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CU to Adopt Pilot Program This Fall

Michelle DeWitt

Managing Editor

Creighton will adopt a pilot program this fall to help students improve their academic performance in selected classes. The program is scheduled to be installed in one section of Biology 211 and one section of History 101.

The program, called Supplemental Instruction (SI), is an academic assistance program that is designed to increase student performance and retention. It will be available to any student enrolled in the class section in which the pilot program is offered.

"We saw potential for it working at Creighton..."

- Linda Pappas
Academic Success Counselor

Linda Pappas, academic success counselor with the Counseling Center, said the program will use SI leaders — students who have demonstrated particularly noticeable ability in a class — to help other students. The program was approved by administrators last month.

History 101 was criticized by Student Board of Governors President Jason Sharp in a guest editorial in the Jan. 26 edition of the *Creightonian*. Sharp called the course "ridiculously difficult."

Pappas said that while SI committee members had heard student concerns about those classes, the main reason for choosing History 101 and Biology 211 is that so many students take those courses.

"We were looking for a course that involved a variety of students. Everybody takes a History 101 and Biology 211 is a very popular course because it involves people who are looking at any of the health sciences and any number of other majors," Pappas said.

The SI committee includes Martha Brown, Dr. John Calvert, Dr. Arlene Lundquist and Dr. Kathryn Thomas.

When the pilot program goes into effect in the fall, Pappas will be the overall supervisor.

Pappas, Brown and Calvert attended a training session in Kansas City last fall.

"We saw potential for it working at Creighton and so we came back and talked to the dean (of the College of Arts and Sciences), faculty, and Dr. Dougherty (vice president for Academic Affairs) and proposed the idea of a pilot program," Pappas said.

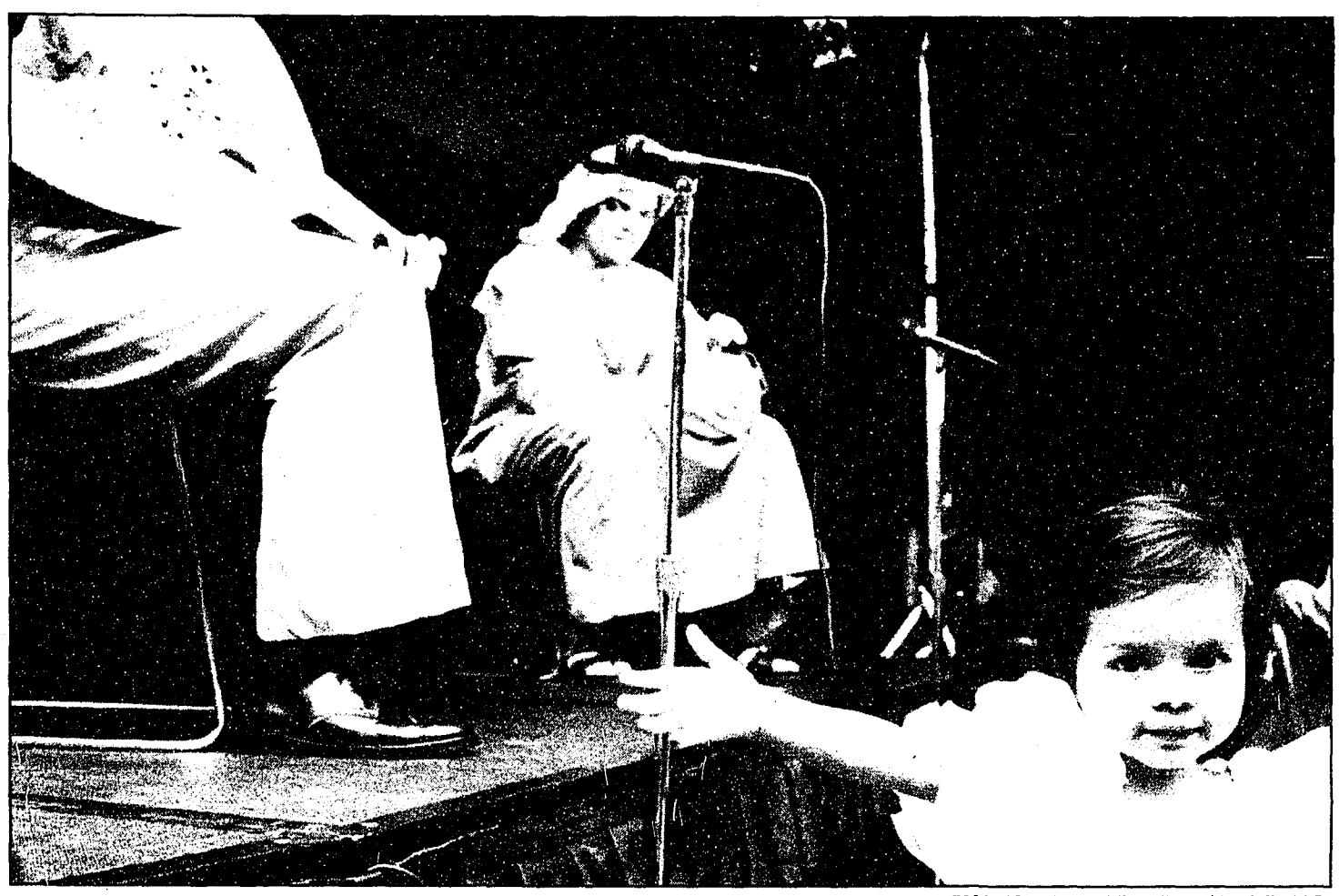
She said that faculty members have already submitted names of some students who would be good leaders. They will be selected through an application process and will be paid.

"They're sort of the key people in the program," Pappas said.

She said that the SI leaders will attend a two-day training session before the beginning of the academic term. Pappas also said she hopes the SI leader will hold three sessions a week to discuss the class so students' schedules will allow them to attend.

"It's a group activity. The leader isn't going to be the mini-professor," Pappas said. She said the leader will facilitate the study session and use interactive learning strategies. "They're not going to re-teach it. They're not going to lecture," she said.

"The purpose of the pilot is to determine if Supplemental Instruction is a fit for Creighton," Pappas said



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(L-R) Kuwaiti-born students Dari Al-Gharaballi and Raeed Al-Foudari perform Saturday for Shukalpa M. Rahman at the 9th Annual International Banquet. Rahman's mother was a sponsor of the banquet, which more than 360 people attended.

Banquet Serves Up Entree of Cultural Diversity

Heidi Juersivich

Reporter

Kevin Iwahashi is the embodiment of the spirit of diversity found at the Ninth Annual International Banquet. A half Chinese, half Japanese American, he prepared Polenta Pasticciata for the banquet, an Italian dish.

"I think it will help with American's preconceptions about Italian food. A lot of people think Italian food is like Dominoe's or noodles," said Iwahashi, Arts & Sciences junior.

The banquet, hosted by the International Student Association (ISA) on March 2, yielded many opportunities for education. Over 360 people attended and experienced an evening of international foods, costumes, and entertainment.

"The most important thing for me is the learning what goes on," said Susan Rachouh, assistant director of International Programs.

Rachouh said the learning experience is "two fold." It allows the student planners to learn teamwork and leadership skills and it gives participants a chance to experience new things without leaving town in a "non-threatening environment."

"It's sort of an entree into the whole idea of cultural diversity," Rachouh said.

Following a buffet style dinner featuring deliquesces from countries ranging from Singapore to Ghana to Iran, ISA members presented an international fashion show. Models sauntered proudly across the stage to the beat of ethnic music showing off their countries' traditional attire.

The students then presented cultural performances from their native lands.

College of Business Administration sophomore Tunku Shasafiah has been performing traditional dances in her native Malaysia since the age of 12. During the banquet, she danced in a pantomime of a Malaysian folk story.

"It's about a prince in the state of Malaysia called Tegrengganu," she said. The prince and his friends were playing a form of Malaysian soccer when a thunderstorm occurred causing the prince to faint.

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Service Trips Offer Spring Break Alternative

Frances Johnson

Reporter

Lying on the beach in Cancun. Skiing the slopes in Colorado. Getting an early start on those final papers.

These are the images conjured up by the words "spring break." But for 135 Creighton students, spring break means volunteering for the community -- not maxing out their American Express cards.

"Service trips offer students a new understanding of another community," said Mary Fulmer, director of Creighton's community service office. "They have a lot to offer to the needs around them."

Service trips have a 13 year-old history at Creighton, beginning when 7 students traveled to the Appalachian Mountains in Kentucky.

This year Creighton students will be traveling to 13 locations across the country: San Antonio, Texas; Idabel, Okla; Grand Coteau, La.; Milwaukee, Wisc.; Elkton, NY; San Luis, Colo.; Edina, Minn; Lebanon, Va; Williamsberg, Ky; Tolna, ND; Decatur, Ga.; Goshen, Ind.; and Corbin, Ky.

"We choose locations usually by request," Fulmer said. "People hear about us and want us to come down. We have connections through students and alumni."

Connections are made with the locations in September.

The students traveling to Idabe,will be working with Rev. John T. Brown. Brown said he has a busy week planned for the students.

"We have four different work sites. One site is working in the nursing home. Another site is installing a bathroom in a clothing store where the workers have gone eight months without.

"Some [volunteers] will be fixing a bathroom in an older couple's home. If the weather is nice, [they will] also be painting an elderly couple's house. Also, I would like to put a basketball hoop at the parish center," Brown said.

Brown emphasized that manual work is not the main focus, but rather visiting with the people in the community.

"People will not remember the physical work," he said. "What they will remember is that someone cared about them. They will remember that for years."

There is a wide range of work for the students traveling elsewhere in the country.

Students going to Corbin will be working with Helping Hands Inc., painting houses for low-income families and senior citizens.

Verna Wilson of Helping Hands said that there is a "lot of work here in Kentucky."

The students going to Tolna will be working at St. Michael Mission. Frances Voight of St. Michael Mission said students will "visit with the elderly, hear their stories and record some of them. Teach and provide role models for young people."

Students traveling to San Luis at Sange de Cristo Parish were told to bring warm gloves and hats. Liaison Teresa B. Vigil said that students will be working outdoors.

Because of the type of work that is involved on the trips, Fulmer said that a variety of factors are looked at in accepting students for the program.

"We look for motivation. Why do they want to go? Will they represent the university well? Is this person ready for

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Tuition Hike Next Year is No Surprise to Creighton Students

Patrick Garmoe
Reporter

The Rev. Michael G. Morrison, S.J., Creighton president, announced during his State of the University Address Feb. 13 that tuition will increase by an expected 5 percent next year.

A spot check of student reaction to the announcement revealed that many on campus are already treating it as old news.

"This may be because this is one of the lowest increases in tuition ever," Financial Aid Director Robert Walker said.

Although there is usually an annual hike in the cost of tuition, Walker said that he is pleased with this raise being only 5 percent, as compared to 7 percent last year.

No matter how high the raise is, though, for some students whose parents pay their tuition, it does not really matter.

"I really do not feel one way or the other about it," Arts and Sciences sophomore Kylia Lydon said. "My parents pay my tuition and they do not really care."

The majority of students asked did not mind the expected tuition increase, and some students, like Arts & Sciences freshman Vanessa Weiland, actually thought it was a good idea.

> "I think Creighton uses their money wisely and would not raise it unless they had to."
>
> - Vanessa Weiland
> Arts & Sciences Freshman

"It's okay. The quality of education is sufficient enough that we should be willing to pay it," Weiland said. "I think Creighton uses their money wisely and would not raise it unless they had to."

Lindsey Johanson, an Arts & Sciences sophomore, also accepts the tuition increase. But she is concerned about where the money goes.

"As long as I knew what it was going to I would not be so skeptical," she said.

Although many students dislike the idea of paying more money, some, such as College of Business Administration junior Jennifer Backes, admitted that they expected it.

"I expected at least as much as last year with all the renovations," Backes said, referring to the construction of the Lied Education Center for the Arts last year.

Nursing sophomore Marsha Bagby said, "It's already expensive to go to school."

"Some people have families and it's hard to make ends meet," she said. "There are other ways to get money."

Beverly Lukawski, an Arts & Sciences sophomore, echoed this theme.

"It's kind of ridiculous for the price Creighton charges to continue to raise tuition," Lukawski said.

Students Determine Their Own Stress Levels During Mid-term Week

Betsy Oleson
Reporter

Scenes from the Steve Martin movie *Planes, Trains, and Automobiles* helped several students study for mid-term tests, said Academic Success Counselor Linda Pappas. A group of students took breaks from their studies to laugh at five scenes they had videotaped from the movie.

"Laughing is one of the best ways to relax," said Pappas.

Mid-term week and all of its anxieties are over today. In order to make it through the week, however, many students pulled all-nighters and studied throughout the day.

"I'm kind of disorganized and tend to wait until the last minute," said Jason O'Hare, a resident adviser on the second floor of Swanson Residence Hall. "About three or four of us studying for the same test pull an all-nighter and go to breakfast at 7 a.m. It's kind of a ritual."

For freshman Samantha Chambers, procrastination is also a ritual.

"I cram. It's a way of life," Chambers said.

Students tend to create anxieties which peak during test weeks, Pappas said. She said students should self-monitor their personal thoughts and be careful not to pick up the anxieties of others.

Pappas said that students should also try to be somewhat rested going into mid-term week. If they intend to pull all-nighters, students need to ask themselves whether or not it is worth it, and at what point they are no longer learning anything new.

The rule for cramming, Pappas said, is to choose one subject and leave it until the last minute.

"If the test is comprehensive, start early," she said. "Crammed information only lasts about two days."

During test weeks, students should also remember to take small breaks. "Take a break and watch *Friends*," Pappas said.

Most importantly, students need to keep exercising, eat well and avoid drinking alcohol, Pappas said.

According to Pappas, alcohol and its by-products affect the brain's ability to process and retain new information.

"The reality is it's very easy for me to say all these things, but they are hard to do," she said. "Remember, if you stay healthy and aren't too exhausted, you can have fun right away on spring break."

Pappas said she is willing to talk with any full-time student who needs help. Her office is located in the Counseling Center.

Creighton 2000 Campaign Surges Forward in Fund Drive

Cy Harrison
Reporter

Creighton 2000, the university's major fund-raising campaign, continues to move toward its goal. The campaign is estimated to be at roughly $67.5 million, or two-thirds complete.

According to Jim Nolan in the Public Relations Department, the campaign is currently paying for the Lied Education Center for the Arts as well as the newly constructed Con Agra Plaza, located between the Reinert Alumni Library and St. John's Church.

Some $54 million is marked for endowment. This money is invested and the interest is used primarily for scholarships, faculty development and libraries.

Since September of this year the campaign has received more than $4 million in gifts and pledges. Special campaign efforts in eight cities added approximately $1.1 million to the campaign total.

The Rev. Michael G. Morrison, S.J., president of Creighton, expressed gratitude for this.

"Creighton University has many loyal alumni and friends throughout the country, and the success of our campaign efforts in eight cities this fall is a pleasant reminder of the affection so many feel toward Creighton," he said.

One such gift was $100,000 from Kim M. Hawkins and Hawkins Construction Co. of Omaha to support the expansion of the Klutznick Law Library.

Another $100,000 was contributed by William M. and Bernadine Kizer of Omaha, to support the operation of the Creighton Retreat Center near Griswold, Iowa.

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> - Michael G. Morrison, S.J.
> President of Creighton University

In 1992, university officials saw that there was a major financial need for the school. The original group set a goal of $100 million in 1992. On Sept. 24, 1994, the Creighton 2000 plan was announced to the public. Officials also announced that the drive had already raised $51.6 million.

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News

Creighton's Quail Fly to Space on Board the NASA Shuttle

Kristin Hill
Reporter

Creighton and NASA will be sending quail into space this month as part of a continuing effort to study the development of the hearing and balancing systems of animals in space. The study will also examine how the systems adapt to the earth's gravity upon their return.

This is the second time that Creighton Biomedics has sent test animals on the space shuttle. In October of 1994, Creighton sent rats up in a space shuttle.

Dr. Bernd Fritzsh and Dr. Laura Bruce received a grant of nearly $245,000 from NASA for the program.

Fritzsh and Bruce hope to apply their programs to the study of the development of the ear on humans born in space and whether a human can re-adapt to life on earth after living in zero gravity.

"We can't very well send human embryos into space, but all animal's hearing systems develop in the same way," said Fritzsh. "This is a first for Creighton as well as for science. No one has sent animals into space with this specific question in mind."

Fritzsh said that an astronaut has to adapt to Earth's gravity after returning from space. "It takes an astronaut two to three days to readjust his balance to the earth's gravity after returning from space," Fritzsh said.

"Chickens that are hatched in space don't know which way is up or down, left or right. They can't even peck in the right direction. This is only one indication on how important the balancing system in the ear is," he said.

"The October launch was very successful, without a flaw, and we got all the information we needed." Fritzsh said.

The rats were sent up to the space station Mir, which the U.S. shares with Russia. The rats were in the embryonic stage and matured in space without the effects of gravity. They were brought back to Creighton on a second shuttle returning from the space station in November and are currently being studied here.

"The information received is key to understanding and calculating the effects that zero gravity would have on a human born in space," Fritzsh said.

"Quail have been selected for the second launch because they develop much faster than the rats," he said.

"As soon as a quail hatches it is able to run." said Fritzsh. This will help the quail be studied faster. The professors hope that the March launch will be as successful and informative as the previous one.

Service Trips Offer Chance to Help Others

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this experience?" Fulmer said.

Students pay $120 to go on a service trip. The cost includes food and gas. Students stay at the location where they are working.

"They stay at the churches and community centers. We like to give donations back to the places for water and electricity, basically for having 12 to 15 people stay there for the week," Fulmer said.

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>
> - Sara Menke
> Arts & Sciences Freshman

Students spoke at masses at St. John's on Sunday and raised $900. The university provides most of the vehicles and the program receives a donation from the Jesuit community.

Groups are comprised only of students. Each group is led by a student who has gone on at least one trip.

Arts & Sciences senior Erin Underwood is co-leading a group to Idabel, Okla. This is his third spring break service trip. His first trip was to Corbin, Ky., in 1994 and his second trip was to Elkton, Ky., in 1995.

"My first experience was such a calling to community service... There is always time for Mexico. I feel more called to do this," he said.

Underwood described his first trip as particularly moving.

"We repaired an old house for a couple and their three young children. They were basically homeless and the house had no heat. The father was trying to go back to school and the mother had lost her job," Underwood said.

Underwood emphasized, however, that his inspiration was beyond physical labor.

"We learned more from them than they would have ever gained from us," he said.

Arts & Sciences freshman Sara Menke will be traveling to Goshen, Ind., on a Spring Break Service Trip.

"I chose to go on a service trip because, hopefully in some small way I will make somebody's life easier," she said. "Spending seven straight days with strangers, I hope to make new friends. I will gain a better appreciation of the daily struggles faced by those less fortunate than me."

News

CU Experiences Small Change In Spring Semester Enrollment

Jackie Egr
Reporter

This semester, Creighton has experienced the lowest percentage of change in enrollment between fall and spring semesters since the 1990-91 school year, said Dr. Martha L. Brown, director of retention.

According to Brown, enrollment dropped 4.12 percent between the 1995-96 semesters. Total enrollment for the spring is 5984, down from 6241 in the fall.

"Each year we have fewer students in the spring than in the fall."

- Dr. Martha L. Brown
Director of Retention

The enrollment change was -3.81 during the 1990-91 school year and -5.40 in 1994-95.

These figures include students who transferred at semester, graduated in December, took a semester off or went to study abroad.

"Each year we have fewer students in the spring than in the fall," said Brown, "We don't usually lose someone from fall to spring unless there's a pretty good reason," said Brown.

Brown is currently targeting a retention program at freshmen and sophomores.

According to figures from Dr. Stephanie Wernig and the Institutional Research Team, 33 out of 763 freshman (4.33 percent) did not return this spring. Accurate figures for the sophomore class will not be determined until the fall, said Brown.

Creighton loses about one-third of an incoming freshmen class by the end of their sophomore year, said Brown. "We're hoping this year we'll lose less than one third," she said.

Brown plans to increase the contact between freshmen and sophomores and their faculty and resident advisors to improve their ties to Creighton. Brown encourages faculty advisors to meet with their freshmen and sophomore advisors before spring break to find out how they are doing, she said.

"We're trying to put out safety nets," said Brown "We're not going to keep everyone but we want to explore the options to do everything possible."

Rev. Tom Manahan, S.J., a freshman seminar advisor, said that during advising sessions he tries to "give students an opportunity to ask questions."

He said it is important to see how the students are doing after mid-term grades to find out their plans for the rest of the semester and identify changes that can be made.

According to Katie McMahon, resident advisor (RA) in Kiewit Hall, it can be hard to identify students who are having problems. She said that RAs need to have open lines of communication with their residents.

Scott Gross, resident advisor in Swanson Hall, said that RAs notice their resident's behaviors and who they are friends with. "We look for students who appear to be withdrawn," he said.

Both McMahon and Gross said they refer troubled students to Brown.

Although she could not give specific names, Brown said she has been able to keep several students in school because resident or faculty advisors told her about students who were having problems.

Brown helped students with financial problems to explore more financial aid options. She also got students involved in campus activities if they were having problems adjusting socially.

Brown said she is "cautiously optimistic" that the programs she is working on are going to be successful in retaining students.

PHOTO BY MATTHEW P. D'AGOSTINO
(L-R) Gayatri Retanubun and Cynthia Sumarijanto perform an Indonesian dance.

Banquet Serves Up Diversity

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"After the prince fainted, humans could not cure him, so they call the medicine man, the Bomoh," Shasafiah said. The Bomoh calls seven angels, or fairies, to cure the prince, and finally, the seventh angel is able to revive him.

Nik Yusriman, a College of Business Administration sophomore also took part in the pantomime. "This is the only opportunity that I can meet people and introduce our culture to all," he said.

Jan Heon Chi, Nigel, a College of Business Administration sophomore, was one of four students to take part in a martial arts demonstration. Nigel first started learning a form of martial arts called Shoo Lin in the seventh grade in Singapore. He and his comrades spent one and a half months carefully planning their demonstration.

"It's kind of like the movies," Nigel said. "It's something I really enjoy and it makes all of us feel good teaching the rest of the world the culture and arts available in our country."

The four students of martial arts gave two rounds of demonstration fights choreographed to the music of "Mortal Combat." Then, one of the demonstrators attacked the delicate, female moderator. She promptly flipped him flat on his back.

"It was meant to be a surprise item," said Olivia Chew, sophomore Business Administration student and "delicate" moderator. "Even the MCs didn't know about it."

Chew had been training with the guys for three days a week since January in preparation for that flip. "I was just hoping everything would go fine," she said.

The demonstrations, food and costuming all served to improve awareness and appreciation for diversity.

"It's good to be in this environment," said Jessica Mattia, a Creighton alumnus who attended the banquet. "We don't see this everyday on Creighton's campus or in Omaha. It's good to gather these cultures. I can't even express how rich this is."

Tour of Greece Offered in May

Kendra Cliver
Reporter

Museums, historic archeological sites, Mediterranean beaches, and three hours of credit. If this combination sounds interesting to you it might be wise to look at a study tour in Greece.

Kathryn A. Thomas, associate professor of classics, will lead the tour to Greece this summer from May 21 to June 11.

"It's tough to beat the Greek islands."

- James Kinnen, Jr.
Assistant Alumni Director

Students will visit museums and various archeological sites throughout Greece including the ancient remains of Roman commercial centers and Olympia, the location of the Olympic games in ancient times. The tour will also visit Santorini, an island which some people believe to be the lost island of Atlantis and Epidauros, a healing center of antiquity.

Students will sleep on a boat on two overnight ferry rides.

"The tour requires people to be in essentially good health but it is not a 'roughing it' type of tour," Thomas said.

Assistant Alumni Director, James Kinnen, Jr., went on the tour with Thomas in 1985 and described it as a great life-experience.

"It's tough to beat the Greek islands."

The estimated price of the trip will be around $2,500 according to Thomas. The price includes hotel accommodations, breakfast and dinner, entry into museums and sites, transportation and spending money for the trip.

Thomas spent two weeks in February in Greece preparing for the trip, making hotel arrangements and meeting with people at the sights.

For more information, call Thomas at 280-2130 or send e-mail to ktomas@creighton.edu.

Opinion

DWI Offender Pays High Price for Lesson

WELCOME TO WHEREVER YOU ARE

Michelle Cadwell

He's 33 and will be 34 in May. He was an outstanding football player at Benson High School, was a running back for UNO and graduated with a degree in criminal justice. He went to the Denver Broncos in 1984, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in 1987 and tried out for the Dallas Cowboys in 1988. He saw the end of the United States Football League and was with Denver when they won the AFC championship.

He once thought he was above the law; he knew the right people to help him get what he wanted and where he wanted to go.

He never thought he would end up serving six months in the Douglas County Correctional Center for driving while intoxicated, but he was wrong.

"He once had the opportunity to become something great and was in control of his own destiny. What went wrong?"

The harshest sentence someone can get on a first offense DWI conviction is 60 days in jail and a $500 fine.

On October 19, Larry Barnett said goodbye to his 12-year-old daughter Cedora, his parents and six months of his life.

He rises at 7 a.m. to eat a flavorless breakfast at 7:30 with the other 36 men in his module. He'll watch a limited amount of television and think about the burden he left for his family since he began his sentence. The others in his module are awaiting trial or serving a sentence. Hardened criminals and a few juvenile offenders come through the correctional center on a regular basis.

He sees it all. He lives it everyday.

His life has become full of cameras recording his every movement.

He cannot cross the red line painted on the floor when he moves from his module to the library.

Whenever he calls his daughter, it's an outrageously expensive collect call.

The smell of the facility is overwhelming — remniscent of a mixture of a cafeteria, the men's locker room and a trash dump.

Larry Barnett made a few mistakes. He will, undoubtedly, regret these mistakes for the rest of his life.

Almost two years ago he was stopped on suspicion of drinking and driving by police after he left a bar. He doesn't remember what his blood alcohol level was or exactly how much he had been drinking. He failed to appear in court not just once but on his next chances as well. He began his sentence in October and he gets out today.

What is he going to do with the rest of his life? For six months, his life was confined to the center. He can't go back to playing football. He is out of shape and over the hill.

What lesson was there to be learned for Larry Barnett? How was he rehabilitated by spending his days listening to stories about crimes the other inmates claim they didn't commit ?

It costs $68 a day to house one inmate in Douglas County, and they have no luxuries. The one television they watch has only four channels, they eat no more and no less than a 2700 calorie diet every day and can have female visitors only on Tuesday and Thursday from noon to 12:30. This is no form of rehabilitation.

Larry Barnett says he wants to help others avoid the same mistakes he made. He once had the opportunity to become something great and was in control of his own destiny. What went wrong?

Larry Barnett has spent the longest six months of his life trying to figure that out. I hope he has found an answer and can make a better life for himself and his family. He has experienced many ups and downs and now has to start all over again.

I hope he never again gets behind the wheel after he has been drinking. I wonder if there was a lesson learned in the six months he spent locked up. If so, the lesson is probably more than Larry Barnett ever thought he would experience.

Voice Your Opinion!
Call 280-4060 to find out about writing a Guest Editorial for the *Creightonian.*

Letters 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 Centre, Room 203. Their contents will be published in whole or in part at the discretion of the editorial staff.

Break Provides Time To Relax, Resharpen What's Become Dull

A VIEW OF YOU

Larry Gillick, S.J.

So we have reached the mid-term break; congratulations to us all. If you think you need a break, just imagine the need for rest for which the buildings around here are longing.

There once was a man who was hacking away at a huge tree. He wasn't making much progress in leveling the giant, but he kept at it. A neighbor watching his fruitless chopping advised him, like good neighbors do, that if he were to sharpen his ax, he would cut down his time and effort as well as the tree.

My view of you this week of break is a restful one. Eventually, spring is going to awaken from her long slumber and get back to her tasks of life-giving rains and warmth. We are winter-worn and work-weary.

My view of you, as you take a break, is that we all should take a real rest to sharpen whatever has grown dull. It takes distance and time, of which you now have ten days.

Like the mad axman, it takes time to take time. Resting isn't just sleeping, nor is sleeping always restful. If the dull-axed chopper would sit down and or even take a nap, the ax still remains unsharpened.

My view is that separation, change and variety have more to do with regaining your edge than does mere secession from studies.

G. M. Hopkins, the Jesuit poet of the last century, put it this way: "Put off thoughts awhile, leave comfort root room."

Taking exams, writing papers, preparing presentations and all such mindful things are good for your growth, but distance from them at times undulls the mind. Sharpening them is what we're about this week.

My view is that Break week does not imply merely putting down the ax and expecting it to sharpen itself.

May I proffer a new name for the next ten days? How about renaming them "Edge-u-cation Week"?

Doing nothing these coming days other than watching TV or catching up on local gossip only continues the dullification. How does one regain one's sharpness?

Hints for Higher Edge-If-I-Cation:

•If-I take a walk by myself each day, going nowhere in particular. . .

•If-I rake leaves, shovel snow or wash windows. . .

•If-I play "little kids" games with little persons and try not to win. . .

•If-I visit a grandperson or some other senior relation and listen. . .

•If-I could meet one new person and enjoy the experience. . .

•If-I would be good to my body with rest and my soul with calm. . .

It is a good view of you this week. Those going on Spring Break Service Trips will be quite sharpened by their adventures. Their involvements with new places, faces and spaces will put an edge on their views of life and themselves.

As the old Gillette razor blade commercial sang: "Look sharp, feel sharp, be sharp." My view is of you putting down the ax of studies and picking up the whetstone of the "different." Let there be some root room for comforting of the mind and spirit. And above all, don't even think of the fourth quarter! Happy trails.

Fed-Up Student Asks Whiners To Grow Up and Go to Class

GUEST EDITORIAL

Kevin Campbell
Business Sophomore

As I was sitting in C-Jay's eating a sub sandwich and enjoying my tasty beverage from the convenience store, I overheard a couple of fellow students talking. I wasn't trying to listen in, but I was struck by a criticism one of them voiced about the school.

"Why do I have to take a stupid class like this if it has nothing to do with my major? How is a class like this going to help me when I am practicing medicine? The damn core classes are ridiculous!"

The students here at Creighton are too spoiled and pampered. They complain about everything and expect Mom and Dad to fix it.

"Instead of whining ... do something to change your predicament."

Instead of whining about the classes, do something to change your predicament. This country did not become independent by having the colonists sit around in some bar and complain about the British taxes. Instead, they went out and had a tea party (I learned that fact in a core class).

The overall feeling of the students here is pathetic. It won't hurt some of you to actually sit through an ethics class or a child psychology class. Hopefully you will learn something about your troubled behavior.

Life is full of obstacles and challenges. At the rate some of you are going, it sounds like you'll quit at the first sign of a pothole.

Could you just imagine what kind of doctors you people will make? Most of you don't believe in ethics. English is not geared toward your major, so you won't be able to communicate to the nurse to hand you the scalpel. I weep for the future.

Furthermore, I'd walk out on some of you future doctors if I knew that you only understood medicine. You wouldn't be able to relate to me as a person or as a patient. You would rip out my heart and charge me some enormous fee when all I went in for was a physical.

We are not robots geared toward one train of thought. By grasping the knowledge that is all around us, we become great thinkers in more than one realm. We will be able to communicate and think analytically and comprehend more than one task.

It makes me laugh to hear the "problems" that Creighton students go through. God forbid that you'll have to make a choice in life that Dad and Mom won't help you with. Where will you be then?

The opportunity to make a difference is in the hands of the Creighton students. We are the keepers of our own destinies. What we do today will affect us tomorrow and the day after. But it is troubling to hear how you exaggerate your problems and make them sound like the end of the world.

Quit the whining and go to class, maybe you'll learn something about life and the real world and what it means to treat both with respect and courtesy. Oh, I forgot — that's taught only in core classes.

Features and Entertainment

Creighton Plans Recreation, Service for Break

Rose Bryan
Reporter

Variety will prevail for spring break as plans this year include everything from the usual South Padre Island party scene to business in Calcutta.

Dr. Beverly Kracher, Assistant Professor of Business and Society, will be spending 15 days in Calcutta helping set up an ethics and technology program with Creighton's sister school there. Although she expected cultural differences, Dr. Kracher was surprised by how primitive Calcutta turned out to be. She received this e-mail regarding her plans in India during spring break, which helped to prepare her:

"Indian sewer systems are generally overloaded enough without having to cope with toilet paper as well. However, if you can't adapt to the Indian method of a jug of water and your left hand, toilet paper is widely available throughout the country in all but the smallest towns."

"I guess I'll find out more when I get there" said Dr. Kracher in response to the announcement.

According to Wanda Schmitz, AAA Travel supervisor, the usual mass migration to Cancun will not occur because people did not want to put down deposits in advance.

Students making travel plans with the on-campus travel agency have been "waiting until the last minute and going to a wider variety of places" said Schmitz. She listed Florida and Padre as popular spots, with a few reservations to California.

The drop in reservations does not necessarily mean fewer students are traveling. A combination of low price and the promise of adventure convinced sophomore Andy Helgesen to take a bus trip to Oregon. The prospect of 33 hours confined to a bus seat doesn't intimidate him. Helgesen said, "I can sleep anywhere and I think I'll meet a lot of interesting people."

One hundred and thirty-five students will be giving up their opportunity to sleep until noon all week to donate their break time and energy to serving their fellow man.

Mary Fulmer, Director of Community Service, said the tradition of spring service trips started with one group of seven traveling to Appalachia. For the 13th year in a row students will be working at homeless shelters, Indian reservations, housing rehab centers, and churches.

Stuck in Omaha for Spring Break? Don't Fret!

The Grapes of Wrath— Omaha Community Playhouse; opens Friday, March 8, and runs through March 31. John Steinbeck's story of a Depression-era family's migration to the California labor camps. Student tickets are $9 and $7. Call 553-0800 for more information.

Heidi—Rose Blumkin Performing Arts Center; opens Friday, March 8, and runs through March 31. A new musical adaptation of the classic children's story. Tickets are $12 at the box office, $9 at area Burger King restaurants and Hy-Vee grocery stores. Call 345-4849 for more information.

3 Lefts—Shelterbelt Theatre; opens Friday, March 15, and runs through March 31. Drama by Omaha-based playwright Tim Hinsley. Call 341-2757 for more information and ticket prices.

Woyzek and ***Hamletmachine***—Blue Barn Theatre; March 15-16 and 21-23. Two one-acts directed by UNO student Jesse Neese. All tickets are $5. Call 345-1576 for more information.

Playing Paradis—Theatre at the 'J'; one performance only, March 17. A one-woman show by Claudia Stevens. Student tickets are $7; call 334-6426 for more information.

Working Cast Talented But Disjoined

Carrie Critchfield
Assistant Editor

Creighton's production of working displays a sprinkling of talented, articulate actors. However, as an ensemble, the cast of *Working* simply does not emit the energy needed to pull of a dreary, almost whiny depiction of blue-collar life.

The opening scene of *Working* is a perfect example of the loosely bound connection the actors have with one another. The choreography is simple, yet the movements are slow, soft and do not present the energy that should dominate, especially in the opening scene of a production's opening night. The cast is trying to combine the sadness and confusion of being blue collar workers with the smiles and dances of a group of happy-go-luckies singing about their seemingly pathetic lives. The result? A confused audience. A dismembered cast.

Often, the portrayals of stereotypical blue-collar workers such as secretaries and steel workers, are just that -- stereotypical, overdone, exaggerated.

One scene where this is evident is in the cast's portrayal of poverty stricken migrant field workers. The actors hover on the ground with sullen, pouty expressions and simulate weed-pulling in slow motion -- not necessarily evoking the heart-wrenching emotion that could have carried this play.

The three strongest performances come from Steph Mader, Marc Bentzen and Pilita Danesh. All three actors are visually crisp and energetic. Their eclectic mannerisms and intriguing animation make them an absolute success. Sarah Summy's performance as a grocery store checker is also memorable.

Among other actors, Heather A. Smith's depiction of a hustler is awkward as she fumbles with smoking a cigarette -- utter cliche. And stripping to her slip and bra was awkward as well -- also cliche -- masked by shock value.

This production needs a single, united cast. Not a scattered array of talented actors, working separately.

Omaha Community Playhouse Holds Auditions for Productions

Omaha Community Playhouse is holding auditions for two upcoming productions.

Auditions for Glass Menagerie are 7 p.m. on Monday, March 11 and Tuesday, March 12. Two men and two women are needed. The show will run April 26-May 26.

Auditions for West Side Story are at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 26 and Wednesday, March 27. An ensemble of singers and dancers to play characters ages 16 to 25 years old, as well as four male character roles, will be cast. Prepare 16 measures of a song and dress for a dance audition. Production dates are May 31-June 30.

For information, call the Playhouse at 553-4890.

Sports

Excitement Builds as Jays Return Top Five Starters

Ben Tschann
Reporter

The future is so bright for Creighton basketball, fans might catch some of Creighton's men's basketball players wearing shades.

With all five starters returning, the prospects look good. Expect the Jays to improve on this year's 14-14 overall record and 9-9 conference record, especially considering the impact next year's returners had this season.

Coach Dana Altman said, "With the majority of the offensive production coming from these guys, next year's success depends on their personal efforts in the spring, summer and fall to improve their games, especially rebounding."

Six members of this year's team will be key returners for the Jays: freshmen Rodney Buford and Chris Chestnut, forwards Randall Crutcher, Carteze Loudermilk and Chuckie Johnson and point guard Edward St. Fleur.

Among these 6 players expect to see a starting lineup with Buford and St. Fleur at the guards, Johnson and Loudermilk at forwards and Crutcher as the center. Chestnut will probably come off the bench at one of the guard spots.

This year, the six contributed for 73.5 percent of the team's total offense and 76 percent of the team's MVC offense. They also combined for 63 percent of the team's total rebounds and 64 percent of team's minutes.

Currently the coaching staff is out scouting prospects. "We are looking at a big man, a seven-footer," said Coach Altman, "but I would also like to find a pure shooter."

CU has already signed Ben Walker, a point guard from Milwaukee.

Lady Jays Teams Involved In Omaha Community

Drew Baird
Reporter

Several Lady Jays from the soccer and volleyball teams are spending time in the community with sixth grade Girl Scouts from various downtown junior high schools. Ira Philson, first year head coach for the Lady Jays soccer team, is heading this program in which he hopes the Lady Jays will gain more responsibility in the community.

"It's an opportunity for them to have an actual influence on a young lady's life," Philson said.

Katie Clifford, a sophomore soccer player, agrees with her coach. "It's neat to contribute to someone's life."

The student athletes in this program have to spend at least four hours a month with the Girl Scouts doing activities within the community. The last Sunday of each month the Lady Jays get together with the Girl Scouts to have group discussions about life and activities they would like to do in the next month.

"We're there for them as a big sister. It's an eye opener for what they have to go through in their life," Clifford said. "For me, it's definitely been rewarding."

Jays Season: A True Success?

STACKING THE DECK

Dan Bratetic

Bluejay mania came to an end last weekend after Creighton lost to Southwest Missouri State in the Missouri Valley Conference tournament.

Despite the loss, everyone is *optimistic about the Bluejay program.* After all, they made a big turn around this year, right? Well, maybe. Everyone is singing the Bluejays praises, but it's time for someone to break down the season to see how much progress they really made.

The bottom line is this: Creighton made both positive and negative progress this season. If possible, the program almost took a step backwards in one area. That area is scheduling.

Head coach Dana Altman told me in an interview before his first season at Creighton that he intended on making a tougher schedule for the Bluejays, in order to attract more fans and improve the competitiveness of his basketball team. In 1994-95, Altman succeeded in this effort. In 1995-96, he didn't do quite as well.

"It's time for someone to break down the season."

Three teams that appeared on the 1994-95 schedule were dropped in 1995-96. They were St. Louis, Iowa State and Bethune Cookman. They were replaced with UNO, Morgan State, Cal State-Sacramento, and a two-game tournament in Hawaii.

Dropping Bethune Cookman was a good idea. Dropping St. Louis wasn't a very good idea, and dropping Iowa State just wasn't very smart. St. Louis was not as good this year as they were last year, and the Bluejays could have probably beaten them. What a big win that would have been.

Creighton would not have beaten Iowa State, but playing that game gives the program great recognition. It allows recruits to see that you have a big time program, and you are committed to competing with teams like Iowa State.

On the other hand, playing a tournament in Hawaii is a brilliant idea. There is no better recruiting ploy than telling an 18 year-old kid he is taking a free trip to Hawaii if he comes to your school. The only problem is that if the Bluejays continue to schedule home games against Morgan State, they probably won't have enough money to go back every year.

A couple of things that have turned around from the 1994-95 season are the confidence level and competitiveness of the team, and the level of entertainment fans get to see when they come to the Civic Auditorium, or what ever you want to call that big ugly half torn down building on 19th St. and Capital Ave.

I think I have carpal tunnel syndrome from typing his name so much this year, but Rodney Buford brings an offensive spark that Creighton fans haven't seen in a long time. The good thing is that he will only improve.

Lucky Buford is around for another three years, because he is a master recruiter as well. He helped recruit Ben Walker, the number one guard in the state of Wisconsin. Who knows? Maybe Buford could convince Marcus Camby to transfer to Creighton, and the Bluejays could go to the Final Four next year.

Profile

Creightonian's *Weekly Alumni Profile*

To NYU and Back Again, He Finds Middle Ground

Carrie Critchfield
Assistant Editor

Gary Batenhorst was born in Cedar Rapids, a small Nebraska town with a population of less than 500. From there he ventured through his childhood, living in small towns scattered throughout the plains. Towns such as Aurora, Kearney and North Platte, seemingly small, seemingly simple compared to the largest city in America, New York City. But Batenhorst trekked the nearly 1,300 miles across the country to earn his law degree at New York University, graduating in 1976.

And now he is back in Omaha, a compromising, middle-of-the-road medium between the laid back simplicity of small town life and the furious hustle and havoc of life in the big city. Not only did Batenhorst make a compromise in choosing a middle-of-the-road city size, he also lives as such, creating balances in his life and his work.

Batenhorst, who graduated from Creighton in 1973, is vice president, secretary and general counsel for Godfather's Pizza Inc. He's a lawyer. He reviews leases. He monitors trademarks. He resolves franchise problems.

What he does not do is make tremendous corporate decisions. He gives advice to the company's president and department heads. They are the ones who ultimately make the decisions -- decisions which can bring success or destruction.

"Lawyers are really in the advice business," Batenhorst said. "So many things end up being compromised. Being a lawyer is about trying to find the middle that everybody can live with."

But what about the age-old stereotypical view of his profession being made up of unfair, unfeeling, utterly annoying crooked, wicked tricksters who just want to steal the money of naive, innocent, upright citizens trying to get a fair shake?

"I know there are bad lawyers out there," Batenhorst said. "I don't worry about what people think of lawyers. I worry about what people think of me as a lawyer."

Batenhorst said he has found there are two sides to every story. And his story is no exception.

Aside from toiling away at Godfather's nearly 55 hours a week, Batenhorst cares for and spends time with his wife and two children, ages 11 and 14.

"One of the biggest challenges is balancing work and family," he said. "Sometimes you do that successfully and sometimes you don't."

In general, though, does he see himself as a success?

"I'm never really satisfied that I've done as well as I should. In my own mind I could do something better."

Take golfing, for instance. He plays it, but Batenhorst says he does so "very badly." He likes to run, too. But he guiltily admits to only doing so a couple of times a week. And he's reading a biography of Harry Truman, but grudgingly states he rarely finds the time to finish the books he starts. And he would have liked to be a professional athlete, but didn't think it was "in the realm of his physical capabilities."

When he's not busy fouling up his golf game or starting books he'll never finish, Batenhorst serves on the boards of Holy Name Housing and Holy Name Affordable Housing which organize the renovation and construction of homes for low-income Omahans

He is also a member of the Steering Committee of Youth Leadership Omaha., which promotes leadership by introducing various career opportunities to area high school students, sparking their interests in justice, the media, business and serving on boards.

Not only is Batenhorst guiding young, high school minds, he teaches a franchising class to second- and third-year law students at Creighton.

"It's interesting to see what it's like for law students today," Batenhorst said. "It was fairly cutthroat when I was in law school. Students work hard, but it's not as competitive."

And his advice to those students who will soon enter the world of real jobs, big bills, and annoying debts lingering over their now well-rounded brains:

Try out different kinds of work in different parts of the country. Experience geographic diversity, from the small midwestern town of 500 to the Big Apple, at last count, population 7,322,564.

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Gary Batenhorst, a 1973 Creighton graduate, earned his law degree from New York University. He is now vice president, secretary and general counsel for Godfather's Pizza Inc.

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