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Financial Aid Applications Delayed

Andrew Howes

Editor-in-Chief

Last fall's federal government shutdown and problems with a new computer program have left the U.S. Department of Education behind in processing student financial aid requests, said Director of Financial Aid Robert Walker.

As a result, Creighton's financial aid department has received only 1,000 applications from students for financial aid, down from 4,000 one year ago, Walker said.

Students requesting federal financial aid must first apply to the Education Department before requesting additional aid from the university, he said.

Walker said he is concerned that the delay might affect the number of freshmen who choose to attend Creighton.

"It might have an impact," he said. "But, we can only send out awards for those applications we have," he said.

Walker said that the Education Department should be done processing all applications received before March 1 by the end of this month. Those applications received between March 1 and March 15 are expected to be done by April 15, he said.

The government shutdown first delayed the Education Department one month in processing applications, Walker said. Problems with a new computer program designed to scan, rather than type in, applications also arose.

Despite the government's projected finish date, Walker said that many questions still hang over the completion of awarding students financial aid money.

"We don't really know where this is going to put us," he said.

Of the 1,000 applications already received, Walker said that he has no idea whether those students are returning or if they are incoming freshman.

"Some people also send in for information but never actually apply," he said.

Walker said that incoming freshmen can expect to receive their financial aid

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PHOTO BY JASON BASH

Public Safety ticketed and ordered this car towed Wednesday after it was found blocking a van near Kiewit Residence Hall.

Policy Reduces Punishment for Tickets

Carrie Critchfield

Assistant Editor

Last semester only two Creighton students were prohibited from registering because of unpaid parking tickets. In previous semesters the number often exceeded 200, Public Safety Director Rick McAuliffe said.

The dramatic reduction reflects a new policy on parking tickets. Now only students with more than \$100 in owed tickets will have their registration privileges held. Previously any student with two or more tickets could not register.

Stephanie Wernig, associate vice president for Student Services, said the policy change was made because students thought they were being "nickel and dimed to death."

Public Safety will take no action against any one-ticket violators who have not paid. He said this is because his staff is more concerned with compliance than punishment.

"We're not looking to get your every last dollar," said McAuliffe. "We see safety and security as more important than parking."

McAuliffe said that of the thousands of tickets issued last year, only about 50 percent were actually paid. Of the remaining unpaid tickets, McAuliffe said some of those tickets were waived or invalidated for various reasons. The remaining tickets, those of students with only one violation, will not be paid.

An exact count of these tickets, as well as the total number of tickets

issued, is unavailable at this time, said Public Safety officials.

McAuliffe said Creighton's Public Safety department does not use a high-tech system to keep track of all tickets issued. The records are entered into a computer by data entry clerks, typically students.

"We take a softer approach than a lot of schools," McAuliffe said. "Larger state schools have computerized systems down to a science."

Tad McDowell, University of Nebraska-Lincoln Parking Services Manager, said UN-L parking officers use hand-held ticket writers to issue tickets. The information taken from

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Executive Candidates Field Questions at SBG Debate

Patrick Garmoe

Reporter

Four of the five candidates running for executive positions on Student Board of Governors (SBG) answered questions from students Wednesday during a debate sponsored by SBG.

Elections will be held March 27.

There is only one candidate running for president of SBG and one for vice president of finance, but three people are contending for the position of vice president of Student Services.

Jim Esch, a business sophomore, is the solitary candidate for SBG president. Esch said he is running because he enjoys SBG activities and such activities are necessary for a career in politics.

Esch said he wants to make a difference by building a more cohesive student body, tightening the structure within SBG and making SBG even more user friendly.

"There is no real sense of a student body," Esch said, and in order to help build a community on campus Esch plans to have a meeting before the fall semester with all the organizations on campus to help coordinate and plan for next year.

Esch wants to tighten the sector involving what the governors of SBG do, because currently the governors feel that

they are not doing much.

He also aims at making SBG more approachable. "I want students to know

they can come to SBG with their questions and comments," Esch said.

Esch feels his purpose is making sure everyone has a good year because "my job looks good if others have a good year."

Matt Wolesky, an Arts & Science sophomore, is running unchallenged for vice president of finance. Wolesky said that if elected he would make sure SBG would use their money the best that they can. According to Wolesky, this involves using all of the money it receives for the benefit of students. SBG has yet to achieve this goal.

Wolesky said that compared to previous years, SBG has improved in keeping track of its money, but he hopes to do an even better job next year.

"I want to make sure the clubs and organizations are using the money for the students' benefit," Wolesky said.

Wolesky said that holding people accountable for their actions is the key to assuring that clubs who receive money from SBG, and SBG, will spend the money for the students' benefit.

While Wolesky will see to it that SBG and clubs spend their money strictly on



PHOTO BY MATTHEW P. D'AGOSTINO

(L-R) Presidential candidate Jim Esch, SBG president Jason Sharp and vice-presidential candidates Matt Wolesky, Sarah Walsh and Chris Knauf.

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Public Safety Punishes Less

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these electronic devices is down-loaded into a computer system at the department headquarters. McDowell said UN-L collects nearly \$500,000 in parking fines each school year.

Public Safety officials said they could not estimate the amount of money they take in from parking fines at this time.

Despite Creighton's "softer approach," Public Safety will still take action in the more severe cases.

"If you don't pay or waive your tickets, we boot the most offensive on down," McAuliffe said.

A boot is an immobilization device that attaches to the wheel of the car and requires a key to be removed. McAuliffe said one of the most severe cases was that of a student owing nearly \$200 in parking violations.

Another severe violator is someone McAuliffe calls a "parking desperado." This is a student who gets a ticket everyday and pays it off everyday. McAuliffe said these students would rather just pay the fine to park where they want.

"Eventually," he said, "we just boot them."

Delays Plague Financial Aid

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awards in the mail by next week, one month later than last year. Because of the May 1 deposit deadline for those students opting to attend Creighton, Walker said that all awards must be sent by April 1.

All Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and third-year Medical students will also receive their awards by April 1, Walker said, because many have classes that begin in June.

Walker said that returning students who requested financial aid will begin to receive their awards during finals week, just as they have in the past.

However, because Financial Aid is still working on awards, Walker said that loan processing will also be delayed.

"It will be delayed, but we are 95 percent electronic with our loan processing and it will get turned around pretty quickly," he said.

To help speed the process up, Walker said that any returning student who has requested financial aid should send their tax returns in now.

"If students want to get anything from us," Walker said, "they need to contact us first."



PHOTO BY LIZ RUSCH

Arts & Sciences sophomore Matthew Cianciolo helps Idabel, Okla., residents Jose Ramon Serrano and Carlos Garcia put up a basketball hoop. Idabel was one of the sites for the Spring Break Service Trips.

Service Trips Seen as "Education of Life"

Frances Johnson

Reporter

Some came back with sore muscles, some with sunburns, and one even with poison ivy. But all of the 135 Creighton students who participated in the 13th year of Spring Break Service Trips returned with a new sense of community and a story to tell.

"It is hard to capture in words the strength of the program," said Mary Fulmer, director of Community Service.

Students tried to put in words their experiences as they reunited Wednesday at Soup with Substance.

Nursing Senior Amber Norgaard said that her participation in service trips the last four years has changed her life.

"It is an education beyond the text book. It is an education of life," Norgaard said.

Sophomore Steven Haskett discussed how one smile from a first grader the day after playing a basketball game in Grand Coteau, La., touched his life.

"That 30 seconds blew me away," Haskett said.

The hosts of the Creighton students were also enthusiastic about the accomplishments that were made.

Geneva Manning is one of four full-time volunteers at the Catholic Worker

House in San Antonio.

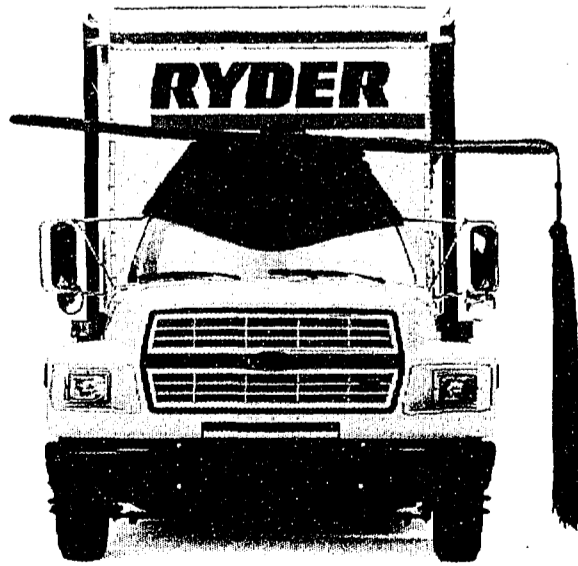
"It was definitely a great group. We were sad to see them go," said Manning. "It was a good shot of energy."

"We were trying to convince individuals in the group to come back to volunteer again. Perhaps a month this summer," said Manning.

Fr. Matthew Gottschalk works at House of Peace Community Center in Milwaukee, Wis. Gottschalk said he hopes that the students come back.

"The Creighton students were excellent. We really enjoyed them. They were idealistic, moralistic and intelligent."

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students; the office that oversees the actual services provided to students is being pursued by three individuals. Chris Knauf, a College of Business Administration sophomore, is one of the three running for vice president of Student Services.

"I felt that [Student Services] had been a success but needed some new blood. I didn't think SBG was meeting all its objectives," Knauf said.

"Lackluster commitment and performance on boards is the problem now," Knauf said. He is concerned with promoting more productivity, a stronger work ethic in SBG, and a "new excitement for SBG."

Knauf said he wants to set up more student-oriented shops because "no one will come to a campus they don't think is fun."

"Lackluster commitment ... is the problem now."

- Chris Knauf
Vice Presidential Candidate

Sara Walsh, an Arts & Sciences sophomore, is also running for vice president of Student Services.

Walsh said she is a good candidate because she knows what is going on after serving on the All-University Committee, which is made up of students that give input to the administration on all decisions affecting students.

Walsh also wants to use JTV in covering SBG meetings, similar to what C-SPAN does on a national level. For those who cannot watch the SBG meetings she also hopes to publish the SBG's minutes in the *Creightonian*.

Walsh said her main concern is getting students more involved in things such as the All-University Committee.

Jake Maurer, a College of Business Administration Junior, is also running for vice president of Student Services but was not at the debate and could not be reached for comment.



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Faculty Call Prospective CU Freshmen

Nancy Lewandoski

Reporter

Faculty members contacted prospective freshman in an effort to influence their decision to enroll at Creighton.

In general, faculty members said they were received warmly. Some students were surprised, others were flattered. However, one student responded to a call by Dr. Theodore Burk, chair of the Biology Department, by saying that Creighton must be desperate to resort to this type of recruitment. This kind of reaction was atypical.

The Admissions office assigned each department a list of accepted high school seniors to be telephoned. In a letter to the departments, Director of Admissions Laurie Vinduska encouraged them to "consider this an opportunity to positively influence high school students during the traditional 'final decision' time of the year."

In the letter, Vinduska also said that the Rev. Michael G. Morrison, S.J., president of Creighton, set a goal that "every accepted freshman be personally contacted by a faculty member."

Students appreciated the fact that people called them, said Dr. Charles L. Harper, chair of the Sociology Department. They appreciated talking to someone other than an admissions counselor, he said.

A poll of freshman admitted in 1995 revealed that students appreciated faculty contact Vinduska said.

Faculty members did express concerns about questions they were unable to answer. Students consistently requested information about financial aid.

Dr. Fidel Fajardo-Acosta, an English professor, said, "The financial aid people should be involved in the calling effort."

"It is not my expectation that faculty members talk to students about financial aid," Vinduska said. Instead, the faculty members are expected to refer questions to the Financial Aid Department. The department does not have the facility to make outgoing calls.

Members of the faculty said that making the calls did cut into their spare time. However, they realized the importance of the project. Finances are affected by enrollment, Burk said. "It is an important thing to be doing," he said.

"The president feels strongly that this be done at this time," Vinduska said.

The number of applications for the 1996 school year is at a record high. As of March 15, Creighton received 3,193 applications. The previous record was set in 1994 of 3,066.

Faculty members were responsible for approximately 10 phone calls each.

Some faculty members deemed the calls an opportunity to gain valuable feedback from the students about what they would like to see in the different departments, Vinduska said.

Vinduska said that she sincerely appreciates the faculty's support in this project.

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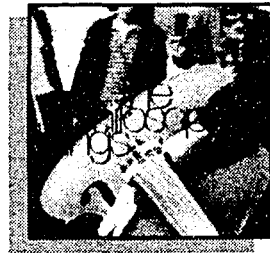


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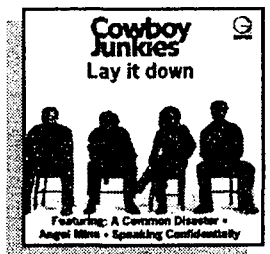


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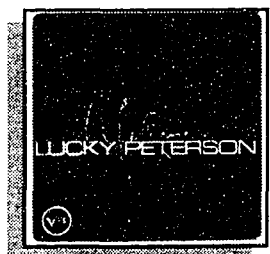


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OPINION

Taking Easy Way Out Teaches Us Little

"Take it easy" is a current polite way to say goodbye to someone. Maybe during the break you tried it out, but now you are back at taking it not-so-easy.

When learning how to ice skate, a usual encouraging remark you might hear spoken to the fallen learner is, "The ice is hard and cold when you come right down to it."

My view of you this week is about getting right down to it, where it (whatever the "it" is) is. When we hear someone say that there's nothing to it, they are probably right. "Easy as falling off a log" is another invitation to fall off a log.

My view is that what comes easily goes just as easily.

There are all kinds of advertisements

"Learning is difficult, and the only thing you learn easily is how to take the easy way out."

about learning guitar in one hour or playing piano or violin in three "easy" lessons. There is a video series



A VIEW OF YOU

Larry Gillick, S.J.

"guaranteed" to improve your memory in "easy" steps. Unfortunately, I easily forgot where to send my \$89.

My view of you is not an easy one this week. It centers around the natural human temptation to choose the door marked "E-Z" as often as we can.

These are the days of preregistration for next semester. The question which is heard often around campus about a particular course is "Is it hard?" Learning is difficult, and the only thing you learn easily is how to take the easy way out.

My view is not that harder is better. Rather, better is better, and better, most often, is harder.

Recently, the term wimp has excused itself into our vocabulary. It denotes weakness, cowardliness and lack of

character. It is a quality of one who whimpers, I suspect. One who whimpers seeks quick relief from everything unpleasant.

In the story *The Wizard of Oz*, Dorothy finds the wimpy lion, the wimpy scarecrow and the wimpy tin soldier all lacking heart and spirit. The land of Oz was ruled by forces which seemed to dispirit folks there.

My view is that there is a whimpering spirit within us all which invites us into the "Land of EZ." There, outside forces embrace our fears of failure and pain, rendering us wimps instead of wizards.

Just for fun this week, count how many times you hear the big E word in TV ads and in the conversations around you.

Again, my view is not that one should make things harder than they are, nor is the more difficult path always more productive and growthful. We all seem to encounter the difficult by taking the path we use to avoid it. It is tempting to snuggle into the easy chair of life and watch the hard-ships float by.

It is a good view of you this week as we head down the home stretch. I myself will now ease on out of here. Happy days of de-wimping!

Smokers Say Cigarettes Don't Waste

To whom it may concern:

Smoking seems to be a rather hot topic right now. Nonsmokers are demanding rights for their lungs and smokers are demanding the right to relax and socialize without freezing outside.

Recently C.J.'s has displaced many a smoker. A few years ago, smokers lost an excellent place to study when they got kicked out of the commons.

The articles out today on the dangers of smoking have gotten out of hand. The last one I read in the *Creightonian* was blaming cigarettes for basically all deaths one could imagine. Michelle Cadwell wrote an article entitled, "Our Whole Lives Lie Ahead of Us; So Can Anyone Bum Me a Smoke?" The author went so far as to state, "... smoking kills. It kills the smoker, the smoker's friends, the smoker's kids and even the smoker's pets."

Cadwell painted a horrific picture of smokers causing the deaths of millions and implied that the only reason we are dying is because of smokers.

"Smokers know what a cigarette can do to their bodies. . . . They are not ignorant or invincible."

Studies have shown that there is a correlation between two types of lung cancer and smoking; the cause is yet to be determined. Studies have not shown that if you smoke your pets and friends will die.

Studies have not shown that cigarettes are the root of all evil or that anyone who comes in contact with them will die.

Studies showed that second hand smoke from machines and factories could be a problem for workers who are around it every day all day for years of their life.

Society has taken results of a few studies and done a tremendous generalization job. It's time we realize that everyone is going to die of something and not everybody thinks that it would be a great world if we all died of old age instead of illness.

Letter to the Editor

The Creightonian Staff welcomes letters to the editor. Letters must be **TYPED** and **SIGNED**, and must be received by 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Hitchcock Communication Arts Center, Room 203. Their contents will be published in whole or in part at the discretion of the editorial staff.

Maybe God gave us terminal illnesses and such for a reason. Life is too short to worry about living to be 85 instead of 80. The "healthiest man on earth" died while jogging at age 35 and George Burns just turned 100, and he smokes cigars like a chimney! (Editor's note: This letter was submitted March 5, 1996, several days prior to Burns' death).

If you spend your life worrying about being in the absolute best health and living as long as possible, you're not living for today but for a tomorrow that could be snatched away from you by a terrible shuttle accident.

How many studies have been done to explain all the people who have smoked all their lives and are in perfect health or at least happy and accepting of the damage they have done to their bodies?

I suspect that next year, due to trendiness, the smokers will once again get relocated to only being able to smoke out on the mall. The mere fact that the commons and C.J.'s were so smoky shows that there was a need for such facilities.

By taking away all the smoking places on campus the smokers are forced into a smaller and smaller space and I bet the smoke in that place could get unbearable for even the smokers.

This is a completely unjust attempt to force the choices and beliefs of one group — nonsmokers — onto another — the smokers.

Smoking is a crutch for some that helps them through life. For some people, smoking is the only way they know how to handle stress. And who are we to tell them that they are doing it wrong?

I'm sure if you want to fling studies around that you could find one that tells us that smoking for some while studying helps them focus and concentrate. For some, coming home and having beer and cigarettes with their friends is the only relaxation they enjoy. Not everyone can relieve their tensions at the gym. Not everyone wants to. I believe that it's called freedom of choice.

Smoking is also a socialization mechanism. Sharing a smoke with someone is a bonding experience that not everyone is able to understand. We all bond with friends differently.

Bars seem to be the most popular socialization forum available for college students today. Visit one and you will find people puffing away that you never would have suspected smoked. Why?

Smoking helps get a conversation going, it is something two people can automatically have in common and help us relax from the social tension of meeting new people.

There are many pros and cons to every topic of debate. It is really sad that Cadwell and others have given smokers a bad rap. We are just as dedicated, hard-working and professional as nonsmokers. Why is it that Cadwell chose a habit such as smoking to be a cause of people's deaths? What about drinking heavily, driving a car, pollution? These are also causes of many deaths each year.

Smokers know what a cigarette can do to their bodies. They feel it every time they take the stairs. They are not ignorant or invincible. We do have much to look forward to, but the future won't be wasted by a cigarette.

"Smokers have as much to offer the world as nonsmokers."

Smokers have as much to offer the world as nonsmokers. Next time, look at the person you are pointing fingers at. We were all created different and equal with "good" and "bad" habits.

Begona E. Saloma,
Junior Nursing Student

Nicole Shy,
First Year
Occupational Therapy

Victims Deserve Attention

Dear Editor,

Recently I have noticed a problem at Creighton University. This problem seems to be something our university is trying to ignore.

Throughout the school year, five students have admitted to me that they were date raped. All of these incidents involved alcohol. Since the victims were under the influence, they felt that they were not actually sexually assaulted. They did not realize they could have put their assailants behind bars.

Letter to the Editor

Some people react to rape victims with the line, "Oh, you were just drunk. You asked for it." This kind of thinking is unacceptable when a rape or assault has occurred.

I don't think Creighton University has stressed enough that there is a penalty for this crime. We are so proud of our low crime rate, but these numbers are only from the crimes that are actually reported.

Our campus seems to put off an air which pushes assault victims away. I think we need to be more open to this need. Maybe a special section of the counseling center should specialize in this problem.

As a small way of resolving this problem, I have organized a date rape awareness talk which will be held on March 27 at 8:30 p.m. at the Student Center Fireplace. This talk will concern how to prevent date rape and what should happen in the event of an assault. The peer educators will be giving the talk so it should be very informative and interesting.

As far as I'm concerned, one talk isn't enough to help our campus. I would like to see this start something which will help our campus become more educated on this subject. One measly video during Welcome Week freshman year isn't enough. There needs to be more done to prevent this problem.

I know the university can't solve all of our problems. We must do the hard part. Along the lines of making sure our friends don't drive home drunk, we need to watch whom they drive home with. Just watch out for each other.

Laura Rodman
Junior
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Women's Issues Week Focuses on Strength

Ann Griner
Entertainment Editor

"Strength to Strengths: Discovering Our Gifts" is the theme for this year's Women's Issues Week, which will take place Monday through March 29.

The week's organizer, Chris LeBeau, said she was very pleased with this year's lineup of events. LeBeau stressed the universal appeal of Women's Issues Week.

"There's always a need for women's issues to be discussed," said LeBeau. "By and large, they're men's issues as well. What affects women affects men."

Women's Issues Week is a part of the nationwide Women's History Month. LeBeau said that many of the events and lectures planned for next week are based on the Fourth World Conference on Women, held in Beijing last August. The agenda there included women's social, economic and political empowerment.

This year's Women's Issues Week is dedicated to Barbara Jordan, a black Congresswoman from Georgia. Jordan, who died in January, was one of the first black women elected to Congress.

"There's something for everyone," LeBeau said. "We've got some very fun events lined up, and we hope to have a big audience at all the events."

Women's Issues Week includes the following events:

Monday, March 25

• *Bloomers, Boomers and Beyond: Women's Changing Roles*; an inter-generational dialogue facilitated by Kate Brown—12:15 p.m., Student Center Ballroom

• Kathy Troccoli Concert; Christian pop singer—7:30 p.m., Student Center Ballroom

Tuesday, March 26

• *All Our Kids*; a mentoring program connecting caring adults with at-risk high school students—12:15 p.m., Student Center Ballroom

• Gender Issues Forum—7 p.m., Rigge Auditorium, room 120

Wednesday, March 27

• *Jewish Women's Journey: Traversing the Bumpy Road from the 60's to the 90's*; Rabbi Ruth Ehrenstein of the Beyt Shalom Reconstructionist Synagogue and B'nai Israel Synagogue will lecture—12:15 p.m., Student Center Ballroom

• Date Rape Awareness Talk—8:30 p.m., Student Center Fireplace

Thursday, March 28

• *The Gift of Self-Esteem*; members of Bill Hutson's oral interpretation class will present monologues and dialogues centering on self-esteem—12:15 p.m., Student Center Ballroom

• *Escape from Fosdick*; a lecture about eating disorders presented by Alicia Quintano—7 p.m., Student Center Ballroom

Friday, March 29

• *Diving Deep and Resurfacing: Rediscovering Our Gifts*; Dr. Wendy Wright, associate professor of Theology, lectures on how to search for our inner selves to recover our individual gifts.

Women's Issues Week is sponsored by the Committee on the Status of Women, Campus Ministry, Panhellenic Council, the Justice and Peace Studies Program and the Klutznick Chair in Jewish Civilization.

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• Omaha Symphony Chamber Choir—second concert in the three-part Stained Glass Series at Presbyterian Church of the Cross, 1517 South 114th St., on Saturday, March 30, at 7 p.m. The Symphony will perform such works as Mozart's *Serenade for Winds* and Hadyn's *Symphony No. 88*. The church's adult choir will also perform classical works. Student tickets are \$10.

• *The Barber of Seville*—performed by Opera Omaha, Orpheum Theatre, on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. and March 29 at 8 p.m. and March 31 at 2 p.m. The production will be in Italian, but English subtitles will be projected above the stage. Ticket prices range from \$10-\$50.

• *Seraphita*—Blue Barn Theatre, April 2 at 7 p.m. A dance concert by Akira Kasai showcasing Butoh and avant-garde Japanese dance form. Student tickets are \$10.

Up Close and Personal: Not Just a Chick Flick

Ann E. Hoffman
Reporter

If you're looking for a laugh and a cry rolled into one evening at the movies, the show to see is *Up Close and Personal*, starring Robert Redford and Michelle Pfeiffer.

This movie draws together the charm of a fairy tale and the drama of breaking news. Between Redford and Pfeiffer, the screen is on fire with their sincerity, wit and romance. Pfeiffer plays a has-been beauty queen from Reno aspiring to be a reporter. She gets her first break into the news circuit with the help of Redford's character. From there Redford and Pfeiffer's life together is a news story in itself.

Pfeiffer and Redford face many different obstacles throughout the movie whether they are career changes, difficult relationships or exclusive assignments gone sour. But throughout all of these life challenges, the news still gets reported.

Redford's performance as leading man was terrific. At first I didn't like his character because he seemed rude and pompous, fitting the stereotype of a true TV journalist. But as the minutes ticked away and Pfeiffer figured out how to push Redford's buttons, his guard was let down and the sensitive side came into full bloom. Just like wine, Redford gets better with age.

Pfeiffer's character growth throughout the movie changed as many times as her hair color. She brought strength to this film with her performance and proved that if you work hard enough for something you want, anything is possible.

Pfeiffer reminded me of Eliza from *My Fair Lady*. Like Henry Higgins, Redford sets out to transform Pfeiffer. The result is poor girl hits network.

Up Close and Personal is a movie for guys and girls. Hey guys, despite the probable weeping women sitting next to you in the theater, this isn't just a chick flick.

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WOMEN'S ISSUES WEEK '96

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March 25-29, 1996

Monday

"Bloomers, Boomers and Beyond:
Women's Changing Roles"
Faculty, Student, Staff Panel
12:15 Student Center Ballroom

Kathy Troccoli Concert
7:30 Student Center Ballroom

Tuesday

"Changing Lives through 'All Our
Kids': A Mentoring Program
Connecting Caring Adults and High
School Students" *
Cheri Tillman, Jamalia Bins
12:15 Student Center Ballroom

Gender Issues Forum **
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"The Gift of Self-Esteem"
(Theatrical Performance by Students)
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"Escape from Fosdick" #
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7:00-8:30 Student Center Ballroom

Friday

"Diving Deep and Resurfacing:
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Wendy Wright
12:15 Student Center Ballroom



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Sports

Money or Religion? You Decide

"No Chris, I mean Mahmoud, the object behind it is for you to stand and pay respect to all the people who died so you could make millions of dollars playing basketball. You don't believe in that? The flag represents tyranny and oppression? Oh, but you're going to stand up anyway because the league is taking away your \$31,000 per game. But your not in any way compromising? Oh, I understand, I guess."

Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf, the NBA and anyone else involved in this situation has got to be kidding me.

Since the start of the season, Abdul-Rauf has refused to stand for the national anthem played before every game because of religious beliefs. He states that he in no way intends to disrespect the United States flag, but the Koran forbids nationalistic ritualism.

About 60 games into the season, the NBA steps in and says they are going to indefinitely suspend Abdul-Rauf without pay if he does not stand for the national anthem. Abdul-Rauf then says, "My beliefs are everything. I'll quit playing basketball if I have to."

Abdul-Rauf then decides he will stand during the national anthem and pray, and the NBA lifts his suspension. Abdul-Rauf then publicly says that he wants to move to Canada. I still can't believe this chain of events actually happened. I have a problem with the whole situation.

First of all, to the NBA: Why didn't you wait a little bit longer to act on the situation? What was it, did game number 56 really push you over the edge? I can just hear NBA

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commissioner David Stern in a meeting saying, "It's been 55 games now. If he does it one more time he's suspended."

If someone has been violating a rule for 60 games, and nobody has done anything about it, why is it even a rule? You can't just march in and suspend someone weeks before the playoffs start for something they have been doing all season.

I also have a problem with Abdul-Rauf. Although I don't believe in what he believes, I do respect his right to have beliefs and opinions. Abdul-Rauf, though, apparently does not believe in his own right to have beliefs and opinions.

Abdul-Rauf stood up for what he believes in for exactly one game. After serving one game of the suspension, he gave in to the NBA and said he would stand and pray during the national anthem. This is the same guy who said his beliefs meant so much to him that he would quit playing basketball.

Maybe what he meant to say, was that for \$31,000 per game, he would set aside his beliefs.

Lady Jays Face Top-Ranked Teams

Cliff Brunt
Reporter

Creighton's softball team enters the Colorado State Tournament Saturday at the beginning of a stretch in which it will face teams ranked in the top 30 nationally in each of its next six games.

The Lady Jays have hopes of regaining the momentum built during a seven-game winning streak at the Rebel Spring Games in Orlando, Fla., March 9-15. Creighton will play No. 26 Utah State and No. 30 Colorado State on Saturday and Sunday.

Despite winning seven of the 10 games in the Rebel Spring Games, Creighton lost the final two.

"We have a long way to go," Head Coach Brent Vigness said. "We need to become much more consistent, we need to play with much more emotion and we need people to step up and be leaders on and off the field."

The Lady Jays have a mix of offensive experience and young pitching. Junior Christy Lunceford leads the team in nearly every major statistical category, including hitting (.441), slugging percentage (.794), home runs (3) and runs batted in (10). Junior Kellie Rivera is hitting .424, and leads the team with a .500 on-base percentage and Becky Kroll is hitting .320.

In the first three games, Creighton lost 19-8 and 8-3 to 15th ranked Nebraska, then lost 4-0 to Boston University to open the Rebel Spring Games.

"It was shocking," Lunceford said of the first three games, "but we weren't down because we did a lot of good things in the fall, so we knew we weren't going to keep losing."

Creighton plays 28th ranked Kansas March 27 at 4 p.m. at the Creighton Sports Complex. They will play 21st ranked Illinois-Chicago on March 29.

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News

Creightonian's Weekly Alumni Profile World-Traveling Grad Named All-American



PHOTO BY MATTHEW P. D'AGOSTINO

Lisa Hyland, who graduated from Creighton in December, was recently named as a USA Today Academic All-American for her achievements.

Clare O'Malley
Reporter

As a Creighton student Lisa Hyland put her traditional college career on hold and headed for Lithuania, where she would live for one year, studying and learning about the structure, process and organization of international government.

Most surprising to Hyland was that there was "no big culture shock" when she first arrived in Lithuania.

Hyland had been prepared for a third world mentality through other professors and recent visitors to Lithuania. European supplies and products made it much easier for Hyland to adjust to life there.

Eventually, however, she developed an appreciation for the true differences between American and Lithuanian cultures and personalities.

Not only did this experience offer Hyland the benefits of exposure to an alternative culture and lifestyle, it was also a factor in her nomination as a USA Today Academic All-American.

The USA Today panel looks for students who go "beyond the academic sphere."

Out of the 1,200 student applicants, 80 are chosen, and then divided into teams of 20. The first team receives money and a trip to Washington D.C. The second team, of which Hyland was a member, the third team and the honorable mention team had their names published in USA Today as recipients of this award.

Hyland said, "It was an honor just to be nominated."

Hyland's four-page application listed her various honors and extracurricular activities including her involvement in the International Relations Club. Hyland

also had experience as coordinator for the Model UN.

Hyland, who graduated in December of 1995 with a 3.6 GPA, majored in political science with a focus in international relations and a co-major in history.

She said, "A love for other cultures" led her into political science. She was already a world-traveler because of trips made in high school to England, France, Switzerland and Mexico.

She's currently co-writing an article about Lithuania with her academic adviser, Dr. Terry Clark, to be published in a political science journal. The article looks at the leading coalition in the Lithuanian parliament, made up of the top three of Lithuania's nine major political parties.

Her statistical research, still being conducted at Reinert Alumni Memorial Library, involves studying the voting records of the parliament for the past two-and-a-half years.

Hyland currently works for the Omaha City Planning Department, where she said she is getting even more experience in government organization.

Hyland recently accepted an internship at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) in Washington, and will start work there in April.

Hyland said CSIS is an independent, non-partisan, non-profit research institute known in D.C. for its thoroughness and follow-up. Her work there in formulating agendas and grants for future projects of the CSIS will help her in her pursuit of a Ph.D in political science.

She plans to begin graduate school in three or four years, after gaining "real world" experience.

"It was an honor just to be nominated."

-Lisa Hyland

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