



Friday, May 21, 1999

Events Today:

- No major events on campus calendars.

Events Saturday:

- "Clinicians and the Internet: Introduction to the Internet for Clinicians," 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., School of Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions, Computer Laboratory, Criss III, Room 216.

Events Sunday:

- No major events on campus calendars.

Events Monday:

- "Talking History," 10 a.m., KIOS 91.5 FM. Topic: Has religion influenced the development of technology.
- "Creighton Healthwise," 10:30 a.m., KIOS 91.5 FM. Topic: Women and heart disease.
- Live Video Satellite Conference, "What About Girls? Females in the Junvenile Justice System," noon to 2:30 p.m., Reinert Alumni Library, Union Pacific Room.

Creighton University Vice President for Health Sciences Richard L. O'Brien, M.D., has announced that he will retire from his executive position effective Oct. 1, 1999. Dr. O'Brien has served as vice president for 15 years. He will continue as a professor of medicine and a member of the Center for Health Policy and Ethics. He intends to focus on research and teaching of health policy and its effects on practice and education in the health sciences. Dr. O'Brien earned a master's and a medical degree from Creighton. He served an internship and residency at Bellevue Hospital in New York. He then completed a postdoctoral fellowship funded by the National Institutes of Health at the University of Wisconsin. He also completed a Special Fellowship of the National Cancer Institute at the University of Southern California. Dr. O'Brien was on the faculty at the University of Southern California from 1966 to 1982. He returned to Creighton in 1982 as dean of Creighton's School of Medicine. In 1984 he became acting vice president for health sciences and a year later took over that position while continuing to serve as medical dean until 1992.

Tune in to "Talking History" on Monday, May 24, at 10 a.m. on KIOS 91.5 FM when Creighton History Professor Dr. Eileen Dugan talks with historian David Nobel about whether religion influenced the development of technology.

Women and heart disease is the topic for the next "Creighton Healthwise," which airs at 10:30 a.m. May 24 on KIOS 91.5 FM. Dr. Amy Arouni, assistant professor of cardiology, will describe risk factors, symptoms, prevention and treatment options for heart disease in women.

To all Creighton Health Plan participants utilizing Creighton Medical Associates physicians: Mutual of Omaha and Creighton Medical Associates are working together on claims issues that have arisen for some members. With the implementation of the new health plan, issues in the areas of specialty referrals and claims payment have been identified. If you receive an Explanation of Benefits from Mutual of Omaha, or a statement for services from Creighton Medical Associates that you feel is incorrect, please call the CMA office at x5858, option 2 (HMO/Managed Care). They will answer any questions and help with correcting your billing.

The Osteoporosis Research Center at Creighton invites you to participate in a short study designed especially for smokers. Absolutely no pressure will be put on you to stop smoking. Purpose: To determine the effect of smoking on the body's ability to absorb calcium. Selection Criteria: Males and females, must smoke at least 10 cigarettes/day, age 20-30 and 45+. Disqualifiers: Diabetic or taking steroids, must commit to both study mornings. Stipend: \$120. Time Requirement: Morning #1 requires 30 minutes in the early morning and 10 minutes around lunch time; morning #2 requires 1-3 hours in the morning. Saturday appointments are available if necessary. Contact: Jan Leist at x4578. If you get the voice mail, leave your name and phone number. Your call will be returned as quickly as possible. Thank you for considering this study. If you are not interested but know people who might be, please share this information with them.

Michael Proterra, S.J., dean of the Creighton College of Arts and Sciences, expresses his appreciation and thanks to the many College and University faculty, staff and students who made his recent reception so memorable. "The awards, gifts, notes, card and good wishes will remain with me for a very long time, indeed," Proterra said.

Faculty: The Bookstore only has 50 percent of the fall adoptions in. Please send your adoptions so the Bookstore can get your book orders processed and the books on the shelves. Freshmen will start buying their fall books when they visit the campus in June and July for Summer Preview. Please help the students and get your adoptions turned in.

Laboratory Safety Reminder: Flammables may not be stored in nonexplosion proof refrigerators.

A reception honoring Dean Larry Raful of the Law School will be held Wednesday, June 2, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Skutt Student Center Ballroom.

Please join Uta Hallee Girls Village and the College of Arts and Sciences Department of Social Work for a live video satellite conference on "What about Girls? Females in the Juvenile Justice System." This event is being held in the Union Pacific Room on Monday, May 24, from noon to 2:30 p.m. A box lunch is provided and seats are filling up. RSVP to Barbara Harris at x2081.

Creighton Health and Dental participants are reminded to contact Human Resources if they have a dependent older than 19 who graduated or will no longer be a full-time student. If coverage continuation is needed, the forms will be sent. If this same student is your last dependent (not including spouse), you may need to change your coverage category. Contact Sharon Laughlin (A-K) at x4753 or Norene Fitle (L-Z) at x1729.

The next meeting of the Sexual Orientation Issues Task Force will take place Tuesday, May 25, from 2:30-3:30 p.m. in the University College Conference Room. The Sexual Orientation Issues Task Force is open to all interested faculty, staff, students and administrators. Monthly meetings address sexual orientation issues within the Creighton community. Call Cathy Pedersen at x2205 for more information.

Job Postings: 1st day--Medical Secretary, Cardiology, C-09; Secretary II, Education, C-07; Executive Assistant to the Dean, Medical Dean's Office, C-10; Clerical Assistant/Secretary II (30 hours/week), Medical Dean's Office, C-07; Math Specialist (part-time), Education Opportunity Programs, P-01; 3rd day--Section Supervisor, Animal Resources, T-11; 5th day--Clerical Assistant (part-time), Educational Opportunity Center, C-06; PC Support Coordinator, Reinert Alumni Library, T-08. *Applicable position descriptions are available for viewing on the campus network JAYNet. These position descriptions are*

updated every Thursday by the close of business. Descriptions also are available on the World Wide Web. Type <http://www.creighton.edu/HR> to view the menu of options. Questions regarding available positions should be directed to Human Resources.

CU Information Technology Process Improvement Initiative Underway

This summer Creighton is beginning the second phase in a major effort to replace the major information systems serving the University. This phase will replace the systems providing service to students and faculty. After a year of evaluating software options by task forces of the Administrative Computing Committee, the University has selected the Exeter Student System Suite running in an Oracle/UNIX environment. This new, integrated system will greatly enhance functionality and efficiency in the entry, management and use of information. It will reduce duplication of effort, strengthen security, improve accuracy and timeliness of information, and provide new analytical capacity. The system utilizes familiar Web browser interfaces and allows students, faculty, staff and administrators to access directly the information that each is entitled to see and use.

The initial stage of the project will implement Exeter's Student Marketing System to support activities in the Admissions Offices of the University. Modules for Student Financial Aid, Student Records, Student Billing and possibly Housing and Career Services also will also be installed. All systems are expected to be operational by the end of 2000.

The director of the Process Improvement Initiative is Bob Rauscher, director of administrative computing. Dr. Tom Mans, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, has been appointed associate director of the process improvement initiative. Mans is tasked to the project for approximately one year, after which he will return to the faculty. Teams from the various areas involved are being organized to implement the new systems. The PII group will be located in Ad432.

Creighton has already begun the replacement of its information systems for Development, and plans to replace systems for Human Resources/Payroll, Library and Finance with integrated Oracle based systems.

Thank you to the 1999 Spring Commencement Assistant Marshals! More than 100 of you carried it off--a very successful spring commencement! Among your collective accomplishments, you lined up 1,100 graduates, handed out 9,000 programs, greeted and provided security for as many guests, escorted honorees, answered a trillion questions, handed out 1,100 diplomas, sold \$10,000 in Creighton gift items, and kept small and large catastrophes at bay. **Assistant Marshals:** Jennifer Alan, Max Bogard, Kitty Brougham, Joyce Bunger, Michelle Cook, Erin Curry, Kathleen Dare, Rick Davis, Linda Dunn, Ed DuPree, Lori Elliott-Bartle, David Ellison, Sarah English, Annette Eubanks, Nancy Fichter, Joy Fjare, Fran Foss, John Glenn, Rosemary Gross, Elizabeth Grund, Robert Guthrie, Gayle Hafer, Tom Hallstrom, Cecilia Hallstrom, Johnna Hargens, Jody Hargens, Dorris Hawkins, Colleen Hendrick, Dennis Henkenius, Ruth Henneman, Carol Hillerson, Troy Horine, Celeste Hubbard, Hazel Hughes, Chris Jensen, Wm. F. Kelly, S.J., Michele King, Sally Komrofske, LeRoy Kozeny, Steve Krueger, Erna La Sala, Lisa Langford, Michael Lee, S.J., Gregory Leet, Carol Lewis, Patricia Lucas, Bernadette Martin, Rich McCormick, Marianne McGinn, Gabriel McGrath, George McNary, Kathy Morgan, Jack Neneman, Bill Nosek, Michele O'Conner, Maureen O'Connor, Dennis O'Driscoll, Dan O'Reilly, Linda Pappas, Mary Parr, Arnette Payne, Gerard Phannenstiel, Leslie Popps, Pat Prime, Susi Rachouh, Julie Reinbold, Trudy Ruch, J.C. Ruch, Maribeth Schnase, Steve Scholer, Kathy Schwede, Tricia Brundo Sharrar, Robert Skrydlak, Linda Smith, Alice Spence, Tim Sully, Kathryn Swanger, Sheila Swanson, Pam Swisher, Audrey Tramp, O.S.B., Teresa Udron, Darlis Vauble, Pamela Adams Vaughn, Therese Vaughn, Wilma Wengert, Cynthia Workman, Mary Carol Zuegner. **Public Safety Officers:** Charles Brue, Gary Dellutri, Earle Doohan, James Estwick, John Gayman, Dave Martins, Rick McAuliffe, Dave Peterson, Dom Sangimino, Dave Shadbolt, Johan Windmueller, Bill Worthing. **Book Store Personnel:** Mike Marquardt, Deb Noton, Kathy Wise, Dawn Bender, Kathy Bonczek, Jason Smith. **Creighton University Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps, Pershing Rifles Company, P2:** Commanding Officer Paul Butler, Jamie Hogan and Richelle Ramirez. **Special thanks to Processional Banner Carriers:** Jack E. Walsh, Dr. Fred Hanna, Dr. John Wingender, Dr. Brenda Bergman-Evans, Dr. J. B. Barr, Eric Pearson, Dr. Jared Smith, Dr. Subhash Bhatia and Dr. Philip Lister.

If you have comments/suggestions, please contact one of the following members of the Commencement Committee: Patty Perry, Robyn Eden, Steve Kline, Kathy Dare, John Krecek, Fr. Tom Shanahan, S.J.



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