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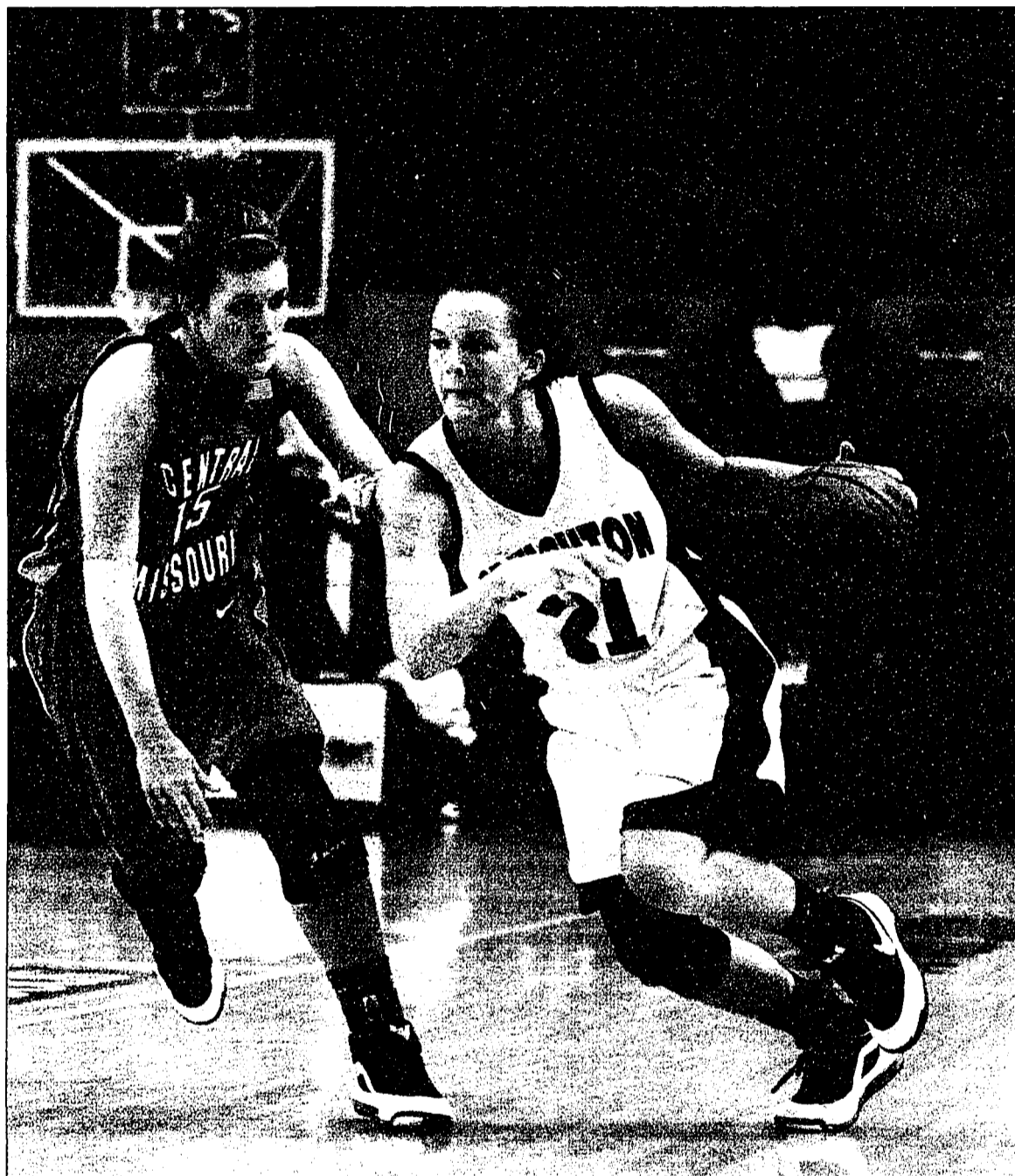


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Megan Neuvirth dribbles upcourt in Creighton's 78-56 win over Central Missouri Saturday. The basketball regular season begins today when the Creighton women play at Arkansas State at 7:05 p.m.



Gear up for the basketball season with the Creightonian's special preview edition, including starting lineups and the top 10 things you should know. Turn to page 7.

Former first lady of Mexico comes to Creighton

Marta Fox speaks about empowering women in her native country.

By CHRISTINE GALT
Editor in Chief

July 2 is important. It is the day former president of Mexico Vicente Fox was born, it is the day he was elected into office and it was the day he married his wife, Marta Sahagún de Fox.

Marta Fox called July 2, 2001, a very special day for the couple. It marks her husband's political victory and represents key moments throughout her life.

Marta Fox spoke at the Empowerment of Women through Leadership & Education luncheon Wednesday, filling the Harper Center Ballroom.

"When we campaigned for the second time we had the courage to say, 'I did it.' And now we have democracy. And now we have freedom," she said.

But Marta Fox did not want to be called the first lady once her husband was appointed president.

She opted to play a key role in her husband's campaign and the government.

"I did not want to be the decoration of the presidential house," she said. "So I went out and worked."

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Jesuit writer blends East, West

Talk focuses on provoking thought about spirituality.

By SARAH KNAACK
News Reporter

For the Rev. Paul Coutinho, S.J., taking the Eucharist and eating ice cream or grabbing a beer could be the

same thing.

The Indian Jesuit priest and author of "How Big is Your God?" spoke at the Harper Center Ballroom on Nov. 10 and said once God mystically comes into your heart, he is present in every moment of life.

Coutinho, a native of Goa, India, and professor at St. Louis University, is known for his blending of Eastern

and Western ideas on theology and spirituality.

He holds master's degrees in clinical psychology and religious studies, as well as a doctorate in historical theology from SLU.

He currently lives in St. Louis and splits time between the U.S. and India.

His talk was sponsored by Col-

laborative Ministry and the Jesuit community. The Rev. Andy Alexander, S.J., helped bring Coutinho to Creighton.

"We saw that power of his book to invite us to be open to religious experience, through the eyes of someone through the Eastern world — as

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"I took away from the experience a strong connection factor. It's easy to read about problems and issues in a textbook, but when you experience them, it's completely different."

Zachary Stewart, Arts & Sciences sophomore. See page 11 to read more.

FOX: Fox says opportunity must be promoted and violence not tolerated

She is the first woman to act as the federal government's spokesperson and was heavily criticized for that role. Marta Fox said she turned to her conscience to overcome obstacles.

"I don't think there is anything better than going to bed knowing that you have done what you need to do," she said.

And on her relationship with Vicente, Marta said: "Never, never walk behind him. Always walk beside him."

As the president of the Vamos Mexico Foundation, Marta supports an array of social causes, including poverty, access to health care and education.

Yesenia Romero, an Omaha South High student and member of Latina Unidas, said she was inspired by Marta's talk.

"She's showing us that we can be great leaders," she said.

The talk was sponsored by the Business School and other organizations. Deborah Wells, associate dean for Graduate Programs, said Marta is the embodiment of social responsibility.

"She has triggered a social movement," Wells said at the luncheon. "I personally believe that Marta's many achievements empower women."

Marta said she believes education and health care are key to promoting opportunity.

She also said violence is something that can't be tolerated — whether it's physical, spoken or written.

She also said emotional growth must be promoted in children.

"What they learn is not to feel — to be happy, sad, fearful. That's terrible. When we do not allow our young children to feel, we are just wishing them to be addicted," she said.

The luncheon ended with an unplanned visit by Marta's husband, Vicente Fox, former president of Mexico. Fox said a few words about his wife's passion.

"Politicians rarely used the word 'love,'" he said.

"You gain respect with love. That's the way we want to work. That's how we want to work with you."

Fox ended by echoing the same invitation his wife relayed to the audience, "You are all welcome to come to the ranch. There is lots of room, there are lots of enchiladas and a bit of tequila."



Photo by Christine Galt

Marta Fox speaks about change and leadership at the Empowerment of Women through Leadership & Education luncheon in the Harper Center Ballroom.

WEEKLY CAMPUS SAFETY REPORT

11/04/08

4:20 p.m.

A student reported the fender on her vehicle had been dented while it was parked in the Burt Street Lot.

6:40 p.m.

A student reported receiving a harassing telephone call in her room in McGloin Hall.

11/05/08

8:19 a.m.

A student experienced an asthma attack and was transported by Public Safety from Criss II to CUMC for treatment.

11/06/08

11:45 a.m.

A student injured his ankle while playing basketball and was transported by Public Safety from the Kiewit Fitness Center to CUMC.

5:33 p.m.

A staff member reported the front license plate was missing from her vehicle.

11/07/08

12:00 p.m.

A student reported that the front bumper of his parked vehicle was damaged by a hit and run driver north of McGloin Hall.

11/08/08

11:30 p.m.

An intoxicated student was transported by Public Safety from the Burt Street Lot to CUMC for treatment.

11/10/08

1:53 p.m.

Two Kiewit Hall roommates reported cash missing from their wallets which were left in the room.

8:50 p.m.

A student reported the loss of a guitar from his unlocked room in Gallagher Hall.

JESUIT: Creighton students and staff share their thoughts on author's book "How Big Is Your God?"

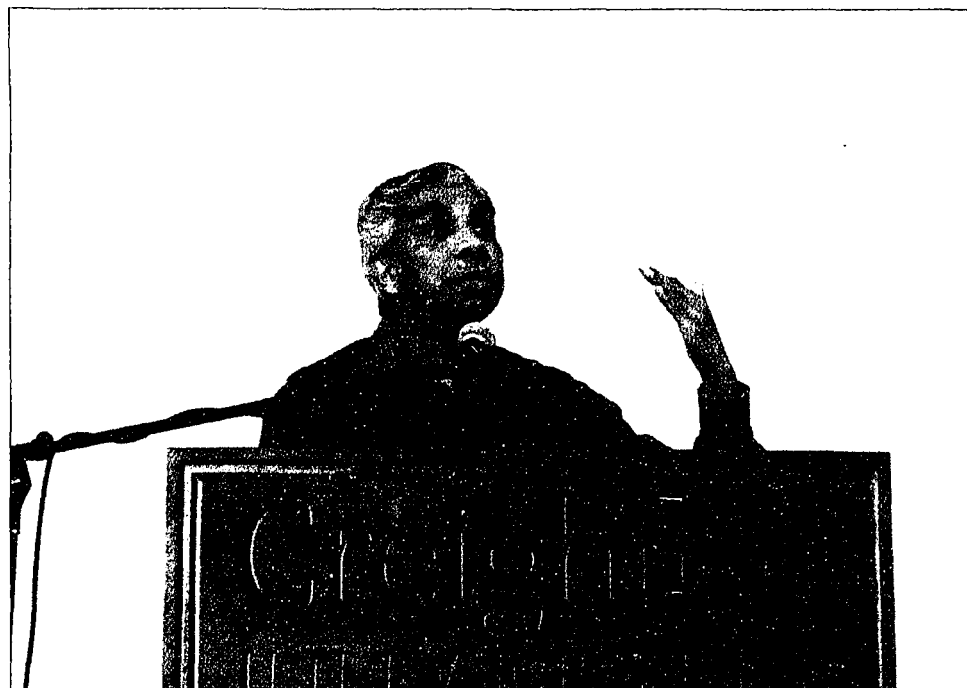


Photo by Ellis Givens

The Rev. Paul Coutinho, S.J., addresses a crowd in the Harper Center Ballroom. Coutinho challenged people to seek a personal relationship with God.

a person who comes from India — but also appreciates Ignatian spirituality," Alexander said.

Coutinho is noted for asking thought-provoking spiritual questions that speak to all generations and his gift as a storyteller to illustrate complex points.

He captured the attention of the more than 200 gathered by telling a few stories in his slightly accented, melodic voice and soon had everyone chuckling with his gentle sense of humor.

One idea Coutinho spoke about is that the ritual of going to church or performing good works isn't really of any use unless we have a personal relationship with God. We might have a theology of the divine but we don't actually know God.

"Just because I love God's children does not mean I love God. When I love God, that love overflows to all God's children," Coutinho said.

Amanda Burgardt, Arts & Sciences freshman, came to listen to Coutinho speak on Monday.

"I thought the part about loving God in-

stead of loving others was really interesting," she said.

Collaborative Ministry started a reading group of "How Big is Your God?" in October that featured reflections from 50 readers worldwide. Thirty-two were from 18 U.S. states and 18 were from nine other countries.

One reader, Pat from Dallas wrote in a reflection: "Paul Coutinho immediately engages me as he shares his story. His questions include me and create a dialog. I'm encouraged to answer. I like his style."

"Coutinho explains that the Western understanding of truth is a philosophy; a set of beliefs that I can think about and know. Eastern understanding of truth believes an experience can be truth."

Gil Ridenour, Creighton theology professor, said he is always looking for new spiritual insight to use in his own life.

"I liked the idea of us fitting into the mold of the trinity; I thought that was such a neat idea," he said.

"Even though we aren't God ourselves, we are in the trinity. I'd never heard of that," Ridenour said.

Lecture sheds light on Christian-Jewish relations

By JULIA SMITH
Assistant News Editor

Seventy years ago, mobs ran through the streets of Germany and Austria, shattering the glass of Jewish synagogues, stores and houses. It was Kristallnacht — the “portent” and “prelude” of the Holocaust, Mary Boys described to a crowd of more than 120 people at the Holocaust Lecture Series in the Harper Center Ballroom Wednesday night.

Boys, the Skinner and McAlpin professor of practical theology at Union Theological Seminary in New York, spoke about “The Impact of the Holocaust on Christian Theology,” a lecture sponsored by the Kripke Center for the Study of Religion and Society. The talk was in conjunction with this fall’s theology course, “Christianity After the Holocaust,” taught by Dr. Eileen Burke-Sullivan, assistant professor of Theology.

“It’s [the course’s] focus is on Christian doctrine and how it’s been changed by the Holocaust experience,” Burke-Sullivan said. “Dr. Mary Boys is an expert, a specialist, in Catholic-Jewish dialogue and in the project of helping Christian theology rethink the ways that we have taught our doctrine that seem to cast the Jews in a negative light.”

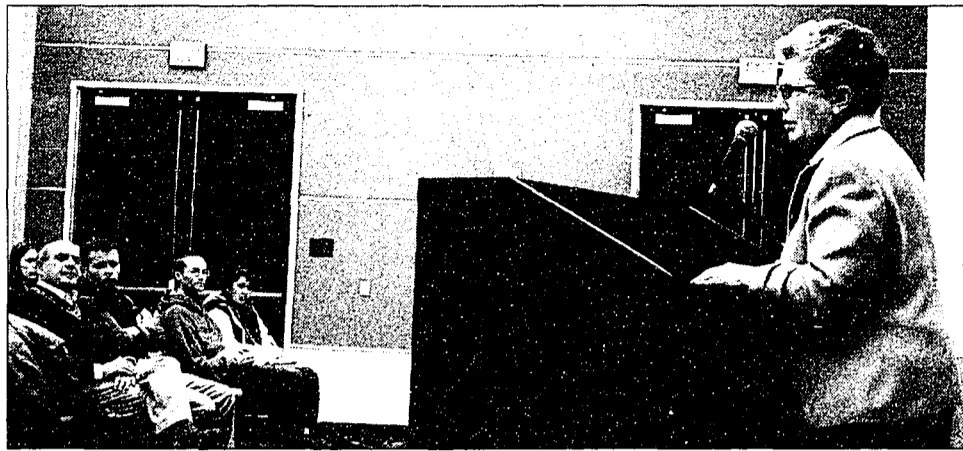


Photo by Bethany Smith

Dr. Mary Boys speaks to a crowd at the Holocaust Lecture Series on Nov. 12.

Boys began the lecture by speaking of corporate responsibility and how “we are co-responsible for that which our country has perpetrated and condoned, for sins of commission and omission,” and about the theological implications of the Holocaust for Christians.

“I realized that one of the things that happens to me personally is that it shatters my

complacency — my comfort level as a Christian,” Boys said. “It is because our tradition, over generations, has created a fertile seedbed in which the Nazi ideology could take root. We will never mature as Christian people if we can’t face the shadow side of our past.”

Boys explained how, until Vatican II, Christianity blamed the Jewish people as a

whole for Jesus’ death, and how early Christian theologians like St. Augustine contributed to the perpetration of anti-Semitism for centuries leading to the Holocaust. She then noted the importance of reading the New Testament in its historical and cultural context, as well as the need for people to develop empathy and recognize the “infinite worth of every human being.”

Dr. Ronald Simkins, professor of theology and classical & Near Eastern Studies and director of the Kripke Center for the Study of Religion and Society, said Boys’ lecture was important because, “Christianity is implicated in the Holocaust indirectly, and therefore we need to take that into account in terms of thinking our theology through.”

Burke-Sullivan said there’s a lot of work being done worldwide in Christian thinking to improve relationships with the Jews and “to alter some of the ways we have described our relationship with God that excludes Jews,” she said.

“I think that in terms of a Jesuit university that focuses not only on the Christian mystery, at the heart of its life, but focuses on justice, it would have to undertake some examination of the injustice that has been perpetrated on the Jews for centuries,” Burke-Sullivan said.

Law tradition removed from academic calendar

By CHRISTINE GALT
Editor in Chief

The Sedgwick Golf Tournament, an annual event put on by the Creighton Student Bar Association, will not have a place on the academic calendar after this year.

Eric Chiappinelli, the School of Law dean, announced the decision last Wednesday.

The tournament, a tradition for many Creighton alumni, students and professors, has been held for 41 years and was started by students to foster relationships among first-year law students. It is funded by the Student Bar Association, student fees and donations from local law firms.

For at least the last 28 years, law students have had the Friday of the second week in September set aside for the tournament. In light of

the dean’s decision, the association will have to find an alternative date or cancel the tournament said Jon Casper, president of the Student Bar Association.

Craig Dallan, associate dean of the Law School, said the timing of the tournament prompted the administration’s decision.

Because the tournament is scheduled during the same week as Mass of the Holy Spirit, Monday, Wednesday and Friday classes only meet once during the week. He also said the tournament is disruptive to first-year students who have just begun their academic year.

“We’re trying to get them into good study habits,” he said. “We’re an educational institution and we’re not in the position to shift classes.”

Casper said the tournament is more than a socializing activity.

“Creighton law is one of the few law schools in the country where professors engage students outside the classroom,” he said. “The students believe that this tradition represents what is best about this institution.”

Casper also said students are upset because they were not consulted about removing Sedgwick from the academic calendar. He said the association would have been willing to compromise if the students had been informed about the decision beforehand.

Sedgwick does not cancel the number of class days for law students. Instead, an academic day is added to the Fall schedule to make room for it. Dallan said students will receive an extra study day before the first round of exams since Sedgwick has been removed from the schedule.

Casper believes the administration’s deci-

sion may affect the future of the tournament. Dallan suggested the students move the event to a weekend date or split the participants between two Friday afternoons. Casper said it would be difficult to find a golf range that would allow the students to hold the event on the weekend. He said splitting the students up would disregard the intended purpose of the event.

Carla Develder, associate dean for Student Services, said the administration hopes the students continue the tournament. “We fully intend for this opportunity to continue,” said Develder. “We never intended for the tournament to be canceled. We think it’s a great program.”

Since the Student Bar Association Board is elected in the spring, the future of Sedgwick is unknown. Casper says the decision will be up to next year’s executive board.

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Laptops: A learning tool or a hindrance?

Creighton professors and departments debate student use of laptops in classrooms.

By LINDSEY BIERMAN
Assistant News Editor

As class gets ready to begin, students open up their laptops and poise their fingers over their keyboards. As students try to listen to the professor's lecture, they notice in their peripheral vision other students around them alternating between Facebook profiles, online shopping and checking e-mail.

What all the students may not realize is that at this point, all are now distracted from what is going on in class and the tool that is meant to aide their learning has now become a hindrance.

This epidemic of multi-tasking in class has led to the question of whether laptops are really aiding student learning or are they just another distraction, both on Creighton's campus and throughout the country.

This fall, Creighton's Social Work Department has instated a new policy prohibiting students from using laptops in the classrooms. Discussion about putting this policy into place began two years ago, said Herb Grandbois, chair of the Social Work Department.

"We didn't take this lightly," Grandbois said. "We monitored, examined the pros and cons of doing something like this and then we finally made a decision."

The new policy is a trial run for the department and they are waiting to see what the affect is on the students. So far, Grandbois said, he hasn't heard any student complaints or seen students pushing back against the new policy.



Photo illustration by Mary Graseola

During classes, many students are tempted by the World Wide Web. These temptations, such as Facebook, can cause other students and professors to become distracted.

When the department discussed putting this policy into place, upsetting students wasn't their purpose, he said.

He also said that this is not an absolute policy. If a student needs to use their laptop for some reason, their department left it up to the individual professors to decide whether to allow the student to use a laptop in class.

"It wasn't to make students angry or make them fractious about this. It's about pedagogy and learning," Grandbois said. "We are not trying to be punitive. We are social workers and being punitive is an antithesis of this."

Grandbois also said this policy needs to be decided by individual professors and departments because the needs of each differ.

"Most of our classes are practice-oriented ... and a computer is really quite intrusive,"

Grandbois said.

As some students attempt to multi-task in class, the question that arises is why. Why do students feel the need to surf the Web instead of paying attention? And who should be held responsible — students or professors?

Vivian Irizarry, Arts & Sciences sophomore, said the blame can't really be put on anyone.

"If it is a harder class or a more serious topic being discussed, this activity is reduced. It becomes a problem when students get bored or aren't interested ... if students aren't interested, they aren't going to listen."

Irizarry admitted she has been guilty of checking her e-mail during class before, but she knows doing this hurts her in the long run.

"There are times when I feel the need to

check my e-mail, but when I do that, I realize how detrimental it is to me. My luck, something important will be said and it will be on the next test," she said.

Even though Irizarry prefers to use her laptop for note-taking in class to help her stay more organized and take more efficient notes, she understands why professors feel the need to ban laptops from classrooms. It can be a distraction for professors and for other students, she said. But, she also thinks it should be the student's choice.

"If you are on Facebook, you aren't going to do as well in the class and you aren't going to get as much out of it. This is why I think it should be our choice."

Cathy Fox, Arts & Sciences senior and a social work major, said the adjustment from going to class with her laptop to going to class without it was pretty easy.

"There are times when a teacher is lecturing that I would prefer having my laptop, but overall, it has been an easy transition. I have seen more cohesiveness and participation in my classes overall," Fox said.

Grandbois said even if students are using their laptops for classroom purposes only, laptops can still be a hindrance to the learning process.

"By and large, even if you are lecturing, and trying to promote discussion and critical thinking, what occurs is that students are attached and focused on the computer rather than what's going on," Grandbois said.

Whatever a professor or a department decides on the use of laptops in classrooms, Grandbois said, it all about learning and students making a connection to what they have heard.

"Learning has to be personal. If a student or learner doesn't make it their own some how, they haven't learned it. They haven't connected it to something. They have just taken notes," he said.

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Former St. John's pastor remains 'outgoing'

By **DANAE MERCER**
News Reporter

Some people are really good at not talking about themselves. They naturally switch the focus onto the other person.

The Rev. Howard E. Kalb, S.J., is one of those people. Yet with 85 years under his belt, Kalb has many interesting stories to tell. It just takes a little work to get them out.

Kalb became a Jesuit right out of high school. "I had a desire for a couple years to do it," Kalb said. When time came to make a decision, "I figured it was something I'd like to do. I don't think I really knew what a vocation was," he added, laughing.

"I didn't realize at the time that it was God's call ... but I think that's the way God calls us, in showing us something that is appealing.

"I'm not sure exactly how I got in," Kalb said. "In those days, it wasn't very difficult. You'd just say 'I'd like to go.'"

Thirty-five other young men entered the order alongside Kalb. They lived in dorm-styled rooms on a campus in Missouri.

"When it came time for basketball or dodgeball, you always had a group around you. It was pretty much like joining the Marines. Guess it was a little different than it is today."

Eventually, a mentor suggested Kalb use his passion to teach high school math, and that's when he



Photo by Hyoungjun Kim

began working with students.

"I always loved kids, loved teaching," he said. "Students just always have a new angle on something. It's fun to joke with them."

Kalb came to Creighton in 1990 and served for five years as the pastor at St. John's Parish.

After working for some time at the retreat center in Griswold, Iowa, Kalb returned to Omaha to be the minister of the Jesuit community.

Today, Kalb describes his life as pretty simple. "There isn't much to write about," he said, laughing. "I like to read. I like to do some exercises. I use the equipment up in the fifth floor here at the Admin to work out, stay in shape."

"That keeps me out of trouble."

Other hobbies include teasing students and playing cards.

"Howie is a favorite with the students who work in the Jesuit kitchen and dining room," said the Rev. Roc O'Connor, S.J. "He's always giving them a bad time and having great fun with them in his gruff and kind ways."

Playing cards is a true passion.

"I play frequently," he said. "But not for money."

"His weakness is that he hates to lose," O'Connor said. "He casts himself as 'the one to beat,' so the other guys have a great time whooping him. The stories the next day are worth the price of admission."

The Rev. Phillip Amidon, S.J., said Kalb is especially known for his approachability and concern for others.

"He is also outgoing and likes pastoral work," Amidon said.

Kalb's lively personality and energy are tempered with a fond awareness of his own age. "I've had a great life," Kalb said. "I've enjoyed every job I had. But my job now keeps me very aware of my mortality. You don't have any awareness of that yet, but give it another 60 years," he said with a laugh.

"I'm an old, old man," he said. "I'm four times as old as [most Creighton students]. Do you realize that?"

"I'm 85, but I still have lots of fun."



Jesuit Spotlight

• **Favorite sports team:** Broncos. "I taught the owner! So I have to pick them."

• **Favorite food:** Reuben sandwiches

• **Favorite Drink:** "Beer goes with a Reuben!"

• **Fun fact:** Kalb used to grow his own asparagus. "No one wanted to eat it though. I couldn't understand those crummy kids!"

• **Fun fact No. 2:** A passion for biking often got Kalb in trouble more than once for riding his bike down hallways and inside buildings.

• **Advice for students:** "Work their little fannies off, and enjoy each other while they're in college. Get an education. It makes such a difference all through your life."

Creighton council lays out its sustainability goals for older buildings

By **CLAIRE SCHUSTER**
News Reporter

The Harper Center is a brand new complex, modern and sleek, and along with this, the university has incorporated energy-saving, sustainable techniques to go along with its state-of-the-art facade.

The CU Sustainability Council, which has been in place since September 2007, is trying to implement green tactics for Harper as well as for the rest of campus.

Lennis Pederson, vice president of admin-

Join the effort

The next Sustainability Council meeting is Nov. 21 in the Union Pacific Room of the Reinert-Memorial Library. All students are welcome.

istration and finance, and Mary Duda, chemical coordinator for environmental health and safety, have made changes in Creighton's environmental policies. These policies have been under discussion since 2000.

The Sustainability Navigator is a meeting headed by the Council to prioritize Creighton's

sustainability goals.

Both Creighton and University of Nebraska at Omaha are ahead of the curve for the Omaha metro area in terms of green policies. Oxygenated showers, automatic flushing and faucets and the high-tech, automated irrigation system are a few things students may not notice.

The council is also working with an Omaha city planner to incorporate alternate means of transportation around the city, for both recreation and commuting.

Bicycle paths and improvements to what

Pederson called a "mediocre" public transit system are the first step. The council is looking to set up a bicycle rental program at the Community Bike Shop for people who may not have easy access to this sustainable mode of transportation.

Student Alumni Officer Caroline Moore is trying to promote cycling around campus by increasing resources for cyclists.

Council members are trying to get the word out on its activities.

"This is our passion," Pederson said.

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A day of tribute



Photo by Cassandra Hicks

Cadets from the Military Science program process to the back of St. John's Tuesday remembering military service, friends family and community affected by war. See Creightonian.com for full coverage of the Veteran's Day service.

Beatles trivia comes in handy

Two teams duke it out in the final round of History Jeopardy.

By LAURA THOMAS
News Reporter

It all came down to one question: "What is the Ed Sullivan Show?"

Creighton's History Club hosted the take-off on the game show "Jeopardy" in the Harper Center Ballroom where 18 teams competed.

The answer to the final "Jeopardy" question: The Beatles appeared on this national TV show, the "Ed Sullivan Show," in 1964.

Each of the final teams had out-played two teams, in the preliminaries and the semifinals, to reach the spots in the final round.

Although there were no buzzers available, the game was kept fair using a coin toss. The winner would pick a category and money amount and have a chance to guess first.

The categories for the final round were the Civil War, Soviet Union, U.S. History and miscellaneous. Each question alternated between teams throughout the round with the first question asked to the winner of the coin toss, the Red Scare. After a very close round, the teams Red Scare and Davis' ended up with a score of \$1,700 - \$1,600 with Red Scare in the lead.

The teams had 30 seconds to answer the

final question. The audience encouraged the teams by singing the theme song to "Jeopardy."

Both teams had the right answer, but it all came down to the wager. The Red Scare team members had done their math correctly, and even though the Davis' wagered all of their \$1,600, the Red Scare wagered \$1,501 beating the Davis' by one dollar.

"I can't believe we actually won," said Arts & Sciences junior James Mavec after winning.

The prizes were iPod Nanos for all members of the Red Scare. The Davis' walked away with portable DVD players.

The Red Scare, consisting of Mavec and Arts & Sciences juniors Greg Dodaro, Adam Karnik and Jake Moore said they came out to play on Tuesday because of the prizes, but also because of Eileen Dugan, associate professor of history and moderator for History Club, who encouraged them to participate.

Dugan, who played the role of the television show host Alex Trebek for the night, said she really enjoyed emceeding History Jeopardy.

"This event is really important for our department. I think it really shows that history can be fun, and that students can have a lot of fun with it," Dugan said.

Geneva Harrimon, Arts & Sciences junior and president of History Club, thought students needed an outlet to have fun with their studies.

"We wanted to promote a competitive spirit with an academic theme," she said. "We really wanted all of Creighton to feel included."



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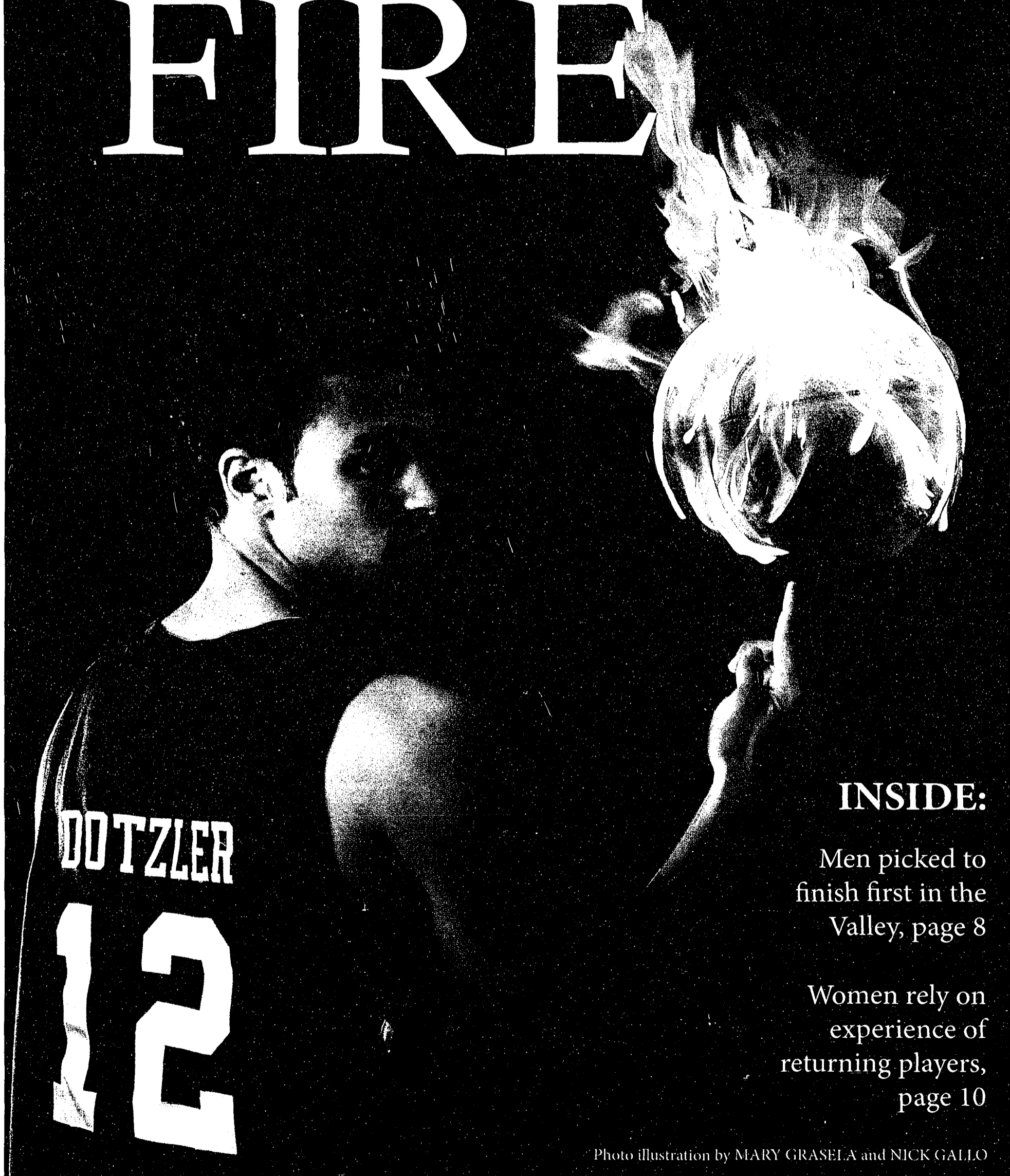
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DANA'S INFERNO

The Bluejays return to action with a target on their backs

By COLLEEN SEABAUGH
Sports Reporter

High returns yield high expectations. This season, Creighton basketball was chosen to win the Missouri Valley Conference. The poll results were announced on Oct. 28, with Southern Illinois and Illinois State in the second and third spots, respectively.

Creighton received 36 of the 39 first-place votes, earning 386 of a maximum 390 points in the preseason poll. SIU trailed Creighton with two first place votes and 322 total points. The poll is the result of votes cast by league coaches, sports information directors, writers and play-by-play men.

"The Valley polls have been wrong more than 50 percent of the time, so it doesn't mean that much," senior guard Josh Dotzler said. "We have a very tough league."

Since the poll started in the 1985-86 season, it has been accurate only 10 times out of 24.

On the brighter side, 21 of the 24 predicted to win the MVC made it to the playoffs, and 15 went on to compete in the NCAA tournament.

"We hope we can change the trend," head coach Dana Altman said. "They [the MVC] usually makes the picks based on who has the most returning players. This particular year we have the most players back, so we're favored."

Seven of the 10 players who averaged double-digit minutes last season have returned for the Jays. Among those returning are three-year starter Dotzler, who was in the league's top 10 in both steals and assists, and P'Allen Stinnett, who led the team with 12.6 points per game.

For Creighton, this season's top pick is a league high seventh received since the poll began. The previous six times, Creighton won the title twice (1990-91 and 2000-01) and finished in second place the other four times, including the 2006-07 season. It is also the team's second time to receive the top pick in the last three years.

"All three years we've had a pretty good team," Dotzler said. "This year is as good as any in the past."

With the top seed, the Jays now have a target on



Photo by Lisa Daly
Coach Dana Altman talks with sophomore center Kenny Lawson Jr. during the Jays' exhibition game against Central Missouri last Sunday. Creighton beat the Mules 78-65, and Lawson scored 16 points.

their backs. "We know teams are gonna be gunning for us," sophomore forward Casey Harriman said. "It makes us practice harder. We know we can do it, we just have to practice hard and follow through."

However, the Jays aren't going to let the polls affect their play or their practices.

"It doesn't change anything," senior guard Booker Woodfox said. "We still need to play like CU can."

The Jays have already shown they mean business this season, winning their only exhibition game 78-65 over

Central Missouri. The Jays never trailed in the game, and shot 45.9 percent with four Jays hitting double figures.

"I'm not concerned with being No. 1," junior guard Cavel Witter said. "We control our own destiny, so either we blow it or succeed."

The Jays own two more league records for having won 20 or more games in the past 10 seasons and for having appeared in 11 consecutive post-season tournaments. With their top ranking, they are looking to increase both of those records by one at the end of this season.

The top 10 things you should know about the Jays this year

1. Creighton has won **20 or more games** in each of the last 10 seasons, one of only seven schools to have accomplished that feat. The Jays are also one of three schools with 10 conference wins in each of the last 12 years.

2. Last year, the Jays had nine players that had never played a game for Creighton. This year, **eight** of those nine are back with a year of experience under their belts.

3. Games to Watch: Tough non-conference matchups will come against Dayton at home and Nebraska and St. Joseph's on the road. In the Valley, the Jays get rival Southern Illinois at home on Jan. 14.

4. Last year, Creighton led the country in percentage of points scored by the bench. The Jays' subs scored **36.91 points per game**, 51.61 percent of the team's total points per game. Look for more of the same this year.

5. The Jays have been ranked in the top 15 nationally in **attendance** each of the last two years. Last year, Creighton was 15th with an average attendance of 15,333.

6. Creighton was a near-unanimous selection by the league's coaches and media to **win the Valley**. The predicted champion has only won the conference 10 times in the 24-year history of the preseason poll. It is the second time in three years Creighton has been the league favorite.

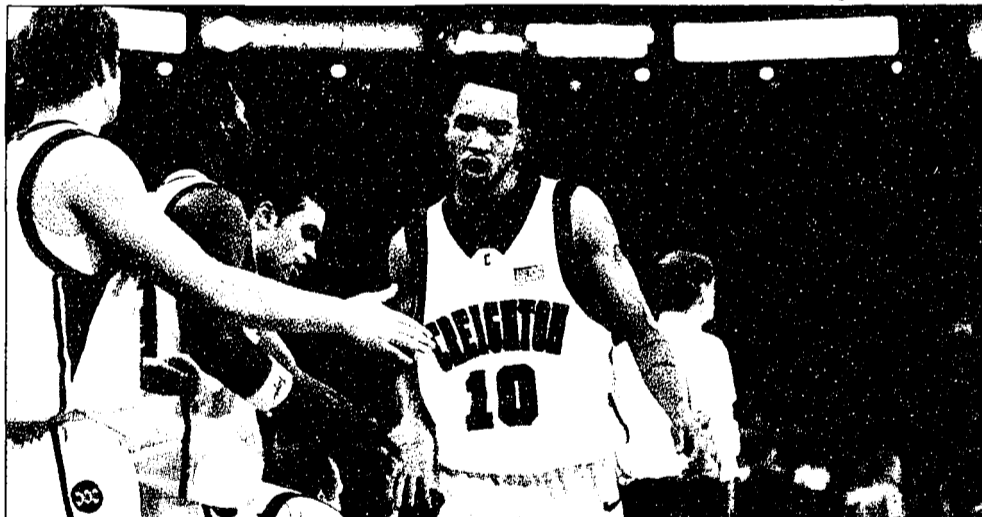


Photo by Lisa Daly
Sophomore guard P'Allen Stinnett gets high-fives from his teammates in Sunday's 78-65 victory against Central Missouri. Stinnett scored 10 points including 100 percent of his free throws. Stinnett was the only Bluejay named to the preseason first-team all-MVC and led the team in scoring as a freshman.

7. Sophomore guard P'Allen Stinnett was named to the preseason All-MVC first team. He is the first sophomore to receive the honor since Drake's Luke McDonald in 2001. Stinnett averaged 12.6 points per game last year as a freshman.

8. Creighton has three newcomers: freshmen guards **Antoine Young** and **Josh Jones** and junior college transfer **Justin Carter**. Young and Jones both went to high school in the Omaha metro area, and Carter averaged 20.4 points per game last year at Fullerton College in California.

9. Sophomores **Kenny Lawson Jr.** and **Kenton Walker**, both 6 feet 9 inches tall, are the big men in the middle for the Jays. Lawson averaged 5.9 points and 4.2 rebounds per game, and Walker averaged 2.2 points and 2.1 rebounds.

10. Besides Stinnett, Lawson and Walker, also returning for the Jays are sophomores Casey Harriman and Kaleb Korver, juniors Chad Millard and Cavel Witter, and seniors Booker Woodfox, Josh Dotzler and Dustin Sitzman.

— Compiled by Daniel O'Byrne

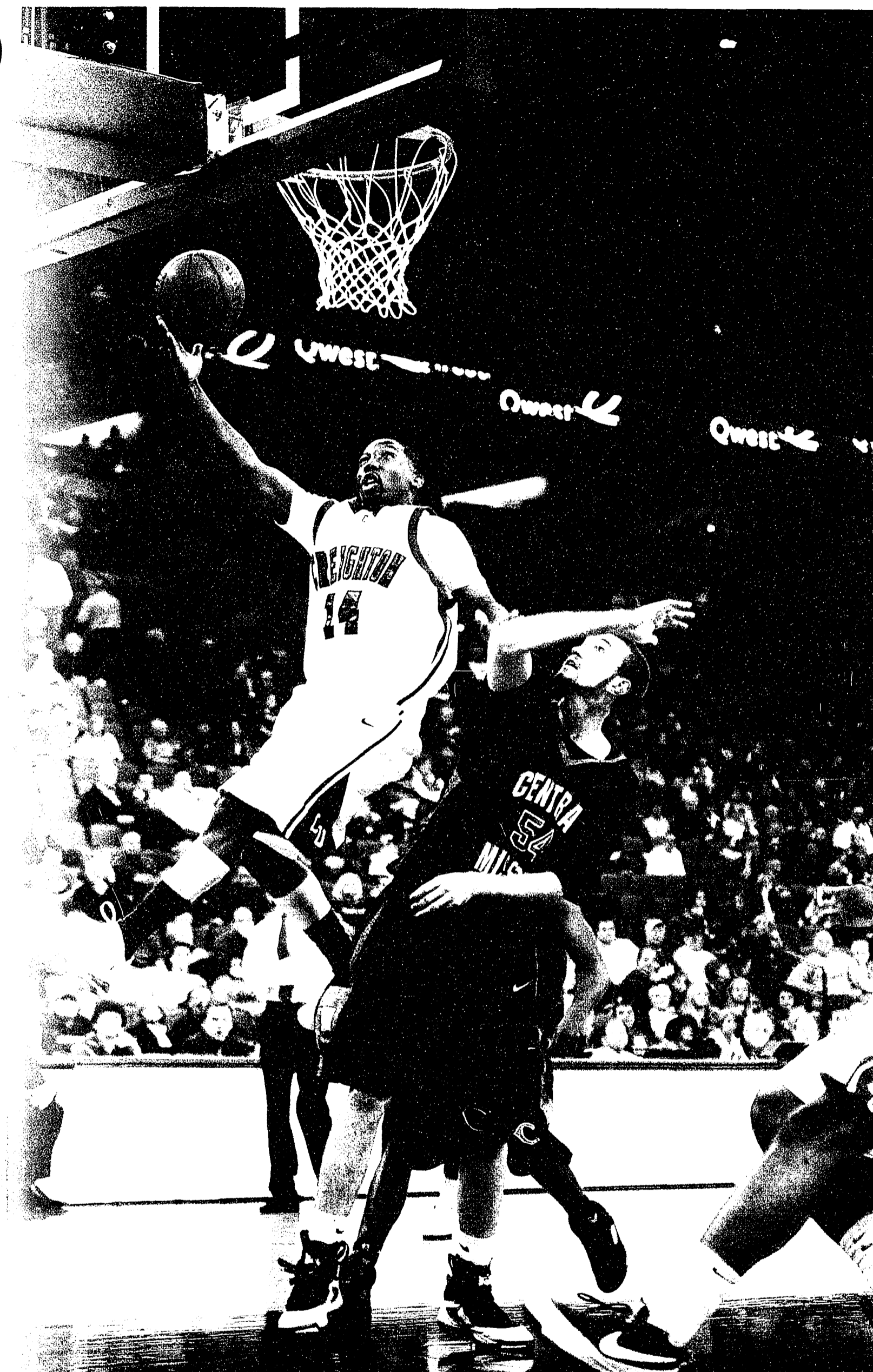
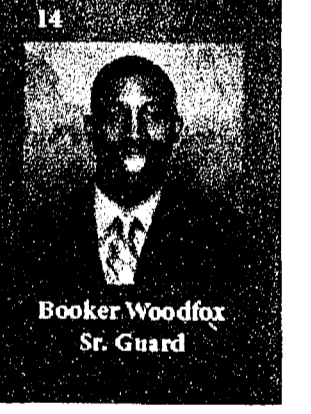
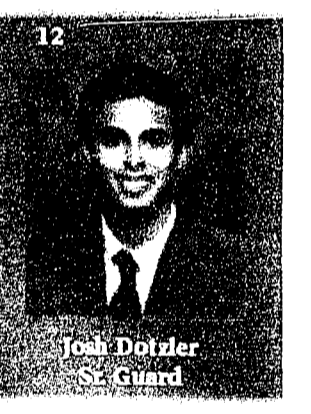
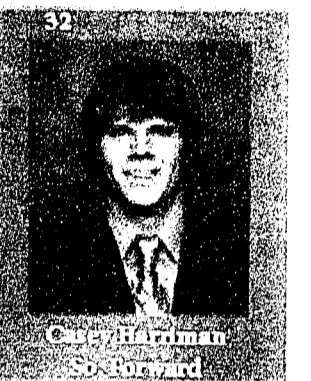
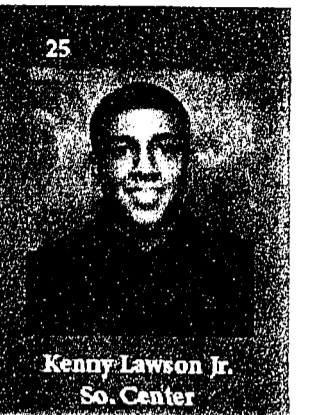


Photo by Mary Grasela
Senior guard Booker Woodfox shoots a lay-up over Central Missouri's Zach Redel in Sunday's exhibition game. Woodfox, who transferred from San Jacinto College before last season, is one of three seniors for the Jays this year. He was named the MVC's Sixth Man of the Year last season.



For the rest of the men's and women's lineups, see www.creightonian.com

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Junior point guard Chevelle Herring dribbles the ball around Central Missouri's Kara Fleming in Creighton's second exhibition game on Nov. 8. The Jays won 78-56, and Herring scored seven points with five assists. Photo by Mary Grasela

FIRED UP

The top 10 things to know about women's basketball

1. The Bluejays were tabbed to finish **second** in the Missouri Valley Conference behind Illinois State. This is an improvement from their fourth place finish in the conference last season, in which the Jays finished 21-12.
2. **Jim Flanery** begins his seventh season as head coach and his 17th straight season coaching at Creighton. He is joined by assistant coaches Steve Huber, Jenny Vickers and new addition Dayna Finch.
3. **Chevelle Herring** is taking point guard this season after redshirting last season due to a pre-season knee injury. The junior is looking to build on the success of her sophomore season when she scored a career-best 18 points against Missouri.
4. Sophomore guard **Kelsey Woodard** returns as the Jays' leader scorer, averaging 10.4 points last season. She also set a record by being MVC Newcomer of the Week six times.
5. **DaNae Moore** is the lone freshman joining the Bluejays. Sophomore **Stephani Rhoten** comes to the Jays after playing a season at Seward County Community College.
6. The senior duo of **Michelle Kaus** and **Kristina Voss** are essential to the team's success this year. Their leadership will be needed to fill the shoes of graduating seniors Sara Cain and Ally Thrall.
7. The Jan. 31 contest against Drake at the **Qwest Center Omaha** will be a decisive match for the Jays. The Bulldogs are picked to finish third in the conference.
8. The Jays were 11-1 at the Omaha Civic Auditorium last season. They expect to thrive in their **17 home matches** this year, their last season at the Civic.
9. The Bluejays continue to be a presence in the **post-season**. The 2004 WNIT championship is proof that the team has the strength to succeed on a national level.
10. The Bluejays play their first regular-season home game against **Nebraska** on Monday. The Huskers outlasted the Jays 79-65 last season at the Devaney Center.

— Compiled by Kate Branstetter

Starting Lineup



Veteran players look to rebound from losses

Jays take on new roles after losing seniors, Schuett.

By CHRISTINE PIVOVAR
Sports Editor

Though the roster remains nearly unchanged, there are some conspicuous absences from the women's basketball team this season.

The Jays lost 2008 graduates Ally Thrall and Sara Cain in the offseason and junior forward Sam Schuett to a season-ending injury. Point guard Thrall and forward Cain were two of last season's leading scorers, and Schuett was expected to be a key contributor this season.

Thrall averaged 10.8 points and 3.8 assists per game during the 2007-2008 season while Cain finished with 335 points, averaging 10.5 per game.

Head coach Jim Flanery recognizes the holes left by his seniors, but he is confident this year's team is capable of filling them.

"We've got players that are capable of stepping in," he said.

Junior Chevelle Herring will take over the

point guard position. Herring sat out last year with a medical redshirt, giving her time to observe and learn from last year's team. Flanery thinks that extra year will give her an edge.

"The fact that she sat for a year makes her that much hungrier," he said. "She learned how to play from watching."

Herring hopes to be a swift and steady presence on the court for the Jays.

"I think I can do some things this year that would give us a different look on the offensive end," she said. "While quickness has its advantages, our team is going to need me to be consistent, and that's what I plan to improve on and bring to the table this year."

There are several Bluejays capable of making an impact under the basket.

"We all are taking on some of the leadership roles since we lost Ally and Sara," junior forward/guard Megan Neuvirth said. "Everyone on our team brings something different and helps us lead in their own way."

Neuvirth has already gotten off to a strong start in the Jays' two exhibition games. Against the University of Nebraska at Omaha, she had 14 points, 14 rebounds, eight assists and three steals. She led the team with 20 points and seven rebounds against Central Missouri.

Sophomore guard Kelsey Woodard will look to improve upon her strong rookie season. Through two exhibition games this year, she has 37 points. Flanery says her playing is contagious.

"Kelsey is ready to be a really good player," he said. "When you play like she does, you can spread that through the whole team."

One player the Jays had been counting on was Schuett, who injured her ankle in practice and had season-ending surgery on Nov. 10. Schuett, who averaged 6.8 rebounds per game last season, was poised to execute more on defense and shooting. Her loss will be felt especially on defense.

"It will prohibit us from pressing and from running a full-court defense. Her versatility and her conditioning made her a valuable part of the defense," Flanery said.

However, Flanery is still confident in his team.

"We still have the opportunity to have a good team," he said.

The coaches always prepare their team for the possibility of losing a player to injury.

"We all know what we need to do to step up and make up for her being out," Neuvirth said.



Photo by Mary Grasela

Coach Jim Flanery speaks to his team during Saturday's exhibition game.

That adaptability is key, Flanery said. "You know that you're gonna have to have people play a different role than you thought."

The mixture of returning talent and new roles for the Bluejays will be a defining theme this season.

"It's a great challenge, but an exciting one," Herring said.

Jays share a love of chemistry, music

By RYAN BORCHERS
Assistant Editor

Creighton's Department of Chemistry staged its "Melodious Musicochemical Manifestation" Tuesday and Wednesday in Rigge Science 209. The Wednesday night performance was the 52nd in the show's history since it began in 1995.

Arts & Sciences junior Elsbeth Klotz appeared in the musical for the first time this year.

"Doing the chem show is a blast," she said. "It's a great time to hang out with friends, make a fool of yourself and learn a bit of chemistry. It was a lot of work, but there's no way I would not participate next year."

The show is made up of 22 performances in which the players don't talk. Instead, they perform chemical demonstrations set to music where they do everything from making liquids change color and blowing up methane-filled balloons to creating green slime.

This year, there were 26 students and three faculty performing or helping with the segments.

Associate professor, faculty co-director and producer, Gary Michels, said the first show featured him and three students. Since then, the most it's ever had has been around 45 students.

"I used to encourage students to sign up, but we get more than [we] can handle. I never turn anybody away," he said. "The conditions are they have to be able to come to both shows and come to the dress rehearsal."

The two shows in the fall are held to celebrate National Chemistry Week, though National Chemistry Week occurred during Fall Break this year. Practices are held two weeks



Photo by Lisa Daly

Damian Baalman (left) and Chad Lomas (right), dressed as the "Blues Brothers," perform a chemistry experiment of turning liquid inside their beakers blue.

prior to the event and a dress rehearsal is also held. The first performance is for Creighton and the second for the Omaha community. Michels said the show is sometimes performed out-of-town and there may be another Creighton show in April.

Arts & Sciences senior Nadia Sebastian appeared in the show in both the fall and spring semesters last year.

"It is a lot of work trying to schedule with other students in the number and finding time to practice, and often a lot of time is involved with preparing the chemical demonstration materials," she said. "Of course there is a good amount of cleaning up and getting ready for the next performance each time. However, the

whole experience is a lot of fun, and also adds another dimension to a chemistry major."

Experiments are handed down from each show to the next, Michels said, but the students can come up with their own choreography if they want. Also, if students want to create their own demonstration, they can do that.

"Chemistry majors are pretty busy, as are most of the majors at Creighton University," Michels said. "To have time to develop something like this is kind of precious ... You really have to think through things."

Michels said he was pleased with the Tuesday show. "They did a great job," he said. "I watched the show with a different eye than anybody in the audience because I've seen it and

as the director and the producer I know what I want them to be doing. It was a great show. Technically, it was near perfect, there were a couple of little glitches.

"We've had a couple perfect shows, but this might be in the top 10 percent of the shows we've done."

Michels said the performance is important, partially because he wants to demonstrate that chemistry majors can be fun and outgoing.

"Usually you stereotype a chem major as a kind of a geeky, quiet person that sits in the back, that are really weird and couldn't possibly do anything like this," Michels said. "A little bit of me is tries to take away that stereotype."

However, he said, it is also important for bringing the chemistry department together. The show is useful because it allows students from different classes to interact.

"There's something more to being a chemistry major than just being here and taking the classes and moving on," Michels said. "And that is to create a community of chemistry majors that know who you are and associate with."

Arts & Sciences junior Shelby Takeshita agreed. Takeshita appeared in the musical for the first time Tuesday.

"I think that almost everyone finished their performance with a smile," she said. "Not only did we get to share our love of chemistry with others, but we as chemistry students had the opportunity to get to know each other."

"It goes beyond the show into communicating that we are faculty for our students, and we are people for each other," Michels said. "In one instant, in one hour, in one performance, we leave reality and we become something totally different, something only really experienced here at Creighton University."

Finding a solution to a deadly problem: malaria

By DANAE MERCER
News Reporter

At night, there was time for fun. Everyone played soccer with a ball of tightly wrapped plastic bags and a goal of sticks stuck in the ground. Hippos would come close to camp and watch.

But daytime was for work.

Days were spent warring against malaria.

Zachary Stewart, Arts & Sciences sophomore, majoring in biology and chemistry, worked alongside a research team to find new ways of battling the disease.

Recently, Stewart received the prestigious John Chrystal Award for his work with the International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology (ICIPE) in Kenya.

Malaria is a mosquito-spread disease in which the insects feed off someone infected

with the malaria parasite. When the mosquito bites someone else, the parasite mixes with its saliva and enters the person's body. According to the World Health Organization, 100 percent of individuals in Kenya are at strong risk for Malaria.

Most preventative measures against malaria focus on utilizing mosquito nets and bug sprays. Stewart took a different approach.

"I looked at how different pools of water affect the growth of mosquitoes from larvae to adults," Stewart said. He said if he has a small cup of water in his backyard, he can dump it out, which prevents mosquitoes from growing. But when it's a community effort and there's a large puddle, people can't just dump it out.

Through interviewing over 40 people from the local tribe and working closely with researchers in the ICIPE, Stewart began to shape a

simple solution to the deadly problem.

"I decided to focus on something that's sustainable, not a magic bullet to cure malaria, but a preventative method. Something that didn't cost any money," he said.

Filling potholes was his solution.

No mosquitoes, no malaria transfer. Stewart's policy is currently being implemented in local Kenyan tribal towns.

Being in Kenya was difficult at first, Stewart said.

"It was culture shock. I became very sick. At one point, I had a scare of malaria. I had the parasite in my blood stream, but it never made it to my liver. That's a scare the locals deal with every day," Stewart said.

But Stewart was impressed by the people. "They were so polite, so accepting," Stewart said. He said he was a foreigner and a complete

stranger, they took me in.

Researching in Kenya solidified Stewart's passion for human health and bugs. Ever since he was young, Stewart has had a powerful interest in insects.

"I took away from the experience a strong connection factor. It's easy to read about problems and issues in a textbook, but when you experience them, it's completely different. You develop a better understanding about what you need to do to educate yourself," Stewart said.

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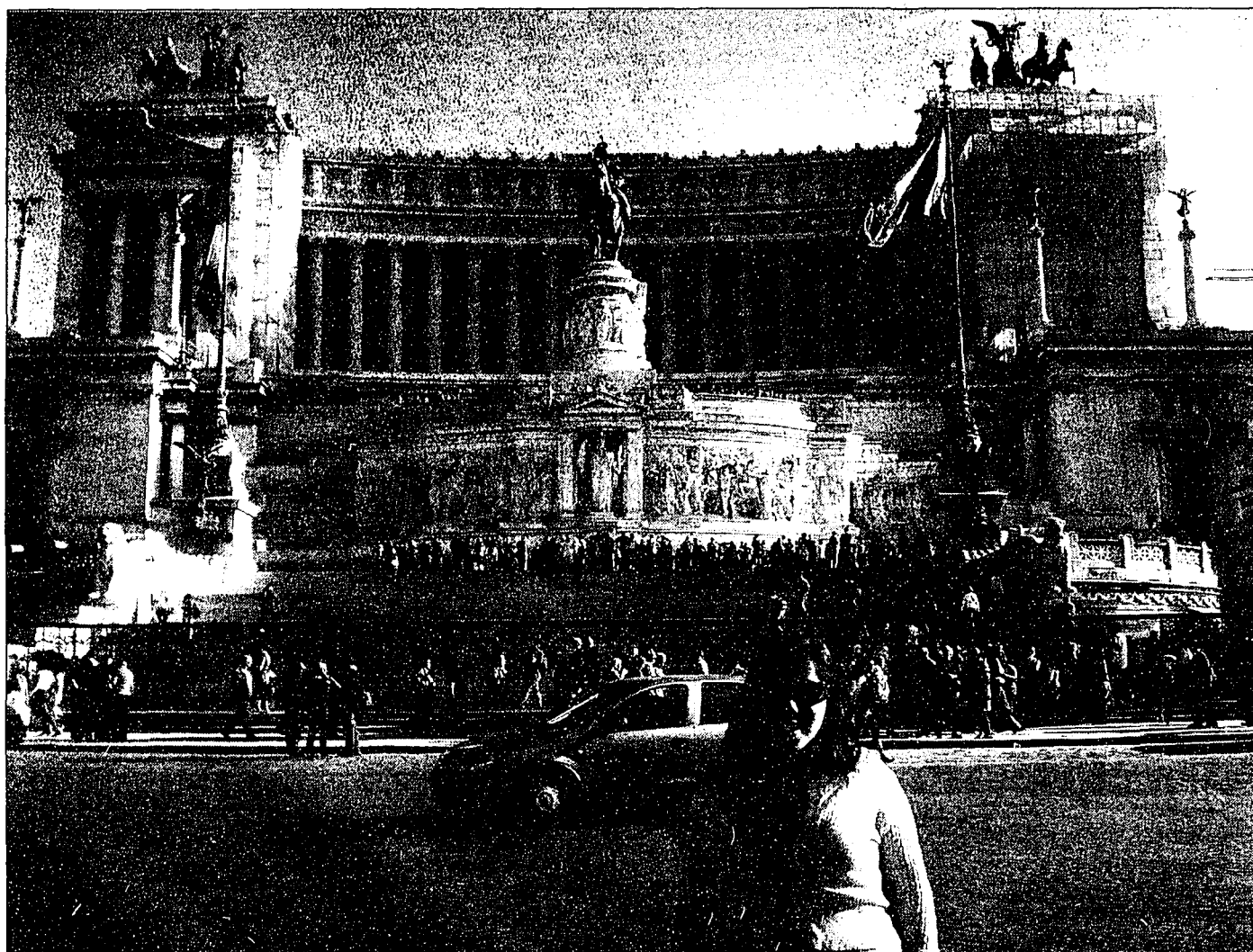


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Jenny Jarrin, Arts & Sciences junior, stands in front of the Vittorio Emmanuel Monument in the heart of Rome, where she is studying fall semester. During her time abroad, Jarrin has been able "to travel like a mad woman. Just in Italy I've gotten to see Verona, Siena, Assisi, Milan and Pompeii," Jarrin said. "I've been having a great time so far in Rome."

Whiskey Tango herds downtown

By NATHAN ANCHETA
Assistant Scene Editor

With many Creighton students coming from smaller Midwest towns, arriving in Omaha can seem like a move to the "big city."

But with the Whiskey Tango Saloon and Dance Hall downtown, small-town students can get back to their roots.

Located at 15th and Farnam Streets, Whiskey Tango is a popular country-western bar complete with live music. The spot combines traditional western saloon décor with modernized touches. For example, the L-shaped bar is wooden, but it's lighted by purple neon fixtures. Cowboy boots and jeans are the normal attire for attendants.

Both national acts and local bands frequent the 300-person capacity venue. Country-pop artist Lee Ann Womack performed at the venue last Saturday and local music acts such as Omaha's Cowboy Up! play every weekend.

Another draw for the saloon is the barn-styled wooden dance floor. Free dance lessons on Monday nights are offered to anyone wanting to learn to square or line dance. Lead and follow dances, such as the two-step and shuffle, are offered for couples wanting to step onto the country dance floor.

Third-year Occupational Therapy student Elizabeth Hurley enjoys visiting the downtown saloon. "It's a fun place to go to when you are with a big group of friends and a great place to go if you want to dance. They have a huge dance floor," she said. "It's a nice change of pace from the regular bar scene."

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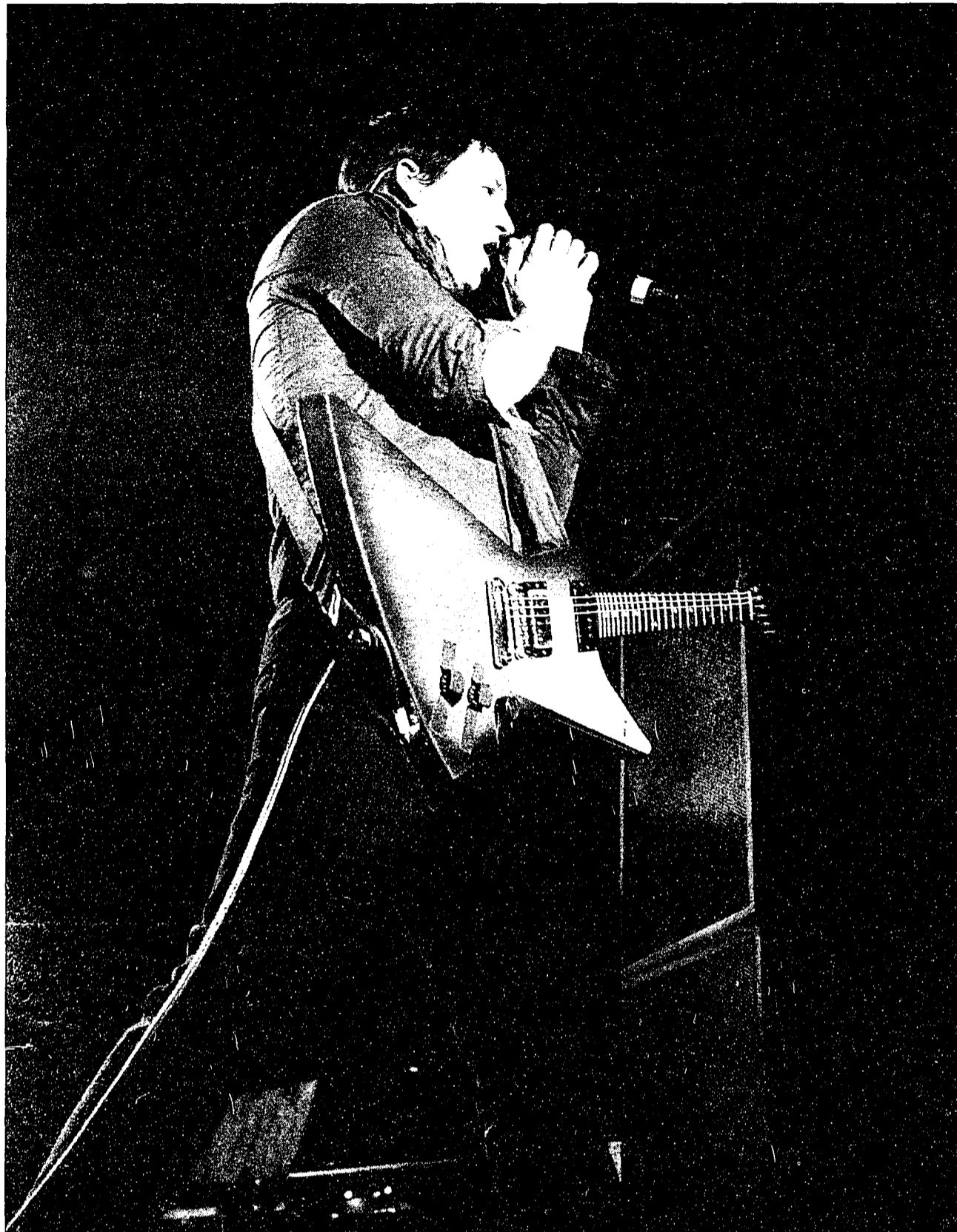
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Reminiscing with Third Eye Blind



Photos by Mary Grasela

Above, lead singer Stephan Jenkins of Third Eye Blind, played crowd favorites "Semi-Charmed Life," "Never Let you Go," "Jumper" and an encore of "How's it Going to Be?" at last weekend's Fallapalooza concert. Arts and Sciences junior Steve Hengeli attended the show and said "It was pretty awesome. It seemed a little short but I thought it was great. I've seen them live before and they played a lot more of their popular songs at this show. I thought they were declining with their third album but their new stuff sounded pretty good."

By ANN MARIE ENGLER
Scene Reporter

About 10 years ago, Third Eye Blind blew our minds with hit singles on the radio. About one week ago, they did again, but this time it was at Creighton. The Fallapalooza concert was full of energy, technical difficulties and chart-topping hits. It reminded Creighton students of yesteryear and left many wanting more.

"The general energy of the show was upbeat, especially the older songs that we all remembered singing to when we still had braces and our parents drove us around," said Erin Redhair, Arts & Sciences junior. "You could really tell when a song came on we all recognized because the noise level increased drastically and everyone threw their hands up and started belting out the lyrics. It was pretty sweet."

Every year CSU Program Board puts on two concerts: Fallapalooza and Spring Fling, which are both free to Creighton students. This year, the Fallapalooza show had a big turn out, with an overall good vibe.

"I liked the show. They had good energy and the band was really cool. We met some members afterwards and they invited us to go to the bar with them," said BJ Sullivan, Business junior.

All the good energy in the world could not stop the inevitable technical difficulty. In this case, the problem was with the stage lights and it had the potential to make for one big awkward moment. The band found a way to deal with such a moment.

"When the lights on stage stopped working, and they had to turn the house lights on, the lead singer said it felt like a garage performance and it was kind of cool he could see all of our faces," Chelsea Cox, Arts and Sciences junior said. "I kind of felt like it might be some weird 'Creighton doesn't want us to get too crazy kind of thing,' but then they turned back off, so it was just a technical difficulty that was no big deal," Cox said.

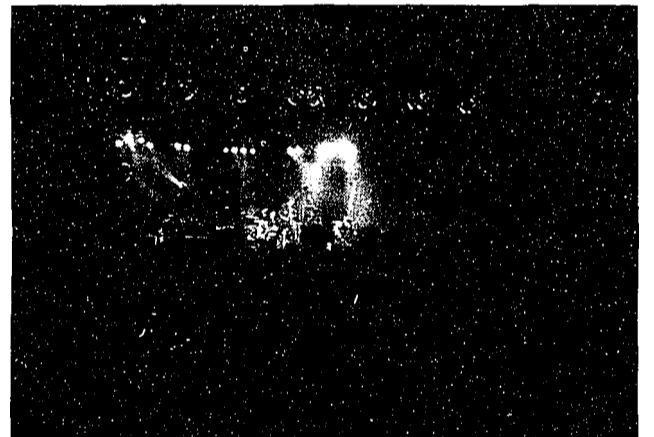
Although the band has not released an album in quite some time, it had little to no affect on the students overall outlook on the performance.

"I really enjoyed the show. I knew a lot more Third Eye Blind songs than I thought," said Alyssa Fuerholzer, Arts & Sciences freshman.

The show was held in the Kiewit Fitness Center, but it is doubtful anyone was there to work out on Saturday night.

"I was really impressed by the performance and the atmosphere that was created in the KFC, you definitely could not tell you were in a stinky gym," Redhair said.

So, if you missed Fallapalooza, you still have a chance for free entertainment in the spring. The performers and date will be announced later in the year. To find out what else is happening on campus visit creighton.edu/csu.



Scene blog art review



Read up on Kathleen Flood's review of Diegó Riviera's exhibit at the Joslyn on the Scene blog at scene.creightonian.com

Enjoying apples' simplicity, warmth

By DANA E MERCER
News Reporter

Some days, there's nothing better than spending hours over stove and pan, baking delicious goodies for all the loved ones in your life.

And then some days you're just feeling a little less inspired.

This tasty apple recipe is great for when you're just not feeling the baking motivation. It's one of my classic go to recipes. Easy, quick, made of ingredients most college students have on hand. It's also healthy (an apple a day ...) and fantastically affordable.

Microwave baked apples:

Ingredients:

1 apple

1 tsp. butter

1 tsp. brown sugar

1/2 tsp. cinnamon

Optional: raisins, oats, dried fruit, nutmeg

Core the apple (cut out the center, making a bit of a bowl by removing the seeds and stem).

Mix butter, sugar, cinnamon and optional ingredients together. Put inside apple where core used to be.

Put on plate. Microwave for 2 1/2 minutes or until apple is soft.

Eat and enjoy.

Photo courtesy www.sun-maid.com

Now how simple is that?

To check out this week's crafts visit Danae and Erin's Cookin' n' Crafts Corner blog at life.creightonian.com

From the Perch Campus Voice

◆ My Voice

Birdcage awakens everyone's inner athlete

By JORDAN MAPES
Assistant Opinion Editor

On certain days in winter, a pack of rowdy college students in multi-colored wigs, feathered boas and foam body parts are seen throughout Creighton's campus.

Some may wonder if Elton John is playing in the Kiewit Fitness Center. Others may be curious if Nobbie's had an end-of-season sale.

But no — it's just basketball season.

Last Sunday gave way to the beginning of the season with an exhibition game at the Qwest Center Omaha. Thousands of people showed up to cheer on the Jays, and our student section was no exception.

In all parts of the sports world sporting events allow fans to take their pent up angst at life and express it in the form of team propaganda, violent fist pumps, public intoxication and obscene slurs.

In any other setting, these people would probably be sent to jail for obscene and violent behavior, but, hell, if Denny Hamlin beats Jimmy Johnson at the Daytona 500, feel free to punch a few people in the face and do a keg stand in the parking lot.

While Creighton is usually not as discriminatory or domestic abuse friendly as this obscure example, the mood at basketball games acts as a catalyst. In some instances, our student section is downright scary.

Students covered in body paint let out

growls of fury, Braveheart-style. Every person in the section takes part in the cheers, yells as loudly as humanly possible and goes deaf for the rest of the day.

Less prepared fans who show up only 15 minutes before the tip-off are guaranteed a seat in the nose-bleed section.

Some students ask themselves, what is so appealing about waving balloons in the air, dancing like a fool to get on the big screen, or paying seven dollars for a beer that will inevitably get spilled on the freshman in front of you?

It's the experience.

If you haven't felt the bond that is formed between fans that cheer for the same team at any sporting event, it is time that you do. Students are able to forget about unfinished papers, lack of money, or overheated dorms to come together for the common cause of yelling obscenities at the opposing team. The atmosphere of any college sporting event has the crowd leaving with smudged face paint, sweaty game-day shirts, mustard stains from the spill of an overpriced hot dog and great memories.

Without the obnoxious yells, flamboyant outfits and the energy of Red Bull-fueled students stressing before finals, the section would feel more like an English 120 class going to an extra credit speaker on feminist symbols in Euripides' Medea.

I'll bring the kazoos if you supply adrenaline. Meet you at the game.

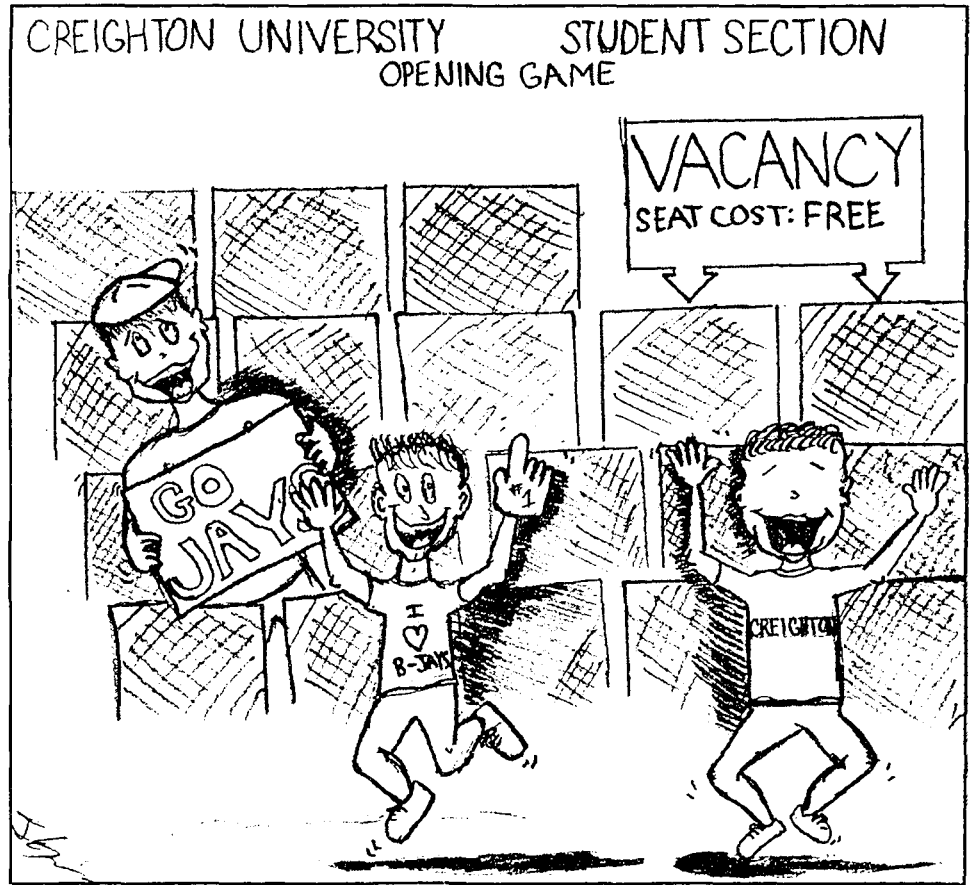


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Q of the WEEK

'What is your favorite part about basketball season?'



Brett Werner
Business sophomore

"Pep band. It's a lot of fun and there's free food."



Carli Culjat
Arts & Sciences freshman

"I'm on Blue Crew and I love starting a cheer.."



Ben Allen
Arts & Sciences freshman

"The excitement that everyone has showing support for the team.."



Kayla Epple
Arts & Sciences freshman

"I'm ready to watch a successful season."



Jake Richard
Business sophomore

"Watching students come together."

Photos by Lisa Daly

◆ My Voice

GOP needs less emphasis on PR

By FILIP MAZURCZAK
Columnist

The election of Barack Obama as president and the increase of Democrats Congress was not surprising, but was this outcome truly inevitable, as many had proclaimed for the past couple of years?

The answer is, in fact, no. McCain lost because his campaign focused too much on calculating what would be good for the polls.

According to realclearpolitics.com, President George W. Bush fascinatingly holds the record for both the highest and the lowest approval ratings of all American presidents. In the weeks following the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, upwards of 90 percent of polled Americans trusted their president.

However, with an unsuccessful and unpopular war and the worst economic recession since the early 1980s, the Bush administration remains unpopular even with staunch Republicans.

Perhaps many Republicans believed that Sarah Palin could inject vigorous energy into a sinking party. Perhaps McCain's choice of Palin as a running mate was the cause of the Republicans' political hara-kiri.

The 2008 race emphasized, above all, the idea of gender, cultural and racial identity. Many voters were excited by the possibility that an African-American, a woman or an elderly person could become the first president.

Having a female vice-president would show the public that the Republican Party is concerned about giving political opportunities to an underrepresented and discriminated-against group.

Furthermore, Palin was a colorful contrast with McCain. A relatively young, attractive and charismatic running mate complemented all of McCain's perceived deficiencies.

In the first week after choosing Gov. Palin, McCain's results in the polls soared, and a Republican presidential victory appeared more than just conceivable. However, the empress could not conceal her nudity for long. Palin quickly emerged as an inexperienced candidate and became the source of much ridicule, both fair and unfair.

It is likely that the Presidential race could have been much more competitive and the Republican Party could have provided a second consecutive president.

Although an obvious cause of the loss would appear to be Sen. McCain's support for the Iraq War, this is not likely.

Polls published in USA Today consistently revealed that more Americans believed that McCain could handle the war and foreign policy better than Obama. While the economy was portrayed as a partisan issue, Obama's remedies sounded as vague as McCain's, and both candidates agreed on possible solutions.

John McCain has long been considered one of the most popular senators, with a rare crossover appeal. He was also more qualified than any other potential candidates, Democratic or Republican, and has the status of a military hero and self-sacrificing patriot.

However, his desire to maintain good PR became a disaster. Republicans should remember this mistake in 2012.

To send a letter to the editor or contribute a column, e-mail OpinionEditor@creightonian.com

◆ My Voice

CU's new recycling program needs to spread awareness

By CATHERINE LEVETT
Columnist

Creighton needs to do more to stay green.

A recycling program at Creighton was instituted at the beginning of the year in hopes of making the campus more "green."

While the program has done well, one problem is apparent on campus: more education about recycling is needed.

Overall, the recycling, which is primarily in the residence halls, seems to be running smoothly. However, there is room for improvement.

CSU President Micah White is currently pushing for more recycling bins in upperclassmen housing on campus and making sure that everyone knows just how easy recycling is.

"Plastic, metal and paper all in one bin. It is so convenient," White said. She is hoping that recycling will extend to all other buildings across campus.

A rumored problem that has been occurring with the program is recycling has been mixed in with trash, specifically in the Harper Center, resulting in the recycling being thrown out with the trash.

White believes this is due to the variety of people using the building, not just students and faculty. She believes this problem can be improved, "if we do a good job of educating our students, faculty and staff about what a single-stream recycling program entails."

This is our solution to the recycling problem: education. This could be focused on the Creighton student body, the faculty and staff, as well as the rest of the Omaha community about the standards and procedures of recycling.

For example, what can and cannot be recycled, as well as which bins are recycling and which are trash? This could include putting up noticeable signs indicating "recycling" bins from "trash" bins.

Another possible form of education could be as simple as members of the CSU recycling committee going around to classes and reminding students of recycling and its importance to the campus as well as to the environment.

Environmental issues are becoming increasingly popular because they determine the future of our world. So, come on Creighton, let's go "green."

Cheering on Celtic in their Scottish home

“ Studying abroad has been a great experience, I would recommend it to everybody. However it makes me realize how awesome the liberty in the United States really is. ”

Zach Perry
Arts & Sciences junior



Photo courtesy Zach Perry

Zach Perry is spending the semester studying abroad at the University of Westminster in London. In his free time he had a chance to travel to Glasgow, Scotland, and watch a football (soccer) match at the Celtic Stadium.

GLASGOW POINTS

Just in case you decided to hop across the pond.

- Glasgow, population around 580,000, is the largest city and the commercial capital of Scotland. It is the UK's largest retail centre after London.
- Glasgow is one of Europe's top 20 financial centres and is home to many of Scotland's leading businesses.
- The city is administered by Glasgow City Council with the municipal headquarters, the City Chambers, situated in George Square, at the heart of the city.
- The UEFA Champions League Cup Final was held in Glasgow in May 2002. It was watched by an estimated 400 million people worldwide.
- The Fresh'n'Lo Great Scottish Run, held in Glasgow, is the largest participation sports event in the country.

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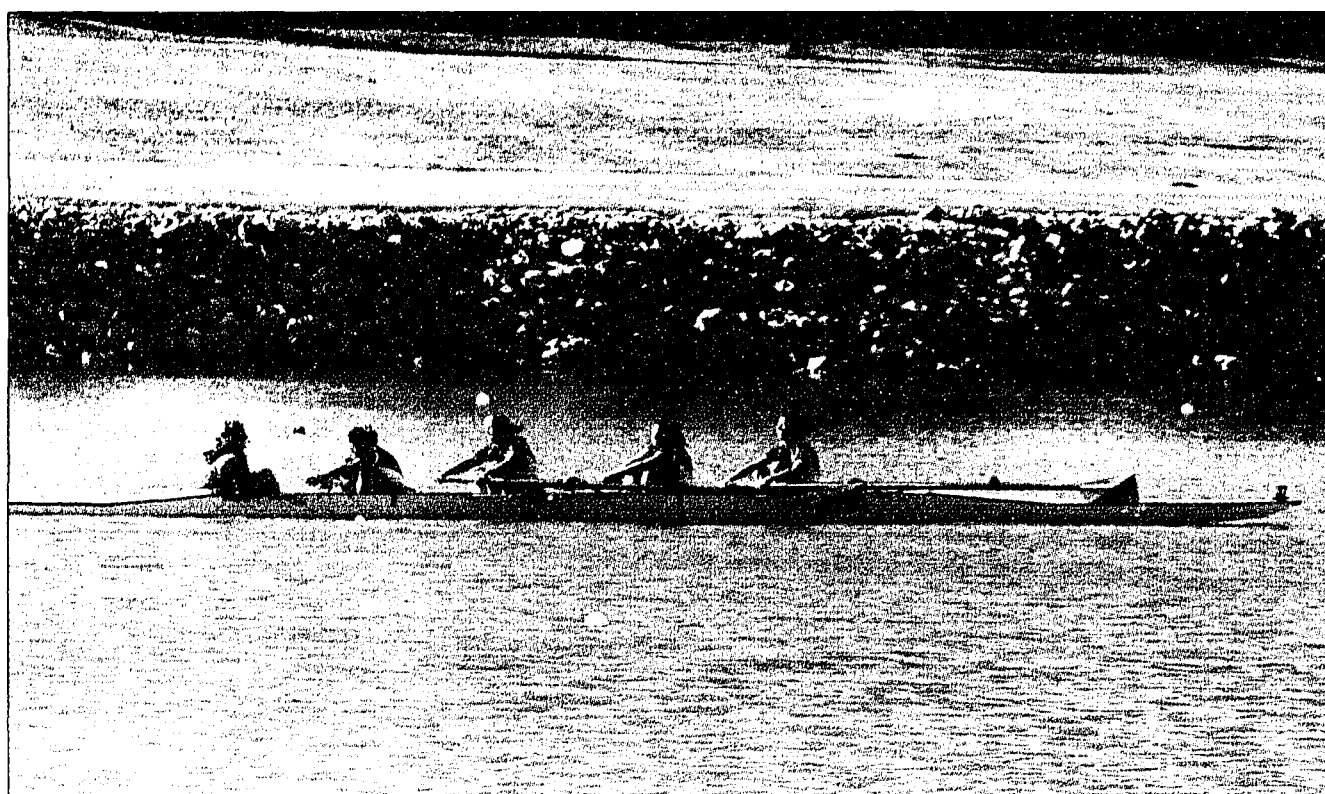


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Creighton's women's four club team rows in Oklahoma City in fall 2007. From left to right, coxswain Becky Sibilia, Stephanie Nevins, Christina Buchholz, Beth Hinrichs and Cat Broghammer.

CREW-minology

All the words and facts you've ever wanted to know about this water sport and a little more

By STEVEN HENNEBERRY
Assistant Sports Editor

Coxswain? Sculling? Bow? Stern? All of those are terms special to the sport of rowing, also called crew.

Creighton has a Division 1 women's crew team and a co-ed club team. The last regatta of the women's crew fall season took place this weekend in Des Moines, Iowa. The Jays finished the regatta with a 1-6 record. The Creightonian sheds light on the teams and terms below.

Terminology

Bow: the front end of the boat

Catch: when the oar first enters the water. Also refers to the position of the rower's body at the beginning of the stroke.

Crab: When the oar gets caught in the water and is forced from the rower's hands due to a rower entering the blade into the water without "squaring" it. The blade does not enter the water at a clean 90-degree angle and does not come out of the water until the rower can "square" it and bring the blade to a 90-degree angle to the surface of the water. This unfortunate occurrence can bring a boat to a complete

stop in order to get the blade square again and has also thrown rowers completely from the boat due to the amount of force generated by "catching a crab."

Coxswain: The person responsible for steering the boat, keeping track of the stroke rate, time, rhythm, race strategy, and motivation. This person is smaller in stature than the rowers and does not row.

Port: Facing the bow, "port" is the left side of the boat; usually denoted by the color red.

Sculling: Each person rows with two oars, but this is not a NCAA event.

Head race: This is a race held in the fall and typically lasts about 20-25 minutes over a roughly three-mile course. Each boat starts separately at 10-second intervals, and the winner is determined by the fastest time.

Sprint race: The spring season races, in which the course is 2,000 meters long and the winner is the first to cross the line, unlike the head race.

Starboard: Facing the bow, starboard is the right side of the boat. This is usually noted by the color green for most boaters.

Fast Facts on CU Crew

- 20 women on Division 1 team; 11 Varsity and nine Novice
- Races in fall and spring
- Four types of races: 8 man, 4 man, 2 man and single
- Practices held at Carter Lake; off-season in KFC and begin at 5:30 am for D-1
- Off-season practice is done on rowing machine, affectionately called "ergs"
- Club team has no coach; Dan Chipps coaches D-1
- Shoes are tied into the boat
- Meets called "Regattas"
- Oars can be used as floatation devices
- Both teams welcome new members and no experience is necessary

Like a 'good neighbor,' Thayer is there

Men's soccer player Jeff Thayer wins MVC Award.

Compiled by
STEVEN HENNEBERRY
Assistant Sports Editor

Junior forward Jeff Thayer has been successful on and off the field. He has logged more service hours than any other male athlete at CU, a total of over 150. He also has five goals and four assists so far this year. That commitment to the surrounding Creighton community has set Thayer apart and made him one of 10 athletes to win a 2008 Missouri Valley Conference Good Neighbor Award. We had a chance to catch up with Thayer to talk about the award and the upcoming conference tournament, which will be held in Evansville, Ind. on Nov. 12-16. The Jays, ranked first, begin play Friday. *What does winning the award mean to you?*

"It is a great honor to be receiving this award and to be able to represent Creighton University. It is not the award that matters most to me, though it is very honorable, but what I have been able to learn from my services throughout the community."

What types of volunteer work do you do?

"I have worked with Relay For Life, raked and cleaned yards for the elderly, picked up trash in parks, worked in the CU Med. Center (PICU-Pediatric Intensive Care Unit and NICU- Natal Intensive Care Unit), Habitat for Humanity, coached and played soccer with children less fortunate, donated blood, and participated in Campfire (an after school program that Johnny Torres introduced to me)."

What do your future plans entail (in terms of a career)?

"God willing, I would like to travel around the world for a year or so and then return to Nebraska and create a business that would help

the surrounding community."

Do you think it's important for college students, especially athletes, to give back to their community?

"To tell the truth about the services that I have done, I have learned far more about people and about our community than I ever would have in school. From my services I have built relationships with nurses, talked with elders that have been through it all and played children that have had a far tougher life than I and they still have a smile on their faces. What I have done has not just affected the community, but me as well."

With the MVC Tourney coming up, what's the No. 1 focus for the team?

"To push one another to make our team the best it can be. Take no team for granted, for some of these teams this could be their last game of the year and they will challenge us with everything that they have."

CU starts soccer for war effort

Creighton football is undefeated since 1942 when soccer became king.

By COLLEEN SEABAUGH
Sports Reporter

It's strange to think that Creighton could currently be experiencing the same kind of excitement experienced by schools such as Miz-zou, Notre Dame and Nebraska.

Contrary to the popular Creighton football "Still Undefeated" shirts worn by many proud Creighton students, Creighton football is actually only undefeated since 1942.

Because so many men were drafted to fight in the WWII and so many goods were needed by the soldiers fighting overseas, the football program ended after 1942. When the war ended, football was not brought back to Creighton. Instead, the soccer program was started.

As a sports fan, part of me wishes Creighton still had a football team. Nothing is the same as watching the football fly through the air and players run the field trying to avoid the defense's tackle attempts.

There's even a difference when you're tailgating before a football game as opposed to tailgating before other sports. The buzz of excitement and anticipation in the air can be felt even before arriving at the stadium.

As soccer playoffs begin and basketball season starts, think about how different the sports environment at Creighton would be if we still had football. But, in order to have a football team, we would have to say goodbye to one of the sports we have right now.

Since that's not going to happen, we should be happy that we have such a phenomenal athletics program. Men's soccer is ranked No. 2 by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America and the team won the Missouri Valley Conference regular season title for the third consecutive season. The team received a first-round bye in the MVC tournament and will face off against either Evansville or Bradley on Friday in Evansville, Ind.

Women's soccer finished the season with a 12-6-1 record, having their sixth 10-win season and eighth consecutive winning season.

Women's volleyball is playing one of the nation's hardest schedules and has managed a 14-8 record going into the last weeks of the regular season.

Though it is common to hear people say they wish Creighton had a football team, we should stop wishing for something we aren't going to get and appreciate what we do have, athletic excellence.



Photo by Lisa Daly

Junior forward Jeff Thayer controls the ball in the Nov. 1 Drake game, which CU won.