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Community rallies at CU after shooting

■ Von Maur tragedy is remembered by students, faculty and staff.

BY MOLLY MULLEN
News Reporter

As students were preparing for finals and packing up their dorms at the end of fall semester, a tragedy struck Omaha and forced the Creighton community to think of life's larger picture.

Since the shooting took place at Von Maur on Dec. 5, Creighton students, alumni and faculty have gathered to remember those who lost their lives and those who worked to save them.

"In this time of tragedy, we honor those who answered the call in the midst of this unthinkable, horrific violence — our police, our firefighters and rescue personnel," said the Rev. John Schlegel, S.J., university president, at the fall commencement ceremony. "We thank them for being beacons of light during a time of darkness; for being women and men of courage in the face of human destruction."

Three men present at the ser-

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WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

More than a month after the tragedy, steps are being taken to heal the wounds.

- The United Way continues to accept donations for the victims' fund through Feb. 1. Contributions can be made online at <http://www.vonmaurvictimsfund.org>. The fund has topped \$1 million so far for the eight families.

- Legislative Bill 958 would require reporting the loss or theft of guns within 48 hours, require all guns to be sold with a gun lock or trigger lock and require people convicted of gun crimes to go to prison for five years.

Rho Mus are role models

Recruitment week draws 240 potential sorority members.



Photo by Molly Mullen

Arts & Sciences freshmen Emily Nolz and Michaela Cantral, new members to the Pi Beta Phi sorority, go ice skating at the MidAmerica Center after bid night. The sorority added 47 new members.

By JULIA SMITH
News Reporter

When Nursing junior Katie Ryan was a freshman, she never pictured herself as a sorority girl. But after being disaffiliated from her chapter as a recruitment mentor for this year's sorority recruitment, Ryan couldn't wait to reunite with her sorority sisters.

Ryan was one of 28 sorority members who led the 240 potential members through Spring recruitment week, which ended Monday.

These recruitment mentors, called Rho Mus, are "neutral parties in the recruitment process," Ryan said. "We are each assigned a group of 20 girls to mentor throughout the week, and we help them decide which sorority is right for them and where their best fit is. If they're uncomfortable with the recruitment process, we help them withdraw and we find them another organization on campus to be involved in."

"I wanted to be a Rho Mu mainly to be on the other end of recruitment," Business junior Nicole Lohaus said. "I wanted to be a role model for the girls and support them so they have someone to talk to."

The time commitment required to be a Rho Mu was "pretty intense," Ryan said.

After an application and interview process with the Panhellenic Council, the new Rho Mus started training five hours a day from Jan. 6 until recruitment started on Jan. 10.

During training the Rho Mus learned how to "empathize with girls in a neutral manner and not pass judgments or opinions to them," Ryan said. "A lot of the training was on counseling skills and answering

TURN TO "Rho Mus" PAGE 2

Resident advisers fired after incident

■ Three Resident Life employees appealed the department's decision.

By CHRISTINE GALT
Editor in Chief

Five resident advisers and one assistant resident director were fired from their positions in Residence Life after an incident that took place before semester break. Two of the advisers resided in Kiewit, one in Swanson and one in Gallagher.

The assistant residence director and two of

the resident advisers appealed the decision. Residence Life rehired the assistant resident director and one of the advisers, but has not released a decision concerning the third advisor.

Dr. Richard Rossi, associate vice president for student services/ residence life, said he could not talk about the incident or decisions made by Residence Life because of employment confidentiality. The advisers and director were informed of the decision shortly after returning from break.

Business freshman Alexander Knust was upset when he heard about the firings, but he was glad Residence Life was open to the appeals.

"The way Creighton preaches these Jesuit values and becoming a better person, the whole person, it is somewhat hypocritical," Knust said. "I think they made the right choice by keeping the advisers here." Knust said that if a resident adviser on his floor would have been permanently fired, it would have been a detriment to his experience at Creighton.

"It would have been devastating to lose our RA. It would be a major change and it would be hard for the person coming in, too. There would be unfair stereotypes. It would have been tough for this floor in particular because we are so close."

"We jumped down out of the elevator and saw that the whole lower level of the library was thick with smoke."
 ~Arts & Sciences freshman Anthony Cabrera, see page 5 for more on the Rienart library fire.

WEEKLY CAMPUS SAFETY REPORT

1/9/08 10:24 a.m.

A visitor reported feeling faint while attending a funeral at St. John's Church. A rescue squad responded and treated the woman at the scene.

1/9/08 9:27 p.m.

An intoxicated student was transported by Public Safety from Kenefick Hall to CUMC for treatment. A second student was also intoxicated and was transported by rescue squad to CUMC.

1/9/08 9:31 a.m.

A student reported the loss of his bicycle from the east side of Kenefick Hall over Christmas break.

1/11/08 5:50 p.m.

The Blue Jay shuttle was involved in a minor traffic accident on Wareham Parkway with a vehicle driven by a non-affiliate who was attempting to parallel park.

1/11/08 6:27 p.m.

A student reported the loss of \$70 from her purse in her unlocked room in Kiewit Hall.

1/11/08 2:50 p.m.

A student from the University of Kentucky reported the loss of an unattended laptop computer and MP3 player from the Skutt Student Center when he was on campus last October.

1/12/08 8:14 p.m.

A student reported that her vehicle had been dented while it was parked on the top level of the 24th Street garage.

1/12/08 9:56 p.m.

A student reported that a man wearing only boxer shorts forced his way into his vehicle at 27th and Burt Street. The student pushed the man out of his vehicle, and the man was pursued by CUMC Security personnel. The man was being treated at the CUMC Emergency Room.

1/13/08 2:25 a.m.

An intoxicated student was transported by Public Safety from Kiewit Hall to CUMC for treatment.

1/13/08 10:02 p.m.

A student reported that cash had been taken from her room in Kiewit Hall.

1/14/08 2:20 a.m.

An intoxicated student was transported by Public Safety from Swanson Hall to CUMC for treatment.



Photo by Molly Mullen

After the December shooting, visitors placed tributes and memorabilia of the victims on the front steps of the Von Maur store. Volunteers, mostly from the Douglas County Historical Society and local clergy, removed the memorials a few weeks after the shooting, before the store reopened.

SHOOTING: Omaha fire and rescue workers are honored at CU graduation

vice represented the Omaha police, fire and rescue workers who were called to Westroads Mall after eight people were killed and others wounded by a teenage gunman who took his own life.

The Magis Award, meaning the more or the greater, was received by Capt. Al Salcedo of the Omaha Fire and Rescue Department, Capt. Jim Boomsma, a 1995 graduate of Creighton's paramedic program, and Officer Bill Dropinski of the Omaha Police Department.

"These people have to live with that trauma and face that fear, seeing the bodies on the floor that day," Schlegel said. "They have to live with these memories."

He said that on the Wednesday of the tragedy, he was sitting in his office when the call came over the police scanner.

Schlegel, along with others working in the president's office, gathered in his office to watch the news unfold on the television.

"Like everyone else, I was in total disbelief," he said.

Creighton became a rallying point for the community for days afterward, he said, much like in the wake of 9/11.

A memorial service was held Wednesday night, along with one the following morning and a funeral service days afterward.

A funeral was held for John McDonald, a law school alumnus as well as an active parishioner of St. John's Church.

The Rev. Bert Thelen, S.J., St. John's pastor, said when the names were released, it was obvious the event would have an immediate effect on Creighton's campus. At the funeral for McDonald, Thelen said the church was packed, filled with family and friends, along with some students who never even met him.

"Creighton and St. John's really showed compassion," he said.

Along with being involved in memorial services, Thelen helped counsel students through Campus Ministry.

"I mean having eight people killed at a shopping mall," he said, "some of the students had just been out there that day."

He said tragedies, such as the shooting, can be a very vulnerable time for students. Thelen said if students are still looking for someone to talk to, they should contact the Counseling Center or Campus Ministry. Students who live

on campus, can start by contacting their Resident Advisers.

Kayla Spaustat, freshman Arts & Sciences major, has worked at Charlotte Russe, a clothing store, in Westroads Mall for 10 months. Although she wasn't there the Wednesday of the shooting, she was back at work that Saturday, when the mall reopened.

"The mood when I got back was very remorseful, but I didn't see anyone who was extremely upset by it all," Spaustat said.

She wasn't nervous about going back to work, she said, because she wasn't there when it happened.

"If I had been there I would have been scared to go back, definitely," Spaustat said. "It was a horrible, horrible thing, but it probably won't happen again."

When she did get back to work, she said she was surprised by the number of customers flooding the mall.

Spaustat thought the event would affect the business at Westroads because no one would want to come back, but so many people ended up wanting to shop there to show their support.

RHO MUS: The Greek community completes recruitment for new members

tough questions about the Greek community, like how to manage stereotypes."

Because the Rho Mus had to disaffiliate themselves from their respective chapters, they couldn't wear their letters or sorority T-shirts during recruitment and had to delete sorority references off their Facebook accounts, Lohaus said.

They also had to spend the weekend at a hotel to stay separated from their chapters and be closer to campus.

"It was hard because we weren't allowed to associate with our sororities," Lohaus said. "But it was a really good experience."

"As a Rho Mu, the best part of the recruitment process is seeing the girls go through what I got to go through," Ryan said. "I like seeing them so excited - seeing them make the decision that's going to affect them through the

next four years of their college experience."

The selection process for recruitment was a mutual one; the potential new members voted for the sororities they wanted to be a part of, and the sororities voted for the potential new members they thought would fit best in their group.

Although 240 students went through recruitment this year, each of the four sororities on campus accepted about 40 to 45 girls in a pledge class.

"They don't always get the invitations back from the sororities they really want to be a part of," Ryan said. "Not everyone's going to be able to find their fit, it's just not possible with the size of our sororities. It's hard to see girls get disappointed and be upset and everything."

"That's the worst part - the anxiety of finding out if you got your choices each day,"

Arts & Sciences freshman Kaitlyn Brittan said. "If you have your heart set on one you won't necessarily get it, so it's really nerve-racking to wait and see."

The recruitment process was full of invitations, introductions, parties and bids, but the time and money put into it is worth it, Ryan said.

"Once I got into the process, it was just something I was really intrigued by because it was a group of women who you would not only be sisters with for your four years at college but for the rest of your life," she said. "A lot of my close friends have been my sorority sisters."

Brittan hopes for a similar experience. "I hope to gain sisters that are like family to me - people I can just rely on for anything," she said. "I want to have a built-in family on campus."

Fr. Scott dedicated 41 years to Creighton

By MYRA GOTTL
Assistant Editor

The Rev. John M. Scott, S.J., a former member of the Creighton Jesuit Community, died on Dec. 27 at St. Camillus Jesuit Community in Wauwatosa, WI at the age of 94.

Scott was a writer for the Jesuits at Creighton from 1978 to 2002 and also served as an associate pastor at St. Agnes Church in Omaha in 2001.

John Scott was born in Omaha, Neb., on April 8, 1913.

His family moved to Butte, Mont., where he attended Immaculate Conception Grade School and then Christian Brothers High School until 1927.

Then Scott and his family returned to Omaha, and he graduated from Creighton Prep in 1931.



Fr. Scott

Following graduation, he entered the Society of Jesus on August 8 at St. Stanislaus Seminary in Florissant, Mo., and pronounced first vows on August 15, 1933.

After he received A.B. and M.A. degrees in philosophy from St. Louis University,

he taught mathematics and general science at Holy Rosary Mission in Pine Ridge, S.D., from 1938 to 1941.

From 1941 to 1945, Scott studied theology at St. Marys College in St. Marys, Kan., and was ordained as a priest there on June 21, 1944.

After receiving his licentiate in theology from St. Louis University, he obtained also there a M.S. degree in physics in 1947.

From 1948 to 1978 Scott taught physics at Campion Jesuit High School in Prairie du Chien, Wis.

He was acting Superior of that community from 1975 to 1978 and pronounced his final vows there on February 2, 1977.

When the school closed, he moved to Omaha and became involved with the Creighton University Jesuit Community.

When his health began to fail, he moved to the St. Camillus Jesuit Community in Wauwatosa, Wis. With his Superior's approval Fr. Scott donated his body to medical science.

Fr. Scott was a priest, scientist, teacher and friend. He was also the author of many books, learning aides, pamphlets and articles.

A memorial Mass for John Scott, S.J. was held on Sunday, January 13 at 12:30 p.m. at St. John's Church. Another memorial was held at St. Camillus on Friday, January 11.



Photo courtesy of the Jesuit Community

Fr. John M. Scott was a member of the Creighton Jesuits from 1978 to 2002. He died at St. Camillus Jesuit Community in Wauwatosa, Wis. at age 94.



Photo by Princella Parker

William Flores after visiting his wife, takes a smoke-break with some Marlboro Reds outside the Creighton University Medical Center. Starting Jan. 1, the Medical Center went tobacco-free.

CU soon to go smoke-free

Opinions about the upcoming smoking ban differ greatly.

By JOHN SORRENTINO
News Reporter

Many people make New Year's resolutions: eating healthier, going to the gym and kicking old habits, like smoking, are popular.

This year, Creighton University Medical Center has finally listened to the warning of the Surgeon General and decided to ban smoking on its campus.

As of Jan. 1, Creighton University's Medical Center became tobacco-free.

The administrators that led this petition cited health concerns, healthcare costs and the upkeep of the campus as their main reasons to outlaw smoking when they announced their plans to clear the air of smoky hazes.

For the first year of the ban, the administration would like to focus on education, and stated that no fines would be levied during the first year after going into effect.

"The plan is, for the first year, to educate and inform people," said Jeff Branstetter, ex-

ecutive director of Human Services.

Those that huddle around ashbins in the biting cold, exhaling jets of smoke as fast as they can so they can return inside to warm their frozen fingers, don't have to worry about pitching their brand new pack of Marlboro's yet as the university-wide smoking ban does not go into effect this semester.

A smoker of two years, sophomore Jon Harrison Natvig, feels that the smoking ban is slightly hypocritical.

"I think that if they are going to ban smoking, they should also ban the fatty foods that they serve daily in the dining halls. That food has to be responsible for poor health among students, much more so than cigarettes."

The penalty, or possible fine for smoking on campus, is still up in the air as well.

"Snubbing your cigarette is punishment enough... waste of a good cigarette," Natvig said.

Many nonsmokers feel that the ban is unnecessary and encroaches on several rights to which students are entitled.

"I don't think that smoking is necessarily right, but being on a campus with people that do choose to smoke doesn't bother me," said nonsmoker and Arts & Sciences sophomore Allison Fanders, "and handing out fines to people who do choose to exercise their right to smoke is ludicrous."

"I think it's silly," said Arts & Sciences senior and former smoker Sarah Cavanaugh. "Are they going to have smoking police to ensure that no one lights up?"

"I understand banning it near the Medical Center for health issues and because of the day-care that they have there, but the whole campus is going a little far."

"I don't think there should be a ban at all," Megan Ann Reynolds said. "I think that at the hospital it is reasonable, but not on campus. And handing out fines to those that break the rule will be unsuccessful because I don't believe people will ever pay them."

There are, however, many students that favor the decision to make Creighton a tobacco-free campus.

Mari Gavino, Arts & Sciences sophomore and president of Kenefick Hall, believes that it's "a good thing for the nonsmokers on campus, and that the program that they want to use to educate people on the effects of smoking and aiding people that do smoke with ways to quit, is a great idea."

She also said that many nonsmokers would be happier if people weren't allowed to smoke near entrances to buildings, a rule that few Creighton buildings enforce.

The smoking ban for the entire campus goes into effect July 1, 2008.

Briefs

NEWS

Workshop series to be held for students seeking jobs or internships

The staff of the Career Center will host several workshops on interviews, resumes and applying to graduate school.

For times and locations, see the events calander at the Career Center webpage: www.creighton.edu/careercenter/

Bio-Information Center celebrates 30th Anniversary

A ceremony will be held in the Browsing Area of the Bio-Information Center on Friday, January 18, 2008 at 3 p.m. The Center is located in the Health Sciences Library and all are welcome to attend.

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One year for the Catholic Worker

■ Home for the homeless going strong, serving the community.

By LINDSEY BIERMAN
News Reporter

As both volunteers and the men who were once considered homeless sit around the table, there is a sense of joy and happiness. Before anyone begins to eat, a prayer is spoken to God, in thanks for His blessings and the opportunity for them all to be together. As the meal progresses, each has the opportunity to share his day.

Looking around the table, it is apparent that these people are more than friends.

They're family.

This is the scene that is repeated daily at the Catholic Worker house just a few blocks from Creighton. Two of the volunteers who join in this meal are Creighton students Beth Dickey, Arts & Sciences senior, and Andy Bauer, Arts & Sciences sophomore.

The Catholic Worker Movement began during the Great Depression and was founded by Dorothy Day and Peter Maurin, according to the Catholic Worker Web site. Their goal was to provide hospitality to the homeless, hungry and forsaken.

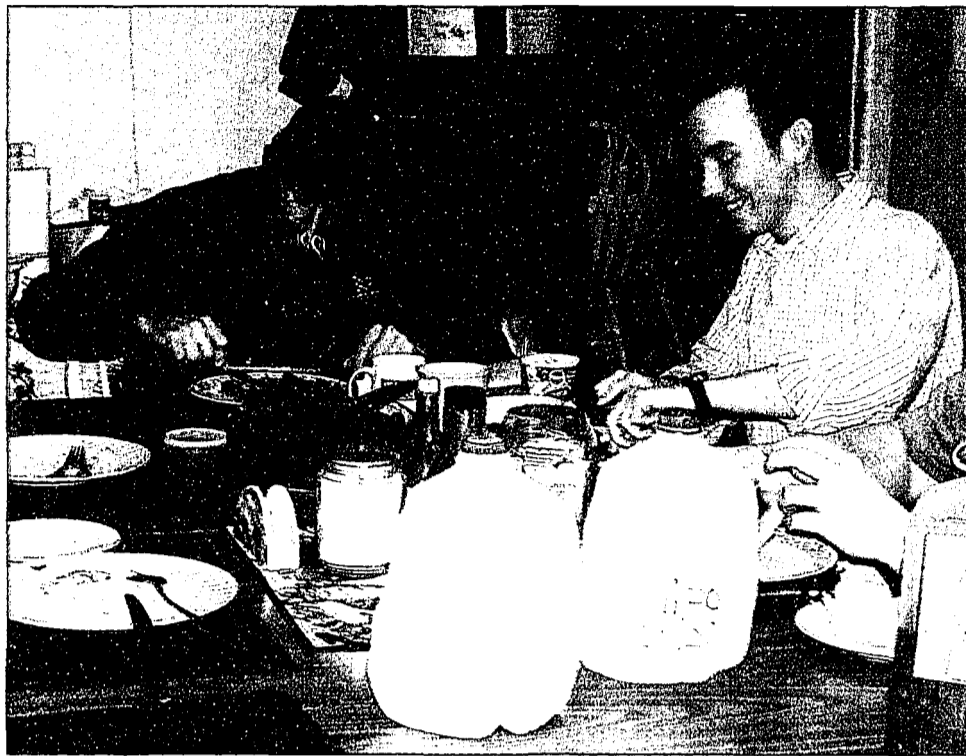
The Catholic Worker is a volunteer organization that is based on community. Every person involved in the organization is unpaid; all are considered volunteers. Thanks to these volunteers and committed individuals, they have made an impact throughout the world. There are currently over 189 communities with 168 in 37 states, six in Canadian provinces and 15 in 10 other countries.

It has been over a year since the Catholic Worker has been open in Omaha. Jerry Ebner, who started the Catholic Worker in Omaha and has been a part of this movement since 1971, said one of the most important values of the organization is personalism.

"We are different than other agencies," Ebner said. "The people who come here are not clients and are not a number. They are persons of dignity and worth who slowly become part of the community."

"We are concerned about the whole person, not just one aspect of being homeless and hungry."

Student volunteers are always welcome at the Catholic Worker. Volunteers cook, play



Left: From left to right, visitor Mark Underwood and volunteer Andy Bauer, Arts & Sciences sophomore, enjoy chocolate cake for desert. Bauer visits the home for about five or six hours every week.

Below: Local volunteer Charles listens to visitor Tarquin tell a story.

Photos by Christine Galt



games, hang out and are just present.

"You get to know people you otherwise would not know," Dickey said.

Dickey has been volunteering at the Catholic Worker since before it was officially opened by helping paint and remodel.

"I like to make whatever service as personal that I can. Volunteering at the Catholic Worker gives more of a face to homelessness."

The Catholic Worker depends on donations from community members throughout Omaha. They receive donations from individuals, parishes and congregations in the way of food, other items and money to help pay the bills that come from running a house. Their ability to make it through the month depends on the generosity of others from month to month.

Instead of worrying about all the bills, the volunteers put their faith in God, knowing that He will always come through for them Ebner said.

"To take one day at a time," Ebner said. "Believing in faith and in God, that everything will happen somehow."

Bauer started volunteering at the organization after a spring break service trip where he saw the Cleveland Catholic Worker. He has been a volunteer at the Omaha Catholic Worker for several months.

"I have realized that the people here can sometimes teach you more about life and faith

than sitting at Creighton in a classroom," he said.

The Omaha Catholic Worker currently has four men living in the house. The house can hold up to five. There are also two volunteers along with Ebner who live within the house whose role is to provide hospitality and help keep the house running.

"I share daily life with people that are usually ignored in our society, marginalized or just plain forgotten," Charles Bergman, a community member who lives in the house said.

The student volunteers and Ebner all said that what they do is not about them but about the people whom they help through the Catholic Worker. They do not want the focus of their volunteering to be on them, because that is not why they volunteer.

"Volunteering here does not feel like a service," said Dickey. "The Catholic Worker house feels like a home."

"Every person is deserving of respect and friendship," Ebner said. This is the main goal of the Catholic Worker and its student and community volunteers.

The Catholic Worker is always looking for new student volunteers, Ebner said. The best way to see if volunteering at the Catholic Worker is right for you is to just go down and visit to see what you can do to volunteer, he said.

"Come figure it out on your own because it is different for everyone," Bauer said.

The Catholic Worker is located at 1104 N. 24th Street, about two blocks away from Creighton. Jerry Ebner can be e-mailed at cwomaha@gmail.com or reached at 402-502-5887.

To learn more about the world-wide Catholic Worker movement and its founders, check out www.catholicworker.org.

Fire in elevator shaft snares two freshmen

■ Students escape from the incident without injury.

By C SCOTT JORDAN
News Reporter

Members of the Omaha Fire Department visited Creighton accompanied by Public Safety last month, but this time not as part of a drill.

On the morning of Dec. 5, smoke rising within Reinert Alumni Memorial Library was revealed to be a fire inside the elevator shaft. Public Safety was notified along with the fire department who "responded very quickly," said Debra Sturges, head of Access Services for the library.

Arriving on the scene, Public Safety discovered that two students were trapped in the elevator above the fire. The students were Arts & Sciences freshmen Marty Althoff and Anthony Cabrera.

"It was scary," Cabrera said. "We felt the elevator go up half a floor but then it stopped."

The students covered their mouths from the smoke using their sweatshirts. Public

Safety arrived soon after Cabrera and Althoff pressed the call button for help.

"We could hear them coughing [due to the smoke], but they continued to work," Cabrera said. "They got the outside set of doors open and then me and Marty pulled the inside doors open. We jumped down out of the elevator and saw that the whole lower level of the library was thick with smoke."

Neither Cabrera nor Althoff were injured during the fire. The students were stuck in the elevator for approximately 15 minutes, "but it seemed a lot longer," Cabrera said.

The source of the fire was attributed to the breaking of the elevator motor. Due to the age of the motor it was not able to be repaired but on Dec. 21, the motor was replaced.

The flames were quickly combated by the firemen alongside Public Safety.

"Aside from some smoke and fire extinguishing spray, no permanent damage was left behind by the fire," Sturges said.

Effective communication and decisive action by the authorities assured that this fire was a minor disturbance.

"Public Safety really responded quickly and we are very appreciative of their efforts," Sturges said.

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The Name Game

After months of work, businesses in the Harper Center will receive an identity. The top candidates for the shop names have been selected and are up to a final vote.

By NATHAN ANCHETA
News Reporter

As the final red bricks are being laid upon the outside of the newly constructed, \$50 million, 200,000 square-foot Harper Living Learning Center, one question still remains: What do we call whatever is inside?

Last December, over 1400 students, staff and faculty helped select the future names of the Harper Center retail units. Five components were voted upon: a coffee shop, a convenience store, a fitness center, an alumni/sports café and the spirit shop, which will be located on the second floor of the new bookstore.

The Harper Center Retail Subcommittee worked with Division of Information Technologies to create a secure voting Web site where Creighton students could choose among five submitted names for each location. Retail Subcommittee member and Associate Dean of Students, Michele Starzyk said, "Much like the CSU elections, we wanted a secure vote, and so we delayed voting for a week. Also we tried to make it as accessible to people as possible."

The entire naming process started in early fall, at the beginning of the semester. The Retail Subcommittee asked students to submit possible names, and every week they would work on a different unit. "We really wanted to build enthusiasm for the center with the voting," Starzyk said. "We set up the process of involving the whole community to decide."

Another duty the committee worked on was soliciting feedback from several groups on campus. They surveyed students as well as the different businesses that will be in the center such as Sodexo. They will be creating a food survey to get more response.

"It's a definite new concept when you have classrooms and a sports café in the same building,"

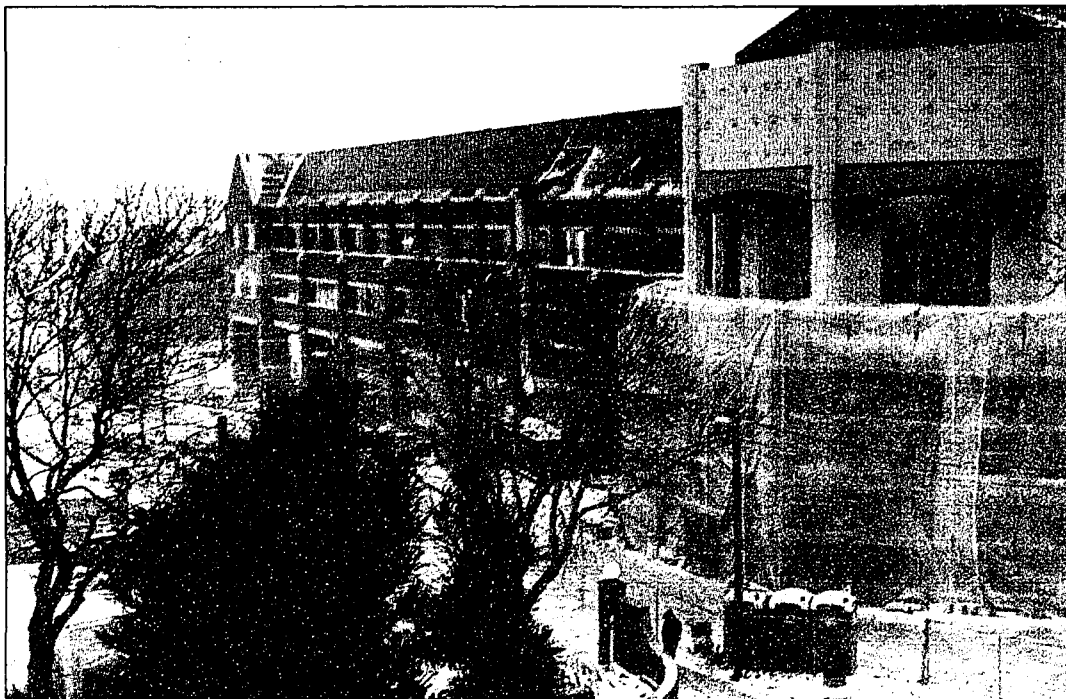


Photo by Molly Mullen

Winter weather halts exterior construction on the new 200,000 square-foot Harper Center. The center will include shops, a fitness center, a sports café and a lecture hall.

Starzyk said. "Creighton is really taking a lead in this new idea."

The final step in setting up the names for the Harper Center is actually clearing the names. The committee is holding off on releasing the choices that earned the most votes until they have made sure those names do not have any trademarks or copyrights on them. "For example, if Olive's Place was selected, we

would make sure there was no other 'Olive's Place' in the country," Starzyk said.

Overall, the committee was satisfied with the results. "I think, considering what time of year, [dead week] and with the number of people we have on campus, 1400 votes is pretty successful. It was pretty representative of the Creighton community," Starzyk said.

INDESCISION 2008: You decide

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Jesuits to elect superior general

■ Issues facing the Jesuits will be discussed at the 35th General Convention.

By LAURA THOMAS
News Reporter

By Saturday, the Society of Jesus will have elected a new superior general.

The 225 representatives of the 20,000 Jesuits around the world also will have discussed topics that will influence the future of the order. The Jesuits are meeting in Rome at the 35th General Congregation. The Rev. Peter-Hans Kolvenbach, S.J., the current superior general, officially resigned from his post on Monday.



Kolvenbach

The election process is steeped in tradition. The four-day period prior to the election is called *murmuratio*, or murmuring. During *murmuratio*, the delegates ask each other about qualities of the men in the room because one of them will be elected to the position of superior general.

On the fifth day, one delegate gives a 15-minute speech, which is preceded by 45 minutes of prayer. Then they place secret, paper ballots for the delegate they wish to have as superior general.

Once they have reached a majority vote, the decision is taken to the pope for his blessing. The delegate nominated must accept the role of superior general under his vow of obedience for the Society of Jesus. The announcement is scheduled for Saturday.

This congregation was called because of the need to elect a new superior general as well as to discuss pressing issues within the Society of Jesus.

After they elect a new superior general, the delegates will discuss a host of topics and make changes within the constitution as needed. The topics were selected through postulates, or suggestions about the Jesuit mission, being sent in during the provincial meetings.

The discussion points range from environmental concerns to the role of the laity in the Jesuit mission.

Some Creighton Jesuits and others talked



Photo courtesy of the Rev. Don Doll, S.J.

Jesuits applaud as Rev. Peter-Hans Kolvenbach, S.J., the retiring Superior General of the Society of Jesus, enters the 35th General Congregation. The Jesuits represent the 20,000 Jesuits all over the world. The standing ovation lasted for nearly five minutes.

about the General Congregation during interviews and a Tuesday luncheon.

The No. 1 topic up for discussion is "The Ecological Dimension of the Society's Mission."

This is a unique topic to have as a top priority because it has never been discussed before at a General Congregation, said the Rev. Andy Alexander, S.J., vice president of University Ministry and the director of the Collaborative Ministry Office.

"Issues coming from the Third World deeply affect the Congregation," said Maureen McCann Waldron, associate director for the Collaborative Ministry Office.

Waldron also said the majority of the delegates are from Third World countries, making the Congregation highly educated on the effects of the ecological destruction taking place around the world.

Another important discussion topic is the role of the Jesuit Refugee Service in the mis-

sion.

"One of the most important aspects of being a Jesuit is to help those most in need," Alexander said.

Alexander said another main focus in the discussions would be working as one with the laity in mission work. This will entail the laity having a more central role within the Society of Jesus.

"The Jesuit future lies within the laity in order to promote more fully our mission," Alexander said.

There will also be an emphasis on "The Mission of the Society of Jesus in the Context of Globalization" during the discussion period of the Congregation.

"Global problems need global strategies. If we start to partner more globally, we will have an overwhelming impact on our world," Alexander said.

These changes start with the introduction of these issues within our education system, he

said.

The Creighton community will most likely see changes from this General Congregation, said the Rev. Bert Thelen, S.J., pastor of St. John's Parish and a delegate for the 34th General Congregation in 1999.

Thelen said he has seen changes from the General Congregation he attended, but that it has been a slow process.

Creighton will most likely see more of an emphasis on ecological issues within many subjects around campus, Thelen said.

"We should try to model the changes as well as talk about them. We should actively spend much of our time and energy on working together with the laity," he said. He also said we should strive to truly carry out the value of forming men and women for and with others.

The incoming superior general will have many challenges including the challenge of bringing lay people into a more central role, Thelen said.

CU funds decided by rookie finance committee

■ New members say inexperience will not affect decision-making.

By RYAN BORCHERS
News Editor

The finance committee of Creighton Students Union is going to look a bit different this semester.

Before the end of the fall semester, Arts & Sciences sophomore Dillon Miskimins was named CSU vice president for finance. Since then, seven CSU representatives were named to the finance committee. Out of the committee's eight total members, seven are new.

"They're all outstanding individuals and I'm sure everyone is going to do a great job," Business junior and CSU President Micah White said.

The new members are Miskimins, Nursing freshman Lindsay Kerfeld, Arts & Sciences sophomore Andrew Baumgartner, Business sophomore Nick Kohlmeyer and Anne Peetz and Arts & Sciences freshmen Dan Belatti and Cara Thorn.

The committee's returning member is

Arts & Sciences sophomore Adam Hare.

Despite the new faces, Miskimins does not expect a lack of experience to hurt the committee because the duties are outlined before the members are appointed.

"It's black and white," he said. "There's policies and procedures that we have to follow."

White agreed, saying that having seven new members won't hinder the committee and she is pleased with the group.

"They've heard some cases so far and they're doing a great job," she said.

CSU finance committee is in charge of hearing requests from undergraduate and non-student organizations that are seeking funds for activities and events. The committee then deliberates and distributes money in the CSU budget that has been set aside for undergraduate organizations.

"Our major goal is... to use everyone's money in the best way we can, backing events that make Creighton a more active, fun and interesting place to learn," Belatti said.

In terms of distributing funds, Miskimins hopes the committee can improve.

"The whole funding process needs to be more efficient for the student organizations," he said.

Belatti said that deciding which funds go to which organization will be difficult.

"Our biggest challenge is balancing our spending. We have nearly \$39,000 in funding per semester, and most of it needs to be spent since CSU is a registered nonprofit corporation," he said. "At the same time, at last Sunday's meeting alone we received requests for over \$13,500 in support. If we fully funded all events at that rate, we'd be out of money in less than a month."

"Saying no to organizations will be hard,"

Thorn said, especially ones that need the money for legitimate purposes. However, she is looking forward to serving Creighton and helping to make the right decisions for every organization.

Miskimins is also excited by the chance to serve his fellow students.

"I have this love for Creighton," he said. "It seems like I have a direct impact [on the university]."

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Larry Ferguson stands next to his photograph "Hong Kong from Inter-Continental Hotel, Kowloon, China, February 2003," the current exhibit at the Lied Art Gallery.

Ferguson's 'View' at Lied

■ Omaha artist presents photos of the world to a local audience.

By LOUIS JACKSON
Scene Reporter

The Lied Art Gallery launched its spring schedule with Larry Ferguson's exhibit of 68 black and white photographs from "The View From My Room" lasting Jan. 12 through Feb. 10. What's impressive is the diversity of locales from which the images were taken and the broad range of time the works represent.

"I admire his work which is a precisionist kind of darkroom photography. Very, very careful of every image. He likes a very sharp focus and I admire that in a photographer," said gallery director the Rev. Ted Bohr, S.J.

All photographs were captured between 1975-2007 from rooms at places such as Mexico, Chile, China and U.S. cities including San Francisco, New Orleans and Lincoln. Hotels dominate most of the views which work to achieve the visual angles used in most of the exhibit. "Everywhere he went, he decided to take a picture by the window just for his own interest. Once he started he decided to keep it up. What I like about this is it forces us to

think why we look out of windows and is there anything outside my windows that I perhaps missed," said Bohr.

In the photograph "Frances Lawhead's Cabin" taken in Silvergate, Montana, Ferguson pays a visit to his grandmother's cabin. The view shows a snow-covered woods scene outside the house with a pickup truck. "The image is so detailed you can see the window screen from up close.

"That sense of precision again and yet it's not hitting you until you actually spend time with it. You can tell the photographer loved that place just by the way he photographed it," said Fr. Bohr.

"I'm not here to make pretty pictures ever. That's a missed concept a lot of people have about me and my work," said Ferguson. "They're really internal and very emotional for me. What they do is they signify and they actually give physicality to the stories that I can tell about places."

"What's unusual about this show is that he makes money by being a commercial photographer. This (exhibit) is stuff he's done out of his own artistic interest and 90 percent of his works have never been shown before," said Bohr. A native of Nebraska, Ferguson has his photography studio based in Omaha and has served as one of the city's art commissioners

for six years. He received his BFA from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1977.

Ferguson also shared some of his experiences growing up toward becoming the veteran artist he is now.

"If you have success early on, the odds are you won't continue. You will be a flash in the pan and its over," Ferguson said. "So that's generally by the time people are showing in big time museums like the Sheldon or the Joslyn, you're old, you're a dinosaur. Your works been certified gold. You have to put in your time."

Ferguson sympathized with the position college student artists are in trying to figure out their way, and he placed an emphasis on the importance of understanding the business of art.

"If you don't figure out how to sell your work, you're going to starve, or you're going to have to figure out something else," Ferguson said.

Growing up on a farm, Ferguson initially received some skepticism from his father about the validity of his vocation. "This later changed.

"He's really proud of me now because I got to do the things he didn't get to do at the time. It makes him extremely happy," Ferguson said.

CU to host theater fest

By JENNIFER BISCHOFF
Assistant Scene Editor

Creighton will team up with Iowa Western Community College and University of Nebraska at Omaha to host the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival from Jan. 20 - 26.

This festival started in 1969 and includes a variety of activities for those wanting to become more involved in theater, inviting college students to participate in the many events offered. There are eight national regions from which a particular location chosen to host from for that year.

"It has everything that theater has to offer from acting, stage craft, lighting, theater management, costume construction, producing," said Matt DeNoncour, Arts & Sciences junior and president of Alpha Psi Omega Theater Honors Fraternity. "It has anything that any college student wants to get involved in, and looks like it's going to be a fun time."

The specific events include "The Irene Ryan Festival with scenes for actors, workshops on auditions, playwriting, scene painting, directing, scene design and lighting competitions, Job interviews from theaters across the country. There will also be six productions from schools in the region being held during the festival," said Mark Krejci, technical director for the Lied Education Center for the Arts.

A registration fee is required, but theater majors or any-one in the theater department who volunteers 10 or more hours during the week may be exempt from paying the fee those who are exempt from the fee can attend plays and workshops for free DeNoncour said.

Creighton is even hosting specific events for the competition.

"We are hosting the Thayer Lighting Competition and the productions of Tabula Rasa and Lights Fade", said Krejci.

Part of the festival includes the production of plays that have been nominated by a KCACTF member, who have viewed the play previously to the festival said J.P. Rankin, Arts & Sciences sophomore.

This will be Rankin's second year participating. He will be competing for the Irene Ryan scholarship this year.

Part of the purpose for the festival is to "to encourage, recognize, and celebrate the finest and most diverse work produced in university and college theater programs... to encourage colleges and universities to give distinguished productions of new plays, especially those written by students; the classics, revitalized or newly conceived; and experimental works," Krejci said.

Experiencing Bangkok: Thai time 101

This semester, *The Scene* will be following the journeys of several reporters and students who are studying abroad all around the world. This week, Arts & Sciences junior Sarah Knaack describes her assimilation into Thai culture in the country's capital, Bangkok.



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In a bustling Thai city of more than 8 million people, I've had to adapt to a new way of living, and since most speak only limited English, and I basically speak no Thai, I've needed a lot of patience, some good luck and killer hand signals. I've only been here 12 days, but it feels like so much more since each one is filled with new things to learn and see.

Bangkok is known for being a city of contradictions. Amid the crazy traffic and hectic streets as I started classes last week, I was quickly introduced to Thai time. Always a good American, I made sure I was prepared for class and eagerly showed up five minutes early to make a good impression. But class didn't start

until 20 after. Then we had a "15" minute break in the middle of class morphed into closer to 30. *Mai ben rai*. Nevermind, no worries. I wonder if this whole time thing is reciprocal for assignments?

"Oh yeah, I didn't get around to finishing that yet - ...no rush, right?"

But as much as I value Thai time for classes, it can be rather frustrating when it spills into other things like food service, the bus schedule (there's a reason it's called a schedule, right?) the bank line, a haircut... (a friend spent 50 quality minutes in the barber's chair to get a trim).

The only thing that doesn't operate on Thai time here is the taxi meter and street vendors. They give food "to-go" a whole new meaning. McDonald's would feel like a leisurely dinner! Also, tailored to fit the lazy meandering or on-the-move lifestyle, Bangkok's street vendors offer anything you can imagine handily placed on a stick, from pineapple and meat skewers to spring rolls and sausages.

Looking for another change of pace, last weekend I ventured down to the island of Koh Samet, a three-and-a-half hour bus and then ferry ride southeast of Bangkok. Island time can be calculated by taking Thai time and adding 20 minutes, or else just forget about the

concept of time all together if you prefer. After a few meals, I figured one should ask for the "checkbill" five minutes after they sat down to ensure that it came 10 minutes after they were finished.

I spent many hours lazing by the beach, listening to the waves and trying to make myself believe I was really in paradise, but in a fit of ambition decided to shake off island time and go explore the southern end by motorbike. Everyone was doing it, so how hard could it be? But in no Thai time at all, I had crashed into a cement wall and scraped a hand-sized area of skin off my leg. At the island doctor we of course, waited at least an hour, sweating bullets and swatting mosquitos.

But while we sat and my wound oozed puss, I met a Thai man who had lived in Omaha for two years getting his master's degree, and we agreed on the best Thai restaurant in town. (Begin playing "It's a small world after all").

By the end of the weekend, I was actually ready to come back to Bangkok's complex notion of Thai time, since the cold showers and self-flush toilet, holey sheets and stuffy hut of the island were wearing a little thin.

I definitely slept well that night, and if I didn't make it quite on time to class the next day—*mai ben rai*.



Photo courtesy Sarah Knaack

Sarah Knaack stands in a outdoor flower market in Bangkok, Thailand, sporting a bandaged leg that resulted from a motorbike accident during a weekend excursion to the island Koh Samet.

Chicago, Guthrie win Omaha Awards

■ Creighton theater department received awards at the OEA.

By KAI DELA CRUZ
Scene Reporter

Held on January 3, 2008 at the Holland Performing Arts Center, the 2nd Annual Omaha Entertainment and Arts Awards show displayed many talented individuals including some of our very own here at Creighton.

The OEA awards showcased many different types of talents here in the Omaha area. Of those talents, OEA broke them down in to three major categories of live music, performing and visual arts. Through each major category there were a total of fifty-eight sub-categories, including a lifetime achievement award.

Of those fifty-eight categories, Creighton affiliated individuals totaled five award winners and five nominated.

Theatre faculty member, Lindsay Pape of the performing and fine arts department was nominated for the Achievement in Costume Design for Chicago.

"I was thrilled that the awards committee considered a university production for a number of awards," Pape said. "University theatre is not always seen as comparable to professional productions, so it was great to be recognized for all my hard work."

Although Pape did not win for the category, she was nominated for Best Costume Design for both Chicago and Servant of Two Masters at the Theatre Arts Guild Awards.

"A little recognition can go a long way, and the nomination might remind Omaha theatres that I am in town and might be available for costume design in their productions," Pape said.

Under the category of Best New Media Artist and Best Group Show, Tim Guthrie, Associate professor in the Journalism and Mass Communication department, took home two out of the three original categories for which he was nominated.



Photo by Miguel Cedillo

(Left) Matt DeNoncour, Josh Peyton, Tim McCandless, Josh Douchette, Jerry Woderski, Dylan Shirek and Caroline Moore perform in last year's production of "Chicago," which won awards at this year's Omaha Entertainment Awards.

"I was surprised and honored to be nominated at all," Guthrie said. "It was a good experience, but I am still surprised that I won anything, awards always feel weird to me, as an artist."

Through art, Guthrie produces his pieces for personal reasons. He was also nominated for Best 3D Artist but did not win.

"I never ever create art to win awards. I create art for very

personal reasons," Guthrie said. "Maybe that is why I feel uncomfortable when such personal work gets public attention. It just doesn't feel right."

Categories that individuals won from Creighton were: Patrick Roddy for Best Choreographer in a Musical Production for Chicago, Chicago for Best Musical and Bill Van Deest, theatre faculty member for Best Scenic Design.

Have faith in 'Doubt'



Short Circuit

Jeff Peak
Head Copy Editor

So often when I review a theater performance I feel I have to censor myself in order to make sure that I don't ruin the ending or the experience of the show for future audience members. However, after watching the Brigit Saint Brigit performance of "Doubt: A Parable," I still haven't made up my mind about how the play ends.

The beginning is simple enough. It's 1964 at St. Nicholas school and parish, and one of the nuns that teaches at the school suspects that the parish priest, Fr. Flynn, is molesting one of the students.

Sister Aloysius Beauvier, played by Creighton adjunct English professor Cathy Kurz, is a hard-line conservative nun, who runs St. Nicholas school like her own personal fiefdom.

Sister James, played by Jennifer McGill, reports to Sister Aloysius regularly, and in one meeting mentions that Donald, an African American boy, is having a hard time making friends. The only person who befriends the young lad is Fr. Brendan Flynn, played by

Aaron Zavitz.

Fr. Flynn clashes with Sr. Aloysius almost by principle. He believes firmly in the Vatican II approach that the church should be open and accessible to community at large, and she believes that this shows a slackening of values. When the motives behind the friendship are questioned, Flynn vehemently contends that the friendship is him looking out for the well-being of a child and though she only has circumstantial proof, Sr. Aloysius is convinced of his guilt.

"Doubt: A Parable" won the 2005 Pulitzer Prize for Drama as well as the 2005 Tony for Best Play. Author John Patrick Shanley composes a gripping story that makes very real the implications of when Pedophilia in the clergy meets a Joe McCarthy-esque witch-hunt atmosphere. Though this is not the Tony award-winning cast, the production by the Brigit Saint Brigit Company is extremely well done.

For the students in Kurz's World Literature classes this provides a golden opportunity to knock out one of the outside cultural assignments while seeing their professor shrug off her normal directing hat in favor of a nun's habit. For everyone else, this provides a great opportunity to watch a well-written and well performed piece of modern drama.

"Doubt: A Parable," returns to the stage on Jan. 25-27. Curtain is at 7:30 all three days, and there is an additional matinee on the Jan. 27 at 2:00 p.m.

General admission for the show is \$18, but students can get in for \$5. All performances are held on the College of St. Mary's campus.

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◆ *Staff Voice*

Push for the finish line



Bard Flovenga - Assistant Opinion Editor

Have you ever heard of the placebo effect? You take a pill believing that it's some powerful medicine that will make you feel better and so it does. But later you find out the pill was nothing more than sugar, it was only your confidence that made the so-called "drug" work. The sugar pill motivates you. The pill gives you a reason to believe you'll be healed. If confidence in a fake drug can motivate you, why can't confidence in yourself do the same?

As this spring semester starts, confidence is the key to catching a second wind that will help you continue and improve from the fall. The placebo effect can be achieved just by pushing yourself harder than normal. Belief in your abilities will help motivate you to do better this semester.

A friend of mine had been running two miles a night all last semester. There was no desire to change. He was perfectly okay with finishing the last lap every night and calling it quits. Or so he thought. On the day he got back from winter break he went to the gym and did his usual two miles but impulsively decided to do a half mile more. A half mile more led to another and another until he had finally done six, and he wasn't even tired. The next day he did six miles again no problem. He could have improved his distance much earlier if he felt like it. The problem was he kept making excuses. There wasn't enough time. He was already in good enough shape. Why bother to do more? All these excuses we're thrown out the window after he tripled his distance overnight.

Another friend had a similar experience. She had been complaining about not reading enough extracurricular books. She heard of others who managed to read two or three books a week and wondered how they did it. Her rationalization was that the books would still be there tomorrow, and she'd be able to read them someday, just not today. She went on thinking like this until winter break when something clicked and she read four books over the course of a weekend. Like the runner, she didn't even set out to read more than normal. When she returned to school she was able to keep up the habit of reading one to two books a week despite classes and work.

All a sugar pill does is bring out suppressed confidence. It's not the pill that changes, it's the belief. Even though they tried to hide it, my friends had both the desire and ability to do better. After they destroyed their doubts by accidentally doing something they never thought possible, their habits changed instantly. The random acts of pushing themselves further, even just one time, served as placebos that motivated them to change by realizing they had the ability to do so all along.

Second semester is all about finding the motivation to make this year better than the last. You may think you're content to ride this semester out like all the others. Or maybe you want to change but are too scared. Sometimes laziness and excuses only keep you from seeing that you're really just afraid. The opposite of the placebo is the nocebo, the sugar pill that convinces you it will cause harm, and in doing so, actually does. Excuses and justifications for inaction are nocebos, and you'll never get anything done if you believe them. Don't be so quick to write yourself off. Change is easy. Conviction is a placebo, and all you need is a little taste of it to be healed.

◆ *Our Voice*

Young people vote? Since when?

For some reason, we young people have become concerned about choosing the next president of our country. We volunteer in record levels, comprise whole sections in town hall meetings and now, surprisingly, vote in primary elections.

There are plenty of reasons not to vote. Voting takes up too much time from our busy lives, one vote does not actually matter. Politicians will always be the same, and we need to fight the man.

Despite all these completely viable excuses, our predictable demographic, ages 18 to 29, has become not so predictable.

The first two presidential nominating contests show the evolution of our political participation.

Last week, in New Hampshire, 43 percent of all registered young voters turned up for the primary, a 42 percent increase from the 2000 election according to the Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement.

In Iowa, 22 percent of the electorate consisted of young voters, compared with 9 percent in 2000.

While we young people have finally found the map to our respective ballot boxes, the two political parties do not attract us equally. In New Hampshire, more than 60 percent of us voted in the Democratic primary, and even more disproportionately, 80 percent of us were for Democrats in Iowa.

The Dems may not need a political mastermind to craft this great of a lead, even with Republican Mike Huckabee rocking out on a bass guitar.

Polls have shown that we want change,

optimism and sincere attempts to tackle real problems. When debates become battles between, as John Edwards said, "agents of change and forces of the status quo," we become disgusted with nonprogressive ideas such as Rudy Giuliani's exploitation of 9/11, Huckabee's belief in creationism and the perpetual yearning of conservatives to be more like Ronald Reagan.

The three remaining Democrats promise to reward young voters for their support. Most significantly, only Democrats have laid out plans to redesign and increase the aid to students in secondary education — Republicans such as Mitt Romney, John McCain and Giuliani said they would merely continue education tax benefits.

Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton and Edwards have proposed plans that would simplify FAFSA forms, provide certain amounts of money for students in public colleges and replace Federal Family Education and Loan Program with 100 percent direct lending. Clinton has even gone so far as to propose grants for state and community colleges based on graduation rates, which sounds a little too similar to Bush's No Child Left Behind, except for college students.

Creighton students should vote for candidates who have responded to our political participation by offering a positive, yet sincere, plan for America. This requires voting in state primaries, especially if your home state election is on Super Tuesday, Feb. 5. Visit your state's Secretary of State Web site to learn about absentee ballots. We have begun to portray ourselves as a viable part of the electorate. Let's not screw this up. It's in our best interest.



Melody Mattner
Arts & Sciences Senior

"Experience with the attitude to change."



Michael McKenny
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◆ *Staff Voice*

Von Maur shooting hits home

By **ANDREA MAHER**
Opinion Editor

Once the news of the Von Maur shooting hit Omaha, everyone was in shock. Crimes against the inculpable seem to happen all the time, which may not alarm us as much, but when it happens in our own hometown, in the city of Omaha, that's when we start to grieve a little more.

The photos of a 19-year-old man coming out of a department store elevator, with a AK-47 style gun, selfishly ready to steal the innocent lives of anyone that happened to be shopping at that very moment may seem too indecent and gruesome to show to the public.

Getting first hand knowledge of this as a newsroom messenger at the Omaha World-Herald, readers would call in after the shooting to inform the paper that we had no respect for the victims, and photographs like that should be censored.

If this crime would have taken place any-

where other than Omaha, would the issue of indecent photographs of the truth be relevant? Would anyone complain if they did not have personal ties to the tragedy?

What people must understand is that violence happens everywhere, and even though the entire Omaha community holds a very sincere sympathy for the ones lost in the shooting, censoring the event hints at the idea that we are too vulnerable to face the truth, the truth being that every community needs to take these happenings as a call to action.

If people who feel the need to commit these crimes are turning to harming others, the extra help and condolences, which they are so desperately seeking, should be given without obligations.

Violence happened here, not far away. This can happen anywhere. Photos can bring home violence, more than national news, or photos like that in the local mall make it a little more real and personal. Never the less it is hurtful.

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Passing on the basketball

■ Sisters bring family tradition to Creighton.

BY CHRISTINE PIVOVAR
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Some families pass on poor eyesight or their grandmother's Polish kolache recipe. For the Woodard family, basketball runs in their genes. Kristi, a graduate manager, and Kelsey, a freshman guard on the women's basketball team, said basketball has always been a part of their lives.

"I went to my first basketball game when I was two days old," Kelsey said.

Thanks to their father, who is a high school basketball coach at Bellevue West, the girls were able to practice any time they wanted.

"We've grown up in the gym," Kristi said. "We would go to the gym even on Christmas and on holidays."

That diligence led both girls to basketball careers at Bellevue West before playing for Creighton. Kristi played basketball for the Jays from 2002 through 2006 and became one of 18 1,000-point scorers in school history before playing one year of volleyball.

"It was a good experience," she said. "It was interesting to see how things were different and the same."

Now as a graduate manager, whose responsibilities include keeping statistics, sending mail-outs for recruiting and alumni, and arranging for food on the road, Kristi gets to watch her sister follow in her footsteps.

Kelsey, who is in her first season at Creighton, is already drawing attention. "People compare us. That's the best and worst thing at the same time," she said. "It's nice because it pushes me, but it gets old."

Kelsey has been named the Missouri Valley Conference Newcomer of the Week three times this season. She holds a .355 field goal percentage and a .360 three-point percentage.

"Throw her basketball IQ on the fact that she's physically ready to play, and I'm not really surprised," head coach Jim Flanery said. "She has a good amount of confidence as a freshman. She believes in her own ability."

Still, Kelsey regards her achievements with the team as more important.

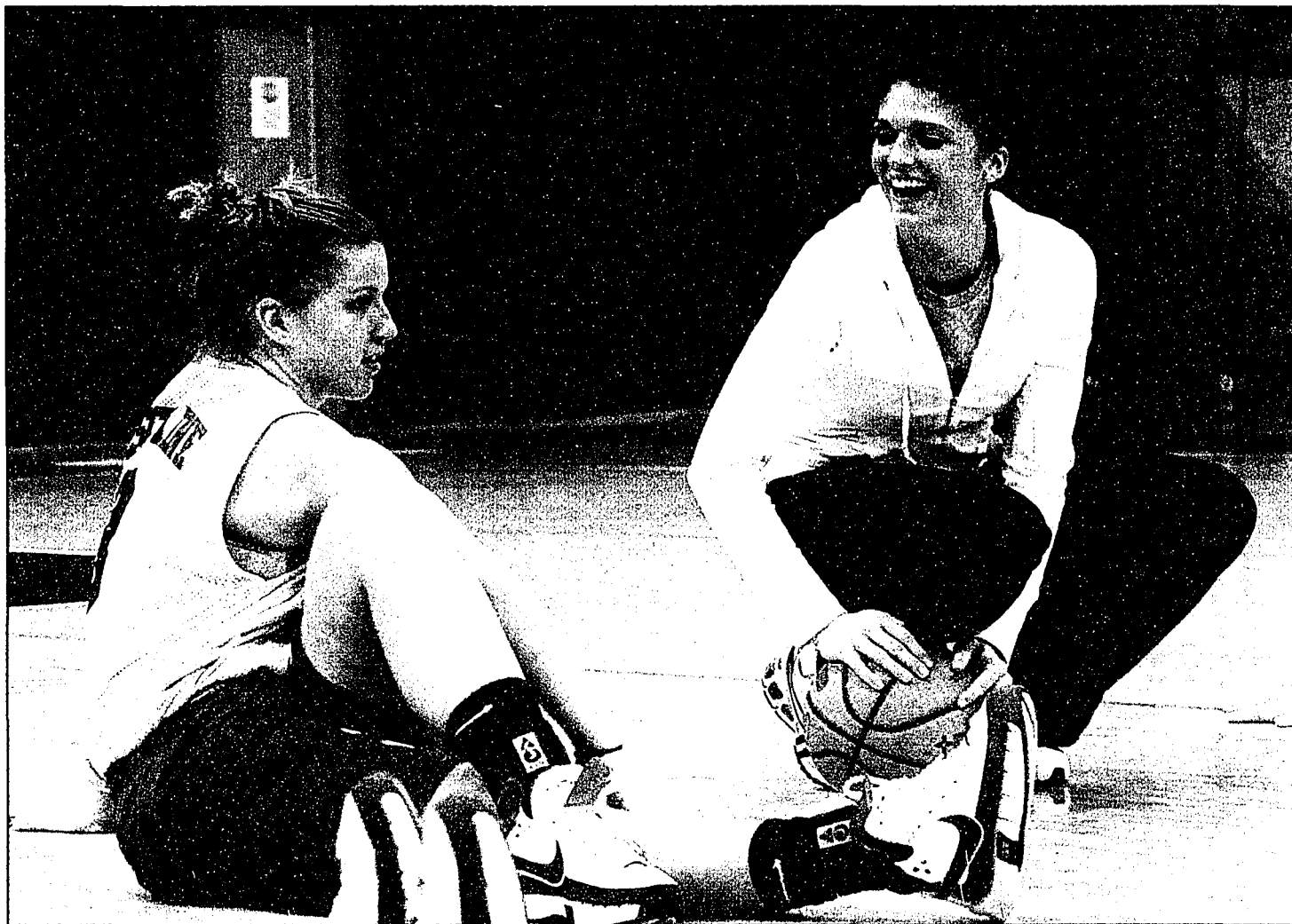


Photo by Lindsey Leone

Sisters Kristi (right) and Kelsey (left) Woodard share a laugh before practice earlier this week. Kristi is a former player and now a graduate assistant for the Jays while Kelsey is a freshman, who is currently averaging 7.9 ppg and providing a spark off the bench.

"I'd rather get wins with the team than those awards," she said.

A lot of her positive attitude has come from her family. "They've got terrific parents," Flanery said. "They've taught their girls the value of hard work and doing things the right way."

Their father, Doug, led his team to state championships in 2004 and 2005, and the Woodards' older brothers played baseball and football at University of Nebraska-Omaha. In addition, Flanery said that their mother, Lori, "is a mom to a lot of our other players. Players have spent parts of their summer living at the Woodard house, and she sometimes has the

team over for dinner."

Kristi said that her family members make it to almost every game. "It's good to be able to look up into the stands and see someone you know," she said.

"Lori's parents [the girls' grandparents] make a ton of road trips. They and Lori are going to Evansville and Southern Illinois this weekend," Flanery said.

Now that both girls are at Creighton, it's easier on the family.

"A lot of times they had to choose between Kelsey's high school and Kristi's college games, but now they don't have to do it," Flanery said.

Kelsey and Kristi were never on the same

team in high school. Since they are five years apart, their relationship has been more supportive than competitive.

"[Kristi] has been my role model since I was little. She's knows what it takes to be successful," Kelsey said.

Kristi has been able to help Kelsey keep things in perspective.

"Her best advice was not to take it for granted, to enjoy it while we're here, to take advantage of all the opportunities," Kelsey said.

Kelsey has also been an inspiration for Kristi. "She's a very strong person and is always able to get through tough times," she said.

Keep your workout from freezing over



Fun and Games

Joe Sibilis
Sports Reporter

If you haven't quite noticed, the winter season in Omaha isn't exactly ideal for the outdoor fitness enthusiast.

Running outside is do-able, but when your sweat begins to freeze, you quickly regret your decision. Riding your bike may be an option, but you might pop a tube on the sand and gravel in streets that are months away from a spring cleaning.

In these treacherous conditions, when going to the gym seems to be one of your more realistic possibilities for working out, people use all kinds of excuses to fall off their fitness programs. Many of your friends may tell you that they are bored with the routine, that they don't want to run on a treadmill or that their arms hurt from lifting, so they are going to take the next few days off.

Or they complain, "I don't know how to use the rowing machine." "It's tough to work



Photo by Beth Costigan

Jared Hochstettler, a third year Pharmacy student, lifts weights earlier this week at the Kiewit Fitness Center. The KFC is a great place for students to get in shape.

out by myself," and so on.

Here are a few ideas for ways to keep your spirits high while working out in the gym through the winter season.

Cross train

Bored from running on the treadmill day in and day out? Consider trying something

new, like the rowing machine. Don't know how? Afraid you'll look like a goof?

No problem. Visit www.concept2.com for all your rowing questions.

At this website you can find work out routines for beginners, instructional videos on how to perfect your stroke, and motivational challenges to keep you on your toes this winter.

Buy a bike

The winter season is the best time to purchase a bike. Due to the decrease in demand for the bikes, companies would like to get rid of older models before the springtime.

That new bike might just be a little motivation to work harder during the winter. If you are excited about using something new, you will want to be able to perform well on it when you get the chance to use it.

Train for an event

Use the time you have now to set a goal for the spring.

You know the limits of your own body better than anyone else, so pick something that you know is reasonable.

For example, if you struggle running two miles around the track in the KFC, running a full marathon may not be for you.

How about training for the 31st Annual Lincoln National Guard Half-Marathon on Sunday, May 4th? Visit <http://www.lincoln-run.org/marathon.htm> for more info.

Motivating yourself to work out is very tough to do during this time of the year.

It will be easier to continue a routine if you have something new to look forward to. That could be a new workout, a new bike, or a new set of goals, but whatever it is, go for it.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Tough test awaits road-hardened Jays

Increased intensity helps the men's team rebound from a slow start in conference play as they return to Omaha after a rough stretch of four out of five games on the road.

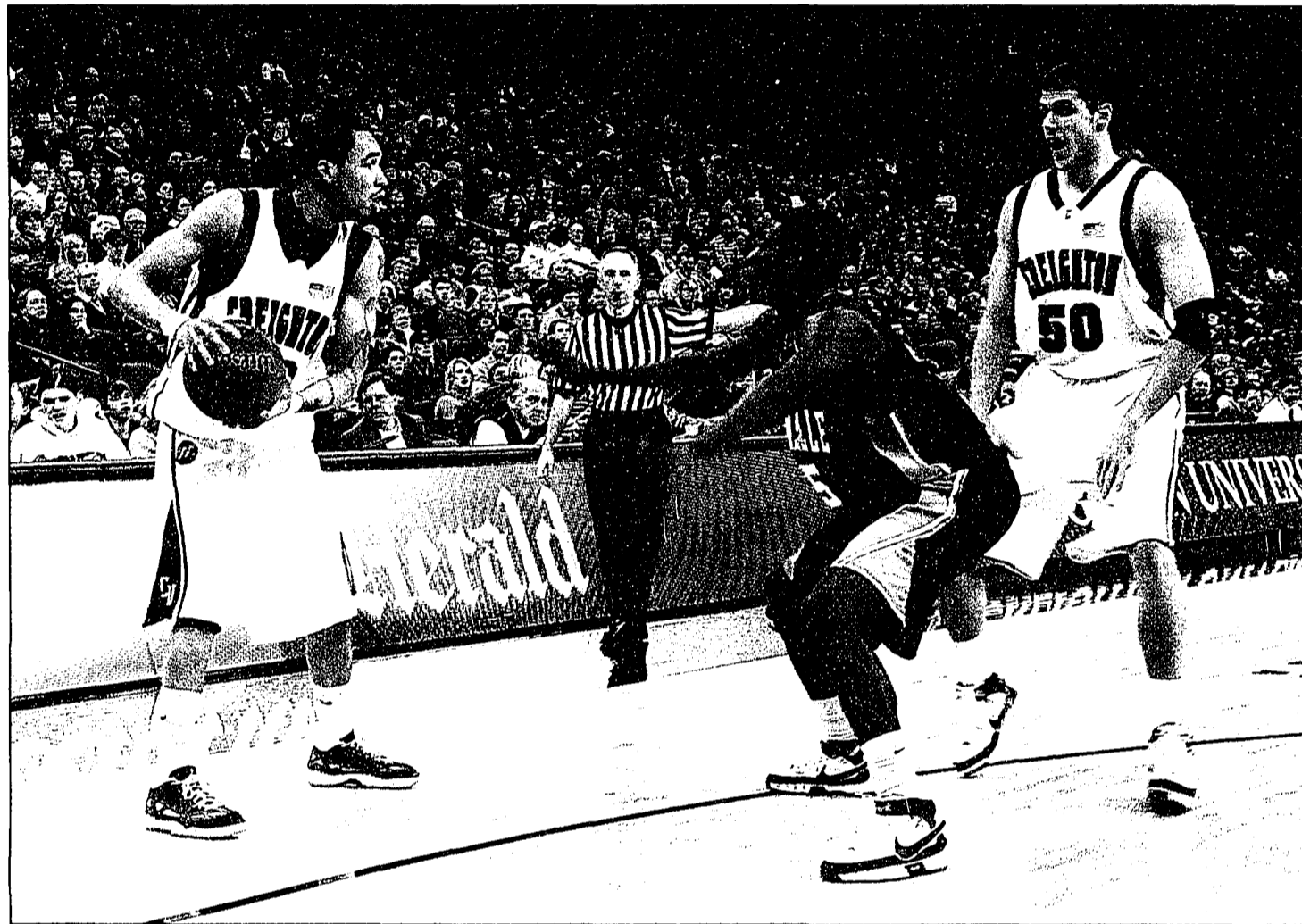


Photo by Beth Costigan

P'Allen Stinnett looks to make a play as Dane Watts helps him out with a screen on an Evansville defender. The Jays beat the Purple Aces, 77-59.

By DANIEL O'BYRNE
Assistant Sports Editor

Taking things one game at a time is the mindset that has allowed the Creighton men's basketball team to rebound after the first 0-2 start to conference play in the Dana Altman era.

After dropping consecutive games to Illinois State at the Qwest Center and Indiana State on the road to open Missouri Valley Conference play, the Jays have responded with four straight wins, including three on the road.

"We're just focusing on the next game now," junior point guard Josh Dotzler said. "I think maybe looking ahead got us in trouble our first two games, so we just want to focus on the next game and focus on getting better as a team."

Creighton completed a stretch of four out of five games on the road with a 68-59 win at Northern Iowa on Tuesday. Senior guard Nick Bahe had 15 points, while senior forward Dane Watts added 14 points and seven rebounds.

Freshman guard P'Allen Stinnett, who was named MVC Newcomer of the Week for the second straight week, finished in double figures for the fourth straight game with 12 points in only his second career start.

Stinnett was inserted into the starting lineup on Saturday at Wichita State. He responded by scoring 16 points and grabbing five rebounds in a game where the Jays saw a second-half, double-digit lead slip away. Creighton was up 12 with 4:45 to play, but the Shockers scored 12 straight points to tie the game at 63 with 1:26 left.

It took two free throws from Stinnett with 1:09 left and a steal and lay-up from Dotzler moments later to seal a 68-65 win.

"For our team to find a way to win is always encouraging," head coach Dana Altman

said. "We really made some bad basketball plays at times, but I hope our guys will learn from them."

"We've got a long ways to go as a team, but our guys did find a way and any time on the road that you do that, we'll take it."

It was not the first time this season that Creighton has blown a big lead. The Bluejays led Missouri State by 14 at halftime on Jan. 5, only to see the Bears claw all the way back. A free throw by Stinnett with 56.9 seconds left was the difference in the 50-49 win.

When the Jays returned home four days later, however, they used a 14-0 run at the beginning of the second half to open up a big lead against Evansville, and this time they never looked back. A defensive effort fueled by 19 forced turnovers proved to be enough to get Creighton back to .500.

"In the second half I thought our energy level was much better," Altman said. "I think we've got so much room to grow into."

The intensity on defense was something that Creighton seemed to lack in their two losses, and Altman was not the only one to notice the improvement.

"They do a good job," Evansville head coach Marty Simmons said. "They play hard. They always have. We need to play hard like Creighton does for 40 minutes."

The deteriorating of second half leads can probably be explained simply as life on the road in the Valley.

"Playing on the road is a lot different than the Qwest Center," Stinnett said. "We really have to focus and just stay together as a team [on the road]."

All of this leads up to perhaps Creighton's biggest stretch of the year so far. On Saturday, the Jays will look for revenge when they host Indiana State at the Qwest Center. Both teams

will enter the game at 4-2 in the conference and in a tie for third place.

On Tuesday, MVC-leading Drake will come to town for its first of two match-ups in an eight-day span with Creighton. Sandwiched in between two games with the Bulldogs is a trip to Carbondale, Ill. to face rival Southern Illinois.

With this difficult string of games coming up, Altman worries about his team's ability to take things only one game at a time.

"I don't want our guys to be easily satisfied," Altman said. "We are making way too many mistakes. We've got to make sure everybody keeps making progress."

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Bluejays fed up with turnovers

By STEVEN HENNEBERRY
Sports Editor

By 4:30 p.m. on Jan. 12, Creighton's undefeated conference and home records were gone, along with the spaghetti.

The Jays, hosting a spaghetti feed before the game, drew 2,437 people to the Civic Auditorium for a game against reigning Missouri Valley Conference champion, pre-season No. 1 and 2-0 in conference Drake. In a key early season test, the Bulldogs forced 22 Creighton turnovers, turning those into 22 points. They beat the Jays 73-51.

"Going in, I said we couldn't have more than six or seven turnovers," head coach Jim Flanery said. "We had 22, including 14 steals, which is way too many."

This weekend, Creighton travels to Evansville and Southern Illinois for its first two conference road games of the year.

"We have to find a way to reduce turnovers," Flanery said. "The motivation and desire has to come out of Saturdays loss."

Drake scored the first bucket of the game and never trailed the rest of the way. Creighton pulled within six at 28-22 with 1:33 left in the first half but, a steal and jumper by Drake's Jordann Plummer with two seconds on the clock sent the Jays to locker room down eight.

"There is a big difference between being down four rather than eight at the half," Flanery said. "When we came back out for the second half, we just didn't compete."

Creighton opened the second half 2-12 from the field, while Drake shot 62.1 percent for the second half.

Sophomore Megan Neuvirth led the Jays with 11 points, while senior Sara Cain and freshman Kellie Nelson each added eight.

The Jays outrebounded the Bulldogs 41-30, improving their season margin to +51.

Earlier this month, Creighton opened MVC play with two straight wins. They beat Wichita State 83-47 and Missouri State 79-73 in overtime.

Led by senior Ally Thrall and her career-high 23 points, the Jays rallied from a 13-point deficit with just over 16 minutes remaining to win in overtime against Missouri State. Thrall, who is 19 of her last 30 from behind the arc, had seven of Creighton's eight overtime points.

Creighton put the Bears into the bonus seven minutes into the game and trailed by seven at halftime.

"I told the team at halftime that they all needed to start competing like Ally," Flanery said. "This game showed Ally's leadership ability and her determination to win."

Freshman Kelsey Woodard, a three-time MVC Newcomer of the Week, hit a career-high four three-pointers for 12 points and nabbed 10 boards for her first double-double as a college basketball player.

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Dec. 12 (WIN) CU 110 Houston Baptist 73	Dec. 16 (LOSS) CU 52 @ Iowa State 60
Dec. 20 (WIN) CU 88 North Carolina Central 54	Dec. 18 (WIN) CU 69 Kansas State 62
Dec. 22 (WIN) CU 80 Arkansas Little Rock 61	Dec. 21 (WIN) CU 70 @ Oral Roberts 57
Dec. 29 (LOSS) CU 67 Illinois State 80	Jan. 1 (WIN) CU 83 Wichita State 47
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