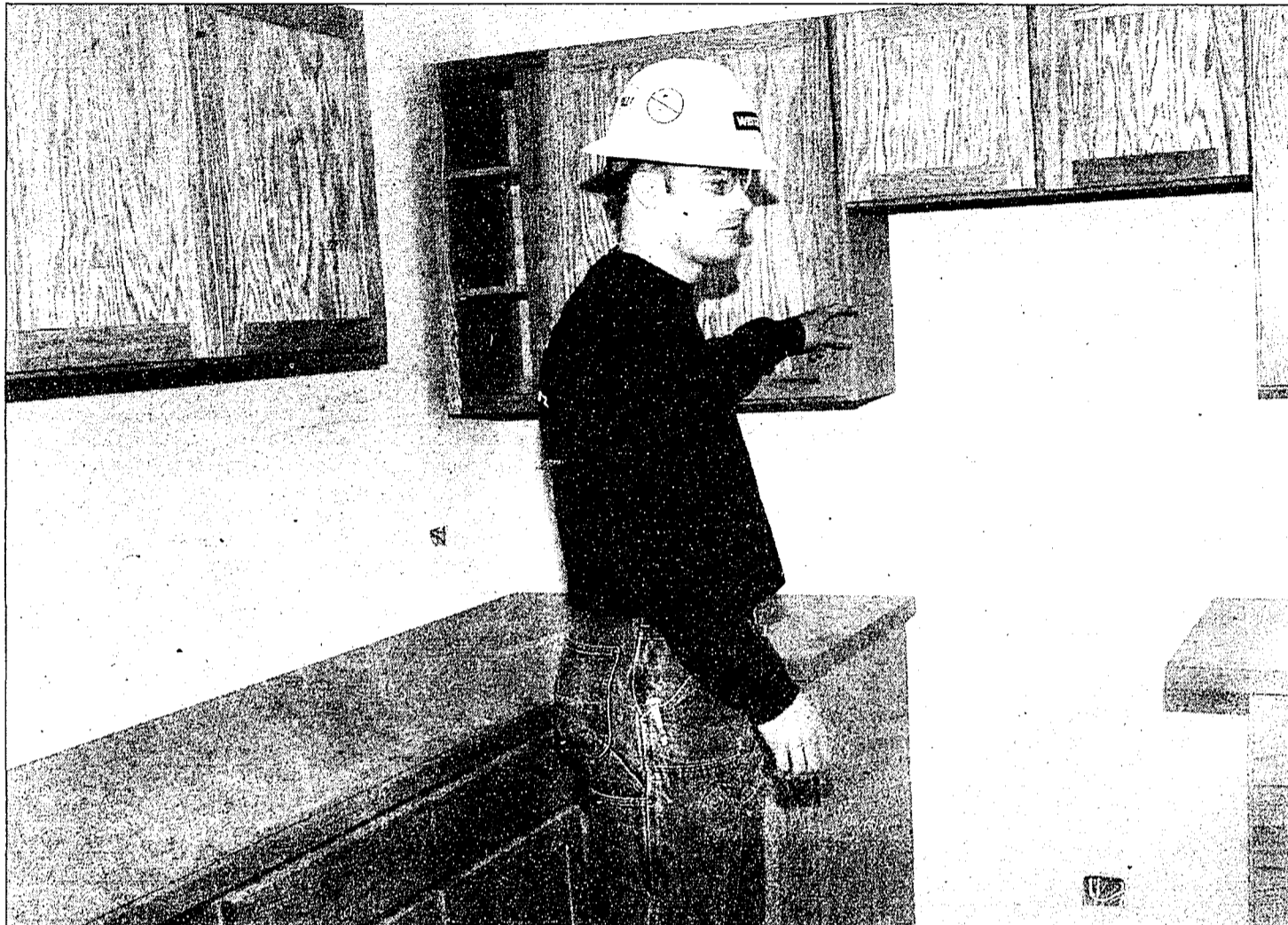


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Chris Neal, project engineer for the New Apartment Complex, gives a tour of the kitchen in a two-room apartment. The rooms range from \$540 to \$570 a month.

■ State-of-the-art apartment structure will finish June 1.

By BOBBY GRENNAN
 Reporter

A giant piece of the new Creighton puzzle is nearing completion.

The New Apartment Complex for 259 juniors and seniors steadily is making its way toward a June 1 completion date for the outer structure.

"This is going to be a whole new and exciting experience for Creighton," said Dr. Richard Rossi, director of Residence Life. "The apartments are very nice; I am quite pleased with them."

The west entrance to the three-story apartments is located near 21st and Webster streets. The buildings are connected internally by bridges and surround an outdoor courtyard. Wrought-iron fences will surround the perimeter of the building.

Currently, the only on-campus residence option available to juniors and seniors is Kenefick Hall, which has a capacity of 200 students. The Residence Life staff and administration hopes that this apartment complex will help attract more juniors and seniors to live on campus.

"We want to make the campus as vibrant at night as it is during the day," Rossi said. "These new apartments will really give a residential feel to the area."

Each of the two-, three- and four-bedroom furnished apartments will have a kitchen area complete with a two-compartment sink, an 18 cubic-foot-refrigerator and a dishwasher. Some of the four-bedroom apartments also will have a dining area complete with booth seating.

The hallways, bedrooms and living rooms are carpeted. There are vinyl floors in the kitchen, bathroom and foyer. The first-floor units will have a courtyard entry.

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■ Eastward expansion jeopardizes the Dorothy Day House.

By HEIDI DUNKLEMAN
 Assistant News Editor

As the Creighton University campus rapidly expands, there is a little soup kitchen right in the middle of the campus master plan, just across the street from the New Apartment Complex, that is trying to survive.

Because of the current construction, and the plans to expand the campus beyond the Dorothy Day House soup kitchen on 20th and Webster streets, the walking routes of the homeless who frequent the

soup kitchen will be obstructed because they are not allowed to walk through campus to get a meal.

Kevin McGuire, who currently runs the Dorothy Day House, said someone once joked to him that if Creighton kept moving further east, McGuire would end up serving soup to the students.

Having homeless people traveling through campus is a safety issue. Although many homeless people are harmless, some are dangerous, McGuire said.

If a homeless person is found on cam-

pus, Public Safety transports him or her to the Siena/Francis House, said Marvin Minnis, Public Safety officer.

Although this protects Creighton, it does not help McGuire, who wants to continue serving two meals a day at the Dorothy Day House.

Creighton University has coexisted with the Dorothy Day House soup kitchen for 15 years. Although the property is within the footprint of the master plan, Creighton has no immediate plans to

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Phonathon raises record \$1 million

By MATT VAN EPPS
 Reporter

The Phonathon raised a record \$1,043,948 — and it's not over yet.

The Phonathon is part of the Development Office, the fundraising division of the university, and raises money to support the budgets of every school at Creighton. Heather Beekhuizen, assistant director of Annual Giving, said that tuition pays for about 60 percent of the total costs of education, so the Phonathon is an essential part of the university's success.

How does the Phonathon raise money? About 90 to 100 Creighton students are employed to call alumni

for monetary donations, averaging about \$115 a donation. Many other campuses use a similar method, and Creighton has used this technique for about 20 years.

Raising \$1 million is a great accomplishment, according to Beekhuizen. Other schools that have reached the million-dollar mark include Carnegie Mellon, Kent State, the University of Hawaii, the University of Virginia, and Iowa State.

"These are much larger schools with more alumni to contact, so it is really incredible that we are even in their league as far as student fundraising goes," Beekhuizen said.

Compared to other years, 2004 has been successful. In 2001 and 2002, about \$700,000 was raised each year. Last year showed an improvement with a total of \$927,127.

Although this method of raising money sometimes is viewed as annoying telemarketing, callers have not encountered many hostile alumni, Beekhuizen said. Most alums are quite cooperative, and he said all callers are trained to handle negative situations, because there can be people who are upset with the university.

"To further enhance the great

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Photo by Tetona Dunlap

Tom Tracy and Sarah Borer, Arts & Sciences sophomores, place calls for the Phonathon, which raised \$1 million.

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■ Before the Donut Stop, students ate burgers for breakfast at Beal's.

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The two-bedroom apartments will have one full bathroom, complete with a sit-down shower. The three-bedroom will have one and a half bathrooms. Each four-bedroom apartment will have two full bathrooms.

There also will be two four-bedroom loft units, located on the east building. The residents of these apartments get two floors connected by a spiral staircase and a balcony overlooking the first floor of the apartment.

In addition, there will be a new dining area located on the first floor of the west building. The exterior of the new dining area will have a staging area for small outdoor concerts.

The cost of the new apartments is \$540 a month for the regular units, and \$570 a month for the loft units; this price includes all utilities and furniture but no meal plan. Students have the option of purchasing a meal plan at the set prices.

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students we employ, we've created a fabulous, comprehensive training program that gives callers 10 hours of pretty intense training before they even get on the phones. Along with training comes the overall structure of the program. We have a lot of policies in place that are sometimes a pain to the callers, but the policies are all there for a reason and really help us to maintain an excellent program," Beekhuizen said.

Students earn money as Phonathon callers, and bonuses are available. There is a lot of interest in the position, so only about half of the applicants are hired.

"I think one of the most obvious reasons for our success is that we truly employ great students. Because we can pay them well and offer nice perks, I think we get very good applicants and then we

This cost turns some students away from living in the new building.

"At first I really wanted to live in the new apartments because I like the on-campus life, but then I found out the cost and decided I could find something better," said Tricia Leaf, Arts & Sciences sophomore.

Hundreds of students jumped at the chance to live in the complex.

"Being from out of state, I won't have to worry about moving furniture or waking up earlier to get to class," said Charles O'Brien, Business sophomore. "They may be expensive, but I figure if you are going to pay a lot you might as well go for something you know is going to be nice."

Phase II of this project calls for another apartment style building to be constructed across the street from the current complex. However, no design has been set, and a second complex still is several years away.

have the capability of hiring the cream of the crop," Beekhuizen said.

Kevin Gleason, the caller who put Creighton over the \$1 million mark, said he has loved working for the Phonathon.

"The pay is great, the scheduling is flexible and every shift is just fun. We play games, have competitions, and we get to work with all of our peers and friends," Gleason said.

Gleason also mentioned an interesting statistic: on the night that they reached \$1 million, the Phonathon callers raised over \$9,000 in only one and a half hours.

With the success of 2004, Beekhuizen is interested to see if the Phonathon callers can turn it up a notch next year. The team certainly will have something to reach for. Beekhuizen thinks that with the excellent leadership and camaraderie among the student workers, no goal is out of reach.

Weekly Campus **SAFETY REPORT**

4/06/04 10:43 p.m. A staff member reported miscellaneous items missing from 18th and Webster streets.

4/07/04 12:20 a.m. A student reported his vehicle parked near Central High was broken into at Davenport Street. Nothing was missing.

3 p.m. A student reported damage

to the windshield of his vehicle parked west of Gallagher Hall.

9:45 p.m. Officers responded to the report of a fire in the laundry room. A staff member already had extinguished a small flame coming from the rear of a washing machine in McGloin Hall.

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acquire the property, said Stephen T. Kline, director of Creighton Public Relations.

"If at some future date we do acquire the Day House property, we would work with Day House operators to help ensure that their mission continues," Kline said. "We do view [the Dorothy Day House] as a useful service to the downtown population."

Greg Higgins, University College student, says that as a Jesuit institution that maintains those ideals, Creighton has a social responsibility to care for the homeless in the area.

Higgins became concerned for the Omaha homeless two winters ago when a homeless man, who often had been escorted from campus, died of overexposure.

"As he was laying there dying, did the thought go through his head, 'I know I can't go to Creighton, they will just kick me off.' That is very disturbing when a Catholic Church should be a place where people can always go for help," Higgins said.

He is concerned because as Creighton develops eastward, the downtown area develops northward and the riverfront develops westward, the homeless are being pushed off a strip of land that used to be a

haven for them.

"A Jesuit university should not be in the business of deporting homeless people from its borders without at least having some sort of moral discussion about what's going on," Higgins said.

Higgins visited a homeless shelter in Denver that not only served meals, but also had showers, laundry facilities, a clothing closet and on-site counseling and employment services. He would like to see Creighton get involved with a facility like this and have medical, dental, social work and other students working there, gaining experience in their respective fields while helping others.

Higgins said that the problem with homelessness in Omaha actually could be positive for Creighton because students are being blessed with an opportunity to help people while challenging and expanding their own boundaries.

"If you are willing to stretch yourself a little bit, you can also change the life of someone else for the better," Higgins said. "I don't know if any of those people would stop being homeless, but I do know you might run the risk of becoming a better human being if you extend yourself and you might just make their day a little bit better."

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Options abound for upper-class living



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Construction workers spackle the ceiling, preparing the New Apartment Complex for upperclassmen.

By PATRICK KINNEY
Reporter

We all have seen the fliers that hang in the Kiewit Fitness Center or the ones next to the Blimpie's waiting line. Each flier promises affordable housing conveniently located near Creighton. But how does the cost of living off campus compare to living on campus?

Currently, a student must live on campus during his or her freshman and sophomore years, or he or she may live with a parent or guardian in the Omaha area. Juniors and seniors typically move off campus, but those who live on campus pay for a room-and-board plan.

"On campus, they go for an all-encompassing package that I don't necessarily need," said third-year law student Jon Mueller. "As far as residence, I've always been able to find cheaper rent off campus."

For upperclassmen who stay on campus, the housing options include Kenefick Hall, Heider Hall and the New Apartment Complex under construction. Students will be able to live in Kenefick for \$4,410 to \$6,640 per year, or \$492

to \$738 each month that school is in session. The New Apartment Complex will cost \$540 to \$570 per month for each resident. Heider Hall has plans that range from \$641 to \$842.

Students are signing a 9-month lease for the first year in the new apartments, but in the future they will sign a 12-month lease.

The area around Creighton hosts a variety of off-campus housing solutions, creating options that could save students money.

"It's way cheaper to live off campus if you can find a good place. And if you can't, it can get very expensive," said Melissa Wilson, Arts & Sciences junior.

A look in the classifieds shows that two-bedroom apartments in the midtown area near Creighton start around \$400 a month. The median range is about \$450 to \$600. A two-bedroom house or duplex goes for about \$600 to \$800 a month.

Then there is the matter of food. For \$3,120 a

year, students can purchase either 15 meals a week and 100 bonus bucks per semester, or 19 meals a week and 40 bonus bucks per semester. This boils down to about \$347 per month on meals, or about \$6 per meal with the first plan and \$5 per meal with the second.

Depending on what students choose to buy, it could be less expensive to handle dining on their own. The price of one meal at Creighton can buy about four boxes of Kraft Macaroni and Cheese, or 30 packages of Ramen Noodles. Even if a student dined at a restaurant twice a day, he or she could allow \$9 for each meal and still break even with Creighton prices. A sample of juniors and seniors showed that it's safe to plan for about \$100 worth of groceries per month.

Getting to school also becomes an expense for students living off campus. Based on survey numbers, those who do not have the luxury of walking down the mall to class should plan

on spending around \$10 on gas per week. However, Nickie Ludemann, Arts & Sciences junior, has found a way to get around the commute to class.

"I ride the shuttle a lot," Ludemann said. "It goes right through our neighborhood."

But don't forget that a dorm room comes with basic cable TV, telephone service, a high-speed Internet connection, and heat and electricity paid. The fact that students pay one sum of money for their expenses can hide the cost of living.

Off campus, a high-speed Internet connection can cost somewhere between \$30 and \$40 every month. Basic cable can run somewhere around \$15. Telephone service is about \$15-\$20. And as a rule of thumb, expect utilities to cost from \$70 to \$90 per month.

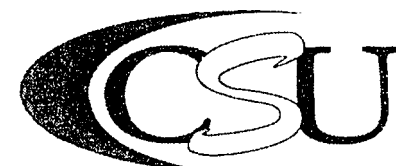
"When you live on campus you don't have to worry about bills, but if you live off campus you do," said Amanda Mogler, Arts & Sciences junior.

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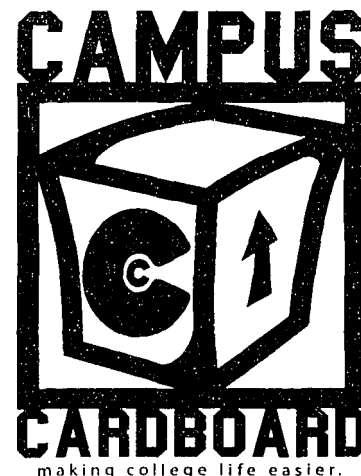
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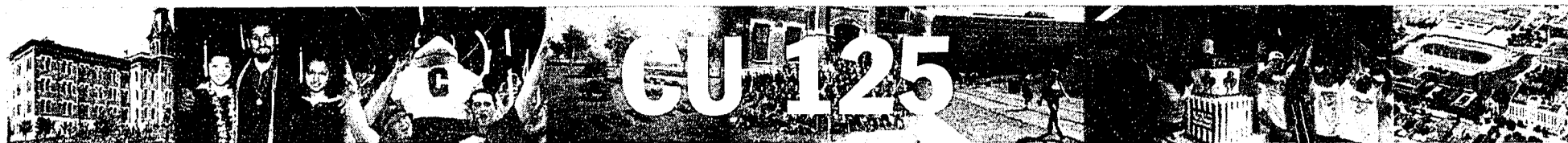
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Greasy diner leaves great memories

By MARY O'DONOHUE
Assistant CU125 Editor

Once upon a time in the 1930s, a feisty German man looked out the window of his house, located directly across the street from the main entrance of Creighton University, and thought, "I think I'll make this house a restaurant." That is exactly what he did.

After a few minor renovations to his home at 24th and California streets, Walt Beal's downstairs living room and dining room were quickly transformed into the most popular diner Creighton students had ever seen. The grill stayed open for 46 years until Creighton acquired the property in 1986, although the school never pressured the family into selling.

Equipped with a horseshoe-shaped counter and some greasy hamburgers, Beal opened Beal's Grill, and Creighton

students had themselves the finest cuisine in town, or at least the greasiest.

"Greasy hamburgers, that was what everybody had, even in the morning," said John Foley in a phone interview this week. Foley is a Creighton alumni who worked at the grill from 1975 to 1978 as head cook, waiter and dishwasher. "We never really cleaned the grill; luckily I don't think there was any sort of health-care inspection. It was such a hole in the wall and it certainly wasn't fine dining, but everyone would stop there and eat."

Beal previously had been a traveling salesman before he decided to throw in the towel and pick up a spatula — well, sort of. He was better known for sitting on a stool at the end of the counter and yelling profane things at customers.

"As soon as someone walked in the door, Walt or Howard [his son-in-law] would yell out a greeting," Creighton alumni Gary Joe said in the 1997 summer edition of Creighton Magazine. "They either hollered out your name, nickname or something associated with your field of study...pill pusher, 'mouth plumber.'"

Howard Fiedler had joined the family after marrying Beal's daughter Burnice, and later he joined the business, taking over the grill when Beal died in 1973.

"Burnice would work on the soup in the morning and then she would go home," Foley said. "She would come



Photo courtesy of the 1997 summer edition of Creighton Magazine. Beal's Grill was located at 24th and California streets, where the Lied Education Center for the Arts is located. The close proximity allowed for convenient dining between classes.



Photo courtesy of the 1997 summer edition of Creighton Magazine. Walt Beal, right, founder of Beal's Grill, poses with fellow employees under a sign showing the specials for the Creighton Jubilee in 1953. Beal passed away in 1973, leaving a legacy of memories behind.

back and help close up the kitchen."

Fiedler not only continued Beal's tradition of sitting at the end of the bar greeting everyone who walked in the door, but he also continued the birthday celebrations Beal's Grill was notorious for holding.

"Burnice would come in later in the day on his [Howard's] birthday and she always brought in a cake for him," Foley said. "People would eat off the cake for the rest of the day. They also celebrated client's birthdays."

Beal and Fiedler catered the grill specifically toward Creighton students, serving fish during Lent and closing during the summers. During the school year, however, the grill served breakfast, lunch and dinner.

"We started at 5:30 in the morning boiling potatoes and making them into hash browns," Foley said. "Every seat was filled solid between 7 and 9 a.m. It was a full house for breakfast and by 11:30 a.m. it was packed again. Hundreds of people a day."

If the greasy food, homemade soup

and crusty atmosphere were not enough to bring Creighton students into Beal's Grill, then the pinball machines were sure to do the trick.

"All the guys would hang out just playing pinball," Foley said. "There was one guy, Aaron Salem — he was the pinball champ for two years in a running. He would come in at night just to make sure no one had beaten his score, and if they had, Howard would let him play after hours until he had the highest score again."

Although the diner may have left a slightly grimy impression, it never lacked heart.

"Howard had a huge board where he would hang up postcards Creighton graduates would send him from all over the world," Foley said. "Some had been up for 20 years."

Although the Lied Education Center for the Arts building has destroyed any evidence that a cuisine shrine once stood there, the Beal's Grill legend will continue to live on happily ever after in the hearts of those Creighton students who were lucky enough to dine there.

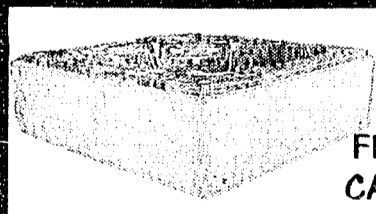
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'Load' up on gaming news

By MICK FORGEY

The Scene Assistant Editor

If you're sick of spending hard-earned money on lack-luster video games you should consider "Loading with Adam Mohr," a new television show dedicated to providing up-to-date information about all things related to video games.

Get this — it's being made right here in Omaha.

"Loading with Adam Mohr" is a half-hour long program featuring the latest game reviews, news and industry updates. The show airs bi-monthly, Wednesday at 9 p.m. on Metro channel 23. A public access show may not sound promising, but "Loading" transcends its format with a sharp, informative program.

"There are no shows about video gaming on TV. Our show fills that void. We simply tell the audience what games are like," Mohr said.

This show is not a teenager extracurricular activity. Mohr, who writes, produces and shoots "Loading," brings two



Photo by Dan Ramirez
Omaha journalist Adam Mohr records the fourth episode of "Loading," a locally produced television program devoted entirely to gaming news and reviews.

and a half years experience to the production as a reporter for KLKN-TV in Lincoln, Neb.

"This isn't some grainy, dimly lit, hollow-sounding public access show. We know what we're doing," Mohr said.

Graphic designer Andrew Whalen, with a degree in 3-D animation, provides the animated backgrounds and logos.

"Loading" features a consistent, linear format. The

show begins with about three game reviews that are complete with footage. Mohr includes a national top 10 video game ranking, along with game footage mixed with music. "Insider news" details facts like casting for the next Grand Theft Auto game, and the "white collar report" tracks industry trends.

The show may be grassroots, but the content is solid. Whalen's impressive 3-D work

raises the show heads-and-shoulders above the usual public access rough. Mohr provides insightful commentary about the game, noting things like game control, difficulty and the overall execution of the game.

In addition to stellar game reviews, the show provides insightful scoops about upcoming games and industry tidbits, such as the upcoming release of an entirely new console called the Phantom.

The public access format works to "Loading's" advantage. With no advertising, "Loading" takes up the majority of its 30-minute length. Gaming news is researched and pertinent, far cheaper than reading various gaming publications that retail for about \$5 to \$8 an issue.

So, if you are a gamer, tune in or visit the Web site at www.loadingwithadam.com. It's a show about video games, and it could save you money and time by warning you about games to avoid. Plus, it shows local programming doesn't always need a "Big Red Report."

Break-up book indulges girls' sweet tooth

By KATIE SILVER

The Scene Assistant Editor

They say that breaking up is hard to do, but thanks to Alison James' new book, "I Used to Miss Him...but My Aim is Improving," it becomes a lot easier.

The book is a light-hearted survival guide to breaking up and gives emotional support to women who have had their hearts broken by neglectful men.

James has had some experience with breakups, or she would not have such an accurate understanding of what goes on inside a woman's head after a breakup. Only a true woman would know the dangers of drunk dialing your ex or family reunions when you are asked about your love life. She goes as far as to devote an entire section to chocolate as the perfect breakup food.

The book includes sassy scoops in which James gives advice on how to deal with your ex, family and friends. One tidbit says that when a girl is told "you'll be next" at a wedding, she should tell that person the same thing at a funeral.

Throughout the book, James gives quotes to help women get over their broken hearts. Madonna's words of wisdom were, "Why did god create men? Because vibrators can't mow the lawn."

Unlike most breakup survival books, this one does not instruct you to find a man, or even to date right away. It is purely a book about how to get back at your ex in the most creative ways.

James also devotes a chapter to the single life. Nowhere is it written that women have to be married by a certain age or even get married at all. James makes a point of telling women that being single is in no way a disappointment.

While reading the book I was laughing not only because it was funny but also because the subject matter was so true.

"I Used to Miss Him...but My Aim is Improving," is perfect for anyone who has suffered from a broken heart and does not take herself too seriously. Ladies, the summer is coming up and "I Used to Miss Him..." is the ideal book to read while laying by the pool and relaxing.

Exhibit connects drugs, terrorism

By EVAN GREEN

The Scene Editor

Broken concrete and twisted metal normally do not get attention, but at the Strategic Air & Space Museum, it makes people stop and think.

People stop there to remember where they were on September 11, 2001, when this rubble came crashing down as part of the World Trade Center.

This display is part of the exhibit "Target America," which is showing at the museum in Ashland, Neb.

The exhibit is sponsored by the Drug Enforcement Agency and emphasizes the connection between illegal drug trade and terrorism.

Newscasts that are piped through speakers add an eerie feel to the exhibit when looking at a beam from the Twin Towers and hearing the reports of them collapsing.

The 9/11 display is simple, yet powerful. Being able to easily touch the iron and concrete makes the unbelievable event frighteningly real.

The display of debris from the WTC and Pentagon actually takes up a small space in the exhibit, which centers generally on "Narco-terrorism."

One wall is devoted to the progression of drug trade. This chronicles the journey that narcotics take, from pictures of workers in fields to the end of

a very large portrait of Osama bin Laden.

Another wall looks at counter-terrorism with a tall, blinking terror-level sign.

While the exhibit is powerful, it does have a propaganda feel to it. The 9/11 display tugs at emotions, and the rest of the exhibit places the blame for such an awful event on drug trafficking. It seems like the DEA uses the 9/11 display to help push its message.

The exhibit is well done and powerful, though it is obviously government sponsored, but this should not deter someone from seeing it.

The exhibit runs until August 22 and admission is \$7.



Photo by Evan Green
A visitor pauses at a display of debris from 9/11 at Strategic Air & Space Museum's "Target America" exhibit.

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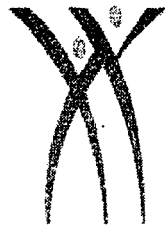
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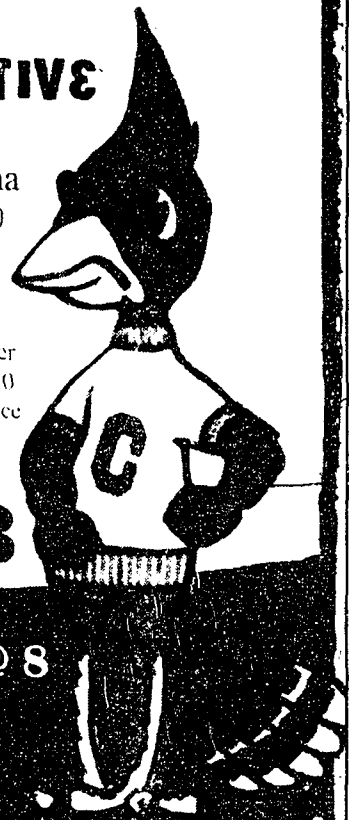
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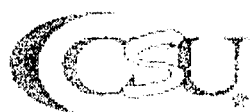
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Editorially speaking

Living on campus runs high bill

The new apartment about being broke and in housing will cost roughly debt, not to mention being \$540 a month per person. stressed out over the lottery process. On-campus living in a four-bedroom unit, the facilities simply are not worth the price to live in them.

Residence halls are not worth that price. We understand that people pay for location, but it is ridiculous that a residence hall like Kiewit costs over \$400 a month. Residence halls are not first-rate living environments, so why are the prices so outlandish? Lower the price of on-campus living so the adage "you get what you pay for" actually can hold true.

Recognize same-sex benefits

It may be time for Creighton to update its anti-discrimination policies protecting a faculty member's sexual orientation.

Currently, these policies are not in place for faculty at Creighton.

When asked at this year's Fireside Chat why the university does not take the initiative and lead the Omaha community in this area, the Rev. John P. Schlegel, S.J., responded by saying that Creighton would not take that step until the community was ready to follow.

Recently, the Omaha Police Union included benefits for same-sex partners in a proposed contract. The contract is being reviewed by the City Council.

Some faculty members at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln are taking steps for UNL to include same-sex benefits.

Members of the community have begun to discuss this issue. It is time for Creighton to do so as well. Creighton is a leader in the Omaha community and there is no reason not to assume a leadership role in this matter.



Mark Kable
Business Junior

"I would for the convenience and the setup. That's all."



Lisa Bloomingdale
Arts & Sciences Freshman

"Yes, if they were cheap enough. They cost too much and should be cheaper for students."



Mark Mori
Arts & Sciences Sophomore

"Yes, because anything is better than Kiewit."



Candi Tielebein
Arts & Sciences Senior

"Yes, they look nice. But, it is far to walk."

Would you live in the new apartments?



Your take

Thanks for service Meet Keith Card

I would like to thank members of the Creighton community for the support offered to the Siena/Francis House this past year. Countless Creighton students, staff and faculty have come to our homeless shelter to lend a hand. Campus groups have organized collection drives and have been kind enough to donate funds generated by campus events. Various staff and faculty members provide their professional expertise to our organization, as well as make monetary contributions. Also, Creighton Dental School faculty and students, physicians, medical students and emergency staff members provide their services.

It is an understatement to say that Creighton University serves those most in need in our community. Please know that we at the Siena/Francis House are very, very grateful.

Tim Sully, BA '85
Development Director
Siena/Francis House

The Jesuit value, *cura personalis*, is often a topic of discussion and reflection at Creighton. Mr. Keith Card exemplifies this value.

As a member of the Facilities Management Team working specifically in Swanson, Brandeis and Deglman halls, Keith demonstrates *cura personalis* in his every action.

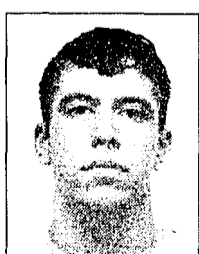
Keith typically rearranges his work schedule to avoid inconveniencing residents. In one of many examples of his kindness, a room in Deglman experienced problems with the heating unit. Because the task involved several hours of work, Keith waited until spring break to make repairs and found a small heater for them to use until the problem was fixed.

Keith exhibits Christ through his actions as he handles all situations with a kind word and friendly attitude. It is a privilege and honor to know and work with Keith.

Marcy L. Ball
Director of Deglman Hall and
Eileen B. Leiben Center for Women



Jesuit mission: not accomplished



Here's what I think

George Smolinski
Guest Columnist

A recent CU125 article in The Creightonian described the flood of 1952 and its effects on Omaha. The Creighton community mobilized quickly and helped protect much of the community. This example of service was part and parcel of the Jesuit tradition here at Creighton, which, as we

embark on the 21st century, has sadly been lost.

During my eight years as a student here, I became enmeshed in the Creighton and Omaha communities and this opened my eyes to the lack of compassion for the poor and indigent around Creighton. Four blocks away from Creighton's campus sits the Siena Francis House, serving a great number of homeless persons. Students volunteer many hours at this shelter, but Creighton's leadership, including the Jesuit leaders and Board of Directors, has taken little concerted effort to help this organization. Take a hard look at other organizations in the Omaha community, such as the North Omaha Boys and Girls Club, and one finds a similar pattern

Instead of spending time and energy

on the less fortunate and preserving our Jesuit identity, Creighton has provided a brand-new soccer stadium, basketball advertising and development stretching from 30th Street to the Qwest Center. The university's mission statement states: "Service to others... [and] the inalienable worth of each individual...are core values of Creighton". This has obviously been lost, for instead of promoting service to others or expanding shelters for the poor, we now promote our basketball team on giant billboards.

I ask the Jesuit leadership and Board of Directors: what would Jesuit, even Christian ideals hold, fancy new buildings and Creighton as a household name, or following Jesus' example of service to others?

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Passion drives walk-ons

By CHAS DAVIS
Assistant Sports Editor

For thousands of high school athletes worldwide, the prospect of earning a scholarship to compete for a Division I program is a great honor and an unparalleled opportunity to continue their athletic career at a higher level. However, those who actually are blessed enough to be noticed and recruited out of high school are few and far between.

For other high school athletes, this often is the end of their competitive career. However, many never lose the passion for their sport and are far too driven to merely walk away. The tryout that awaits them is a very intimidating, challenging path that few attempt.

Even if walk-ons do make the team, they usually are confronted with little guarantee of playing time or recognition, and no promise of scholarship money for sacrificing so much of their time and energy. For many, the sacrifice is nonetheless worth it.

Junior forward David Finklea walked on to the men's basketball team two years ago, with the hunger to play fresh in his mind from high school. He passed up guaranteed opportunities with several Division II and NAIA schools to attend Creighton. Its proximity to home and academic reputation were more important, he said. He faced walking on to a very talented Division I basketball program, uncertain of his future in the sport.

For the past two seasons, Finklea has watched more basketball than he has played, as Creighton won a conference championship, earned a trip to the NCAA tournament and played in front of thousands of fans.

"I play for the love of the game first and foremost," Finklea said. "Whether you see the floor or not, you know you still had a part in the team's success because you made them work that much harder in practice. You helped make them better."

Sophomore guard Brandy Bush never thought she would be playing college hoops. As much as she had enjoyed and excelled playing high school basketball, she chose Creighton for its occupational



Photo by Dan Ramirez

Junior catcher Matt Goliber warms up before Creighton's 8-4 win over Wisc.-Milwaukee on Wednesday. Goliber is one of many walk-on athletes who provide inspiration and depth to Creighton's sports teams.

therapy program, figuring her athletic career was over. However, the last thing she wanted out of college was regret, so she contacted coach Jim Flanery to give it a shot.

Simply told to show up for practice, Bush never missed a pre-season workout with the team, and the women took to her right away, as if she always had been on

the team.

When asked about her source of motivation, Bush simply replied, "My teammates are my inspiration. I could not possibly quit the team and remain at Creighton; it wouldn't be the same."

"Brandy comes to practice every day with a great attitude. She boosts team morale, and is definitely invaluable to our

team and its success," said senior forward Sara Hildebrand.

Similarly, juniors Matt Goliber and Daven Hafey knew their love for playing baseball could not end with the start of college. Instead of competing to make the team, they worked together.

"We jumped the fences of the baseball field for two weeks at night to practice, then got a day to show what we could do," Goliber said.

One might think Goliber and Hafey might become frustrated at times with their roles as back-ups, but they are greatly appreciated by their teammates.

"Guys like these have been an inspiration to all of us," said senior right-handed pitcher and mid-season All-American pick Steve Grasley. "Seeing how hard they work really encourages the rest of us to play so much harder."

These walk-ons, and many others just like them at Creighton, don't play solely for themselves either, and often become an irreplaceable addition and inspiration to the team in the eyes of their teammates. They earn a much more important role than they could ever have imagined.

"Our walk-ons are very hard workers, without a feeling of entitlement," Flanery said. "We greatly appreciate that they will commit to such a very difficult level of play, sometimes without tangible benefit."

"The same thing that motivates me is the same thing that I know motivates most of my teammates, which is the love of the game," Goliber said. "Our coaches, the people here at Creighton, and people who support Creighton have given all of us the opportunity of a lifetime and at times that can serve as quite the motivation to kick it in the butt when need be."

You may never see any of these athletes' names on the front page of the newspaper. You may never see their pictures on a billboard. You may never hear their names again. But one thing is for certain: The teams that have given Creighton athletics its reputation wouldn't be the same without them.

At the Diamond Bluejay Scoreboard Baseball

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-Won 8-4

4/11 vs. N. Colorado
-Lost 11-3

4/10 vs. N. Colorado
-Won 7-4

4/9 vs. N. Colorado
-Lost 5-4

Softball

4/14 @ Drake
-Lost 3-2

4/14 @ Drake
-Won 5-0

4/10 vs. N. Iowa
-Lost 4-3

4/10 vs. N. Iowa
-Won 7-3

4/9 vs. N. Iowa
-Won 2-0

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Former athletics director and women's sports founder dies

By TIM SCHULTE
Sports Editor

Former athletics director Dan Offenburger will be remembered for initiating women's athletics at Creighton in the 1970s and for impacting many lives.

Offenburger, Creighton's athletics director from 1980 to 1985, was golfing on March 26 when he collapsed after an irregular heartbeat deprived oxygen to his heart, causing it to stop. He passed away April 8.

A visionary by nature, Offenburger, a 1958 Creighton graduate, made the dream of women's athletics at Creighton become reality.

"He was directly responsible for starting women's sports at Creighton," said former softball player and coach Mary Higgins, now director of student retention.

In the early 1970s, Higgins and other students asked for the organization of women's teams. Offenburger worked toward this goal and when the softball team took the field for the first time in 1973, it was Offenburger who was coaching. A year later, he hired full-time women's basketball and volleyball coaches.

Under Offenburger, advances were made in women's athletics at Creighton before they were mandated by Title IX, said Athletics Director Bruce Rasmussen.

"He not only started women's sports, but funded them at a level before others did," Rasmussen said.

Rasmussen was hired by Offenburger in 1980 as the women's basketball coach. Rasmussen considered him a great boss.

"He had a great vision, a vision of excellence," Rasmussen said. "Student athletes were very important to him and he knew most of them by name. He attended virtually every athletic event we had."

Rasmussen said Offenburger will be remembered most for his effect on people.

"You judge a person by how many lives they've impacted," Rasmussen said. "It's amazing how many lives he impacted."

Offenburger was involved in building the baseball and softball fields in their current location and was one of the masterminds behind the Kiewit Fitness Center.

"He envisioned that way before it started," Higgins said. "He was a profound professional mentor for many of us in the athletics department."



Offenburger

Offenburger left Creighton in 1985 and returned to his hometown of Shenandoah, Iowa, in 1990 as the executive vice president of the Economic Development Corporation. It was in that position where Offenburger experienced one of his greatest successes.

When the Pella Corporation was looking for a new plant site, Offenburger planned a pep rally at Shenandoah high school and drew more than half the town's population. He convinced Pella execs to bring their plant there. The plant brought 600 jobs to the town Offenburger referred to as "the happy corner of America."

Shenandoah's mayor, Gregg Connell, took over Offenburger's development position when he retired in September after 13 years on the job.

"He took care of everybody but himself," Connell said. "He'll leave his fingerprints all over. He had unbelievable influence in this town."

After leaving the economic development position, Offenburger became involved in real estate, working until the day he passed away, according to Marti Walker, one of his four daughters.

"He did so much for Creighton because he loved Creighton," Walker said. "I'm so proud of him for the work he did do."