

Committee finalizes budget cuts

BY MELISSA HILLEBRAND
News Editor

The shaky economy has had less of an impact on Creighton than expected. However, its impact will be felt in reductions to salary, equipment, student employment and in the residence and dining halls.

While other universities have implemented major budget cuts, Creighton will decrease its Administrative budget by only 4.2 percent, said Dan Burkey, vice president for Administration and Finance.

Plans include \$200,000 of proposed revenue increases and \$2.2 million of expense reductions. The revenue increases include a number of items in the \$10,000-\$15,000 range, such as rebates on stock commissions. The expense reductions include the areas of salary and benefits, campus utility delivery salvage, printing, equipment, contract labor and consulting, residence and dining hall operating costs and other various expenses.



Burkey

The plans that were not approved tended to be those that most directly affected student services, student support, libraries and other departments of the university specifically related to students.

"Those were the things we tried to avoid," Burkey said.

The budget cuts were to have the least impact on institutional mission academic quality and student experience, he said.

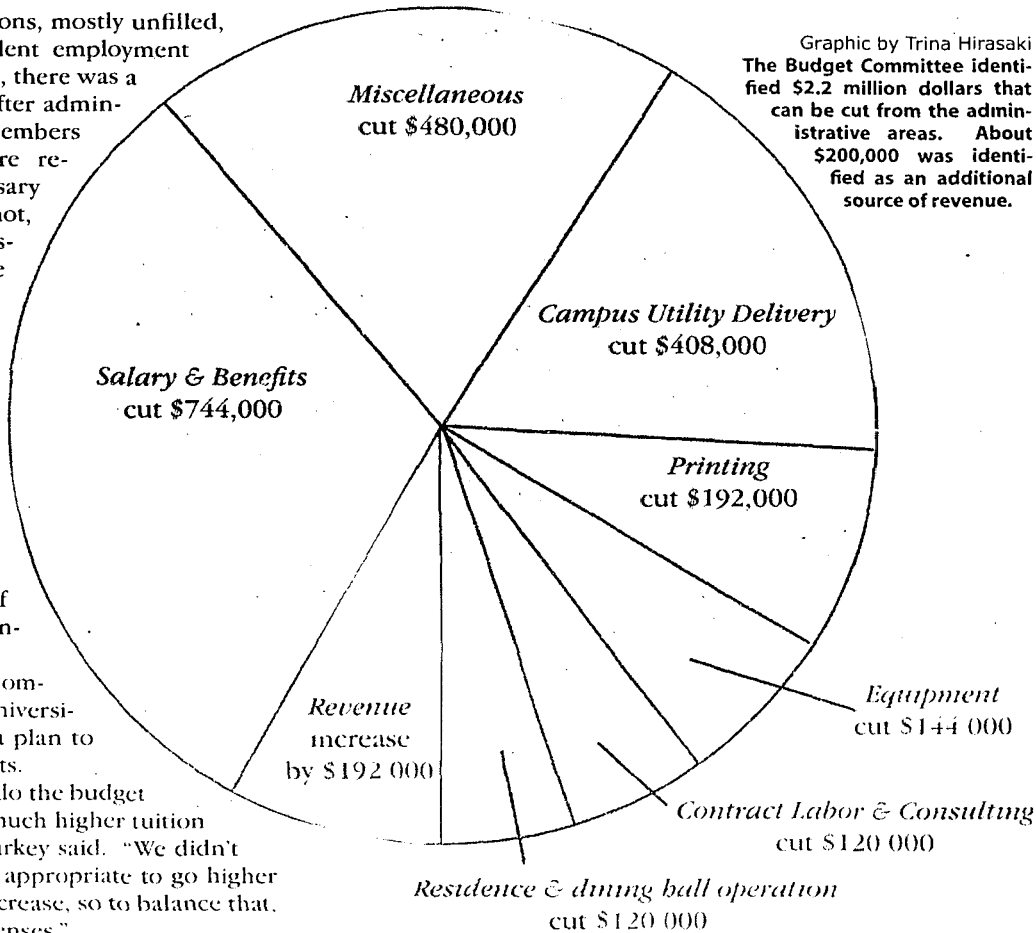
The salary and benefits savings include the

elimination of several positions, mostly unfilled, reduced overtime and student employment reductions. About a year ago, there was a freeze on filling positions after administration, faculty or staff members left. These positions were reviewed to see if it was necessary to fill them immediately. If not, departments sometimes discover that they can manage without those positions. No one is losing his or her job, Burkey said.

The eliminated student employment is mostly in facilities. Students do grounds keeping and maintenance work at Creighton over the summer. Facilities restructured the department and found that this type of student employment was unnecessary.

Last fall the Budget Committee asked each of the university's departments to create a plan to reduce the individual budgets.

"Had we chosen not to do the budget cuts, we would have had a much higher tuition increase [for next year]," Burkey said. "We didn't feel at this point that it was appropriate to go higher than a 5.5 percent tuition increase, so to balance that, we need to cut back on expenses."



Graphic by Trina Hirasaki
The Budget Committee identified \$2.2 million dollars that can be cut from the administrative areas. About \$200,000 was identified as an additional source of revenue.

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Campus defends Public Safety's role

BY HEIDI DUNKLEMAN
& KELLY FITZGERALD

Reporters

Public Safety is not solely responsible for the well-being of Creighton's campus and community.

"We really rely on student involvement to safeguard campus," said Rick McAuliffe, director of Public Safety. If 6,000 students have their eyes open, more crime could be prevented, he said.

Although there have been frequent complaints about Public Safety's performance and presence on campus lately, many others on campus feel the officers are doing their job to the best of their ability.

"I think Public Safety is helpful. I am a space-cadet and one day I left my car window open and my wallet on the seat. They called me to let me know," said Jon Franks, Arts & Sciences freshman.

Despite recent events, Creighton's crime rate has not been increasing, McAuliffe said.

"Two extreme cases in close proximity is unusual for anyone," he said. "But sometimes those things do happen."

The Creighton community was shocked by the recent robbery of Creighton Federal Credit Union and the car-jacking of student Billy Clingman.

"Crime is everywhere and Creighton is no bubble of safety. It is part of the world," said Dr. Thomas Kelly, assistant professor of theology. "College campuses around the country are never immune to crime of all sorts. I taught at a small school in a rural setting and it was much worse than Creighton."

This is Kelly's first year teaching at Creighton and he finds the campus and Omaha a safe place.

"The school is in the city and there is great diversity down here. If one can accept different kinds of people, usually that is what defines "safe" or not," Kelly said.

Professors that have been here for many years agree. The Rev. Ted Bohr, S.J., says that students have always been talking about crime and public safety.

"Over the many years I've been here I've heard on and off that crime is a real issue," Bohr said.

Many people whine about public safety but are unwilling to make formal complaints and suggestions for change.

"If anyone has a complaint about how public safety is performing they should report it to me so the situation can be analyzed and dealt with," McAuliffe said.

He says that complaints frequently circulate around campus but that the rumors continue to develop because of a lack of communication.

As well as communicating concerns, students can also lessen Public Safety's burden by not purposefully causing emergency maintenance problems at night.

"It seems to be that they're really understaffed because at night they have to do emergency maintenance and there's a lot of other stuff that students do to make things go wrong," said Kim Righter, Arts & Science sophomore.

Pranks on the weekend, such as spraying fire extinguishers and breaking elevators between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m. require public safety to respond rather than making their regular nightly patrols.

Public Safety has 14 officers on staff and three full-time dispatchers. Two to five officers are working at a time, depending on a day's events.

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Photo by LaReesa Foy

Deseree Shipman, crime prevention officer at Creighton's Public Safety, demonstrates how to open a locked car door if a student's keys are locked inside. Public Safety officers are also skilled in jump-starting cars when needed.

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Heads vs. Feds: A campus debate

BY BRIDGET MORRIS
Assistant Editor

To smoke dope or not to smoke dope; that was the question debated Tuesday night.

Robert Stutman, a retired Drug Enforcement Administration agent, and Steve Hager, editor of High Times magazine, debated the pros and cons associated with the use and legalization of marijuana in front of more than 200 people during the Heads vs. Feds debate in the Skutt Student Center Ballroom.

The debate began with opening statements from both presenters. Hager cited five reasons for the legalization of marijuana: medicinal use, the production of hemp, corruption in the prison system and corruption in the drug war. He also claimed that marijuana is a part of the counter culture and referred to it as the "sacrament of the counter-culture." His statement received a standing ovation from many audience members.

Stutman claimed that the legalization of marijuana would lead to more users, increase dependence and contribute to mouth, throat and lung cancer. His statement was received with less convincing approval.

Students took advantage of about 45 minutes to ask questions. Questions ranged from topics such as legalizing the consumption of marijuana to the long-term physical effects associated with marijuana use. Students also shared their opinions about legalizing marijuana. One student asked Stutman a question and

during his reply, she claimed that she smoked marijuana purely to get high. Other students stood up and applauded or cheered for points they supported during the questioning.

Anna Rafferty, Arts & Sciences sophomore, said she was impressed with the points made by each presenter.

"It was good to bring this debate because more people smoke weed on campus than those in authority realize," she said.

After the open debate, the speakers summarized their attitudes towards the use of marijuana. Hager told students to "respect the power and magic" of marijuana and Stutman asked those present to recognize the difference between the use and the abuse of marijuana.

Stutman said he continues to appear in the debates because he wants to educate students.

"Students need to make a knowledgeable decision about what they are doing," Stutman said.

He also commented that the most important part of the debate is recognizing the respect that he and Hager have for one another and for each point of view. Hager said he continues to participate in the debate to change people's minds and build activist groups on college campuses. "Counter-culture is a good thing," Hager said.

"We don't deserve the kind of disrespect we receive in the U.S."

Correction

In the March 28 issue of the *Creightonian*, in the article "AFI spawns third album," the headline was incorrect. "Sing of Sorrow" is AFI's sixth album.

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Burkey said that the 4.2 percent budget decrease is not nearly as much as the budget cuts many other institutions are undergoing.

The administrative areas turned in their plans last November. The academic areas' plans are due May 1, with a 5 percent budgetary enhancement.

The Budget Committee approved \$2.4 million of the proposed financial enhancement plans from the administrative areas. This represents 4.2 percent of the \$58 million total budget for those areas.

Burkey said the university does not need to create ways to save the additional \$1.6 million. When the Budget Committee asked for 7 percent cuts, it was early in the budget process and they asked for a number that would be large enough to cover unforeseen budgetary problems, as well as provide the committee with some flexibility in deciding which cuts were most acceptable.

For 2003-04, the academic areas will continue the 2 percent temporary reduction that was implemented for the 2002-03 year. They will essentially have the same budget, but with a 4 percent increase for faculty raises. To the extent that the proposed 5 percent enhancement plan reductions are approved, they will likely take effect in the 2004-05 fiscal year, due to the timing of the plan submissions.

However, the 5 percent cuts may

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3/29/03 6:15 p.m. A student reported the rear window of his vehicle had been shattered during a baseball game in the parking lot north of McGloin Hall.

not be necessary if enrollment increases and the economy takes an upward swing. Burkey does expect it will be necessary to keep the 2 percent cuts at least for the 2004-05 year.

"It will mostly boil down to how well we hit our enrollment targets. If we are close to or ahead of enrollment projections, it's entirely possible we won't need further cuts from the enhancement plans."

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Protesting carries long sentence

BY BONNIE JACOBSEN
Copy Editor

While many Creighton students spend the day in class or on the mall catching some sun, one student spends his days in prison.

William Slattery, Arts & Sciences freshman, cannot enjoy the springtime weather or anticipate the end of the semester like other Creighton students. Slattery is en route to a federal prison in Oxford, Wis., the fourth prison in which he has been held since he was convicted of trespassing on military property Feb. 12.

Slattery, along with Arts & Sciences senior Peter Jessup and Arts & Sciences freshman Kelly Simmons, was arrested at the School of Americas protest in Fort Benning, Ga. last November. Slattery pleaded innocent but was convicted to six months in prison. He voluntarily reported to prison immediately after the sentencing.

Nancy Slattery, his mother, said in a telephone interview that he first went into a county prison near Columbus, Ga.

Speaking to her son only a few times over the phone she learned that this prison is, in her own words, "extremely violent" and that Slattery slept on a mat in the hallway because it was overcrowded.

Soon after Slattery was transported to the Crisp County prison, south of Columbus. He stayed here for six days. Slattery told his mother this prison was not as violent or crowded.

Last Monday, Slattery was transported on a prison-chartered airplane from Atlanta to Oklahoma City. This prison is a temporary site before he is transferred to his final destination, a federal prison in Oxford, Wis. The date of his transfer has not been released. According to his mother, Slattery could be in Oklahoma for one week to one month.

The prison in Oklahoma City has conditions much better than those of the county prisons in Georgia, according to Slattery's mother. She spoke with Slattery only once on a collect call. He described the prison to her. He is able to move about freely in the minimum-security prison during the daytime. He must be in his cell after 11 p.m. He has no money to make phone calls and no stamps to send letters. He has only the clothes on his back and a toothbrush.

It is impossible to get in touch with Slattery currently, but when he is transferred to Oxford he can receive letters and make phone calls.

When her son is released from prison in August she will still support him.

"I encourage Will to promote peace and justice in all work, however he chooses to do that," Mrs. Slattery said.

She believes that activism of this sort is very individual, that it is a calling and that people "have to have peace inside to do it."

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Many feel that there are not enough officers on campus and suggest that with a bigger staff more crimes could be prevented.

"Since Creighton is increasing in size, they should increase in staff," Ann Williams, Business junior said.

The nice weather has put more people out in the open and exposed them to victimization, McAuliffe said, so students need to be aware.

"The average Creighton student has a relatively high parental income and so I think we're known around town as the rich kids. We're going to be targets and should be practicing preventive measures," Williams said.



Slattery

Germany visit ends in appreciation

BY DESEREE SANCHEZ
Reporter

Seven Creighton students and a faculty member visited Germany to learn about the world and came back with a greater respect for American soldiers.

On March 20, members of the International Relations Club and their advisor, Dr. Kenneth Wise, associate professor of political science and international studies, left for a 10-day visit to Heidelberg, Germany. The students participated in the Harvard World Model United Nations Conference with students from countries such as Ireland, Peru and Lebanon.

While participating in the Model U.N., the Creighton students represented the country of Belize. In preparation, the students researched the country's politics, society and culture.

While in Germany, the Creighton group received authorization to stay on the Air Force base in Ramstein, where 43,000 people are stationed. It is the largest base outside of the United States. It is also the location of the major military hospital, Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, where many injured soldiers are sent.

The students received a tour of the hospital from Col. David Ehrhart, who is the father of Arts & Sciences sophomore Elizabeth Ehrhart. While visiting, the students met soldiers wounded in Iraq who were waiting to go home.

One soldier was a young man from Georgia, who was injured in Iraq when his artillery vehicle was blown up. He had suffered a broken leg and injuries from artillery shell explosions. Despite his experience, the soldier was still proud to serve his country.

The experience at the base provided the Creighton students with a new understanding of the military.

"Meeting the soldiers helped us to respect the American ideals of freedom and the courage and respect of the soldiers fighting for our freedom. They are brave and courageous people who are doing it for freedom and the ideals our country is set on," Blake Johnson, Arts & Sciences senior and international relations club president, said.

Although the students were there to focus on the conference, the war with Iraq played a major role in interaction between delegates. Johnson said



From left to right, International Relations Club members Dr. Kenneth Wise, Elizabeth Ehrhart, Josh Black, Caitlin Daugherty, Pat Riordan and Blake Johnson stand in front of the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center inn Ramstein, Germany.

Source: Blake Johnson

other delegates made negative comments about the Bush Administration.

Despite some of the political tensions between the delegates, the main purpose of the conference was not forgotten. The U.N. spirit of peace and compromise remained a major focus.

"There was a spirit of camaraderie because we were coming together to make solutions for problems like war,"

Johnson said.

The conference provided the students with an opportunity to participate in an organization that shapes the world, but the most memorable aspect of the trip involved American citizens.

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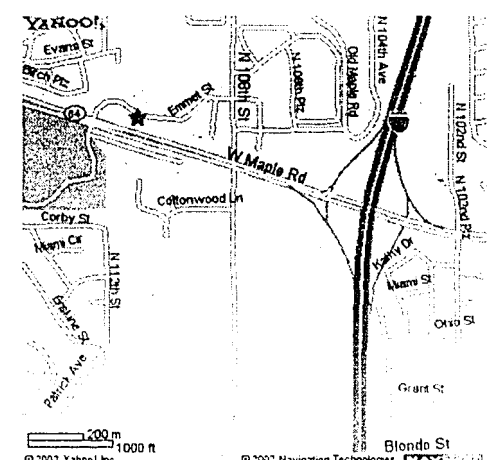


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Father Holbrook bids a fond farewell

BY MARY DOYLE
Reporter

The Rev. John Holbrook, S.J., is one of the only men who can call Deglman Hall his home.

Holbrook has called Creighton home for 39 years. He has lived in Swanson Hall and Kiewit Hall in addition to Deglman. After all these years he is finally moving out of the dorms. This semester is his last at Creighton because he is moving to St. Camilla's, a retirement community in Milwaukee.

During his time at Creighton, Holbrook has never lost sight of his initial mission: to touch the lives of students. He knows what it means to bring simple pleasures to life, because with his small acts of kindness he has touched many on campus.

Marcy Ball, Deglman Hall resident director, and Stephanie Endsley, assistant resident director, said Holbrook spends much of his time committing small acts of kindness in the dorms.

Not long ago one of the nursing student residents, did not have a stethoscope. Ball said Holbrook went out and bought the student a top-of-the-line stethoscope with money some friends had given him. He told her that a nurse should never go a day without a stethoscope.

His kindness and generosity are apparent on a regular basis. Ball recalled how Holbrook had remembered a student during Lent last year. One of the resident advisers in Deglman had given up chocolate for Lent. Holbrook knew that she had, and after Lent was over he left a small basket of chocolates on her door with a note congratulating her on her accomplishment.

He doesn't forget anyone.

In fact, his good deeds are endless. He gives the Deglman desk workers Snickers bars daily, and even has the schedule posted on the back of his door so that he will know their names.

When he receives visitors, he always makes sure to help them feel comfortable by offering them a nice place to eat or a Snickers bar treat.

Years ago, Holbrook began his career in Milwaukee, at Marquette University.

Holbrook was a part of the central administration at Marquette for 10 years, before coming to Creighton. However, he left Marquette hoping to touch the lives of people, while focusing on reaching young college students.

"I really wanted to use my priesthood more, and work with students," Holbrook said.

He did just that when he came to Creighton. He got his master's in counseling and went straight to work.

He began his time at Creighton living in Swanson Hall in 1965. He later moved to Kiewit, which was an all-girls residence hall at the time. In Kiewit, he counseled girls on many important issues of the time.

There were issues surrounding racial conflict, the Vietnam war and many other personal problems which were difficult for the girls. Perhaps it was this all-girl environment that inspired him, because he then moved to Deglman.

While counseling students in the dorm, Holbrook also spent his time as chaplain in the Dental School.

Much of Holbrook's time has also been spent at St. Joseph's Hospital, now called the Creighton University Medical Center. At one point in his career, Holbrook was asked to start a pastoral care program at the hospital. The program consisted of more counseling and visiting rather than solely saying Mass and distributing communion. He spent a lot of time working with those close to dying.

"As time went on, I became more and more of a counselor to the nurses and even doctors," Holbrook said.

Although he has spent most of his lifetime giving, he still volunteers his time at the hospital three days a week. He spends two hours on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in the Surgery-In Waiting Lounge, which he admits is tough stuff.

"It can be trying, and you learn to emit

humor," he said.

Holbrook spends his time talking with patients and family members during those two hours.

"You have to learn to listen and not solve problems because people can solve their own problems if they have someone to talk to."

Not only does he volunteer at the hospital, but Holbrook says Mass everyday at Mercy Villa, a retirement community for nuns.

"I call that payback time for all the nuns...for my time in grade school. I think I owe it to them."

With such a busy schedule Holbrook is ready to take it easy for a while. He is leaving Creighton in May to go to St. Camilla's. There are about 25 other Jesuits who live at St. Camilla's, and Holbrook knows most of them.

"I'd say I know about 20 of the 25 people there because it isn't too many of the young people there you know."

He plans on saying Mass and hearing confessions, and surely he will be spreading kindness there as well.

"Creighton has been very, very good to me. I have been fortunate to be a member of this community. The students here are great, and fortunately I am in the midst of it."



Submitted Photo
Arts & Sciences junior Stephanie Endsley poses with Deglman Hall's favorite man, the Rev. John Holbrook, S.J. After being at Creighton since 1965, Holbrook will be leaving Creighton for St. Camilla's retirement community in Milwaukee. Over the years, Holbrook has done a lot of volunteering and community service. He said that being at Creighton has been one of the best experiences of his life and that he will miss the campus and all of the students when he leaves.

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Idol search is on

BY CORTNEY FRANKS
Reporter

For all those who love singing in the shower, your chance to strut your stuff has arrived.

For the first time ever, Creighton is putting on its very own "American Idol."

Creighton Students Union Program Board, the sponsor of the event, has been looking for talented entertainers. Preliminary competitions were held Wednesday and yesterday, and one more will be held on Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Java Jay.

The first round of winners were Arts & Sciences sophomore Kim Thor and Arts & Sciences freshman Megan Sherman. Results of the second round were not available at press time.

Each night of the preliminary rounds features 8-10 performers, with the line-up selected at random. There are three different judges for every round, but it is the

audience that determines who will go on. Everyone in the audience is given a piece of paper so that they can vote for their favorite Creighton Idol. But choose wisely because you can only cast your vote once.

"I was really surprised to hear that so many people wanted to enter the competition, and it's exciting to hear people talking about it around campus," Catherine Monahan, CSU program board member, said.

Students, staff and faculty are eligible to enter the competition. As of Wednesday, there were 29 people scheduled to perform. The performers choose the song that they wish to sing, and instruments are allowed. Some of the performers are representing organizations on campus, while others are doing it for more personal reasons.

"I'm really excited to see what's out there and to be able to take part in the competition," Thor said.

The board will also be giving out door prizes at the show. Only two of the contestants from each preliminary round will advance to the finals. The winner of Creighton Idol finals will receive a \$200 grand prize, plus the title of "Creighton Idol."

"We are hoping that Creighton Idol will be a new tradition on Creighton's campus," Rahul Sualy, CSU program board member, said.

"We hope that our Creighton Idol makes Simon proud."

The final competition will be held on Wednesday at the Java Jay at 9 p.m.



Photo by LaReesa Foy
Kim Thor, Arts & Sciences sophomore, survived the first round of Creighton Idol eliminations with her rendition of Whitney Houston's "I Will Always Love You."



Photo by Brian Ehrhart
Kara Grimsley, University College student, and adjunct faculty member Patrick Roddy play the two leads in Creighton Dance Company's "Coppélia." The ballet is directed by the new dance coordinator, Lisa Carter.

Creighton Dance Co. revives classic ballet

BY KIRA FISCHLER

Assistant Entertainment Editor

Two dancers share the lead role in this weekend's performance of "Coppélia" at the Lied Education Center for the Arts.

The production stars Arts & Sciences senior Katie O'Connor, University College student Kara Grimsley and Patrick Roddy, adjunct faculty member. O'Connor will play Swanhilda on Thursday and Saturday evening and Coppélia Doll on Friday evening and Saturday matinee. Grimsley dances as Coppélia Doll on Thursday and Saturday evening and Swanhilda on Friday evening and Saturday matinee. Roddy performs as Dr. Coppélius.

Lisa Carter, assistant professor and dance coordinator, said that having a shared lead role has brought nothing but positive results.

"They really work off each other," she said.

Both O'Connor and Grimsley agree. O'Connor said that it is nice to have someone with whom to check choreography.

"It's a really good experience," Grimsley said.

"Every dancer has their own strength, and you learn from each other when you share a role."

Members of the production have rehearsed this love story since January.

In "Coppélia," Dr. Coppélius, a toy maker, is suspected of possessing magical gifts. When Swanhilda, the heroine, learns of her fiancé's secret love of Coppélia, Coppélius' favorite doll, she is devastated. Swanhilda and Franz fail to pass a true love test given by the burgermeister.

That night, Swanhilda and her friends break into Coppélius' shop. The toy maker returns, and all flee but Swanhilda, who

hides in the alcove with Coppélia. Franz then sneaks into the shop to visit the doll, but gets drugged from a cordial drink offered by Coppélius.

Coppélius casts a spell on the "doll" to bring her to life. The doll, which is really Swanhilda, seems to come to life.

Swanhilda reveals her identity to Coppélius and she flees the shop with Franz and they celebrate by receiving their blessing from the burgermeister.

Carter said that everyone, from the set to the costume crew, has worked to make the ballet wholly wonderful. She also noted the marriage of strong acting and dancing due to the increased involvement of people in the theater department.

Grimsley said she wants the audience to see the fun the dancers have with each other and how much they enjoy being on stage.

O'Connor said this is one of her favorite productions. "I'm happy my dancing career is ending on a high note," she said.

"When everyone pulls together, you know it's going to be a good show," Carter said.

Coppélia performances

Show times are tonight at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday at 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$8 for general admission, \$6 for senior citizens and \$5 for Creighton students, faculty and staff.

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Letter to the Editor

Medical students aggravated at Falco's Mormon opinions

We are both medical students at Creighton, who both also happen to be members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. We are not sure you were aware that there are Latter-day Saints that go to Creighton after an article printed on March 28. We were appalled by the recent account of Mr. Falco's "Wild and crazy Utah adventure." How is it that a Jesuit university would allow the stereotyping and denigration of another religion?

Certainly the most offensive section to us as Latter-day Saints was when Mr. Falco made a disgusting reference to our Salt Lake City Temple, "Man, that forbidden Mormon temple sure sounds naughty, I wonder what would happen if I made a mad dash at it?" This shows not only insensitivity and disrespect, but also an incredible lack of knowledge about that building, its significance and history.

Construction of the Temple began after the Latter-day Saints traveled west fleeing horrendous persecution. The Salt Lake City temple took 40 years to build. Each granite stone was carved, pulled 20 miles to the building site from the quarry with oxen and placed by hand. The carvings and designs in the six incredibly high spires were built without modern equipment, but with faith and diligence on the part of the Latter-day saints.

One Pioneer, Annie Wells said, "The sight of the great stones . . . being hauled along the street by two yoke of oxen . . . and we would all stand for them to pass with a feeling of awe and reverence." It would seem to us that a modern day marvel of construction, dedication, defeat of persecution and survival was erected in Utah. The Temple for us is a sacred and holy place of worship, as is any temple for any religion, and to poke fun at it in a school newspaper sends a very poor message of disrespect and insensitivity.

Would Mr. Falco have made and been

allowed to print some snide remark about a Jewish synagogue, the Vatican or perhaps a mosque? We doubt it. It has become politically incorrect to illicit a chuckle from the public at the expense of these religions, however it is more acceptable than ever to get all the laughs we can from the Latter-day Saints. We are not proposing equal-opportunity religion bashing, but equal opportunity respect and sensitivity. Mr. Falco continues later in the article to say, "I might as well check out a Salt Lake City bar...Oh, wait, here's one. Wait a minute! Is that a gigantic mural of Jesus suffering on the cross?" We wonder if Mr. Falco has ever actually paid attention in his classes at Creighton and noticed that every classroom on campus has a crucifix with Jesus' suffering body hanging from it? Latter-day Saints do not use Jesus on the cross, or the cross itself as a symbol of our religion. We prefer to remember Jesus' rising and atonement, so again Mr. Falco demonstrates his ignorance of the church he deemed too good of a joke to pass up, but not worthy of any research.

Finally, the last comment that we would like to address is when Mr. Falco states, "I'm running out of time. I have six more hours to find me some wives." Latter-day Saints are not polygamous and have not been so for over a hundred years. This joke is an old one; one that we would hope Creighton University, as a place of learning, acceptance, tolerance and peace would want to eradicate.

We hope that in the future you might be able to better edit out slanderous articles such as this one, and remember that all religions have stereotypes and propaganda about them, and to print any of it is to do a disservice to your readers and yourselves as journalists.

Abbey Hardy and Jeff Scow
First-year Medical students



Campus Voice

Do you think marijuana should be legalized?



Jeff Sykora
Arts & Sciences sophomore

"No, because we already have too many potheads as it is."



Jean Lengowski
Arts & Sciences junior

"Pot doesn't kill dreams, drugs kill dreams."



Ted Nielsen
Arts & Sciences sophomore

"I think it should so the government can make tax money off of it."



Mark Hare
Arts & Sciences junior

"No, but keeping it illegal will not solve the drug use problem in America."

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Two home runs are not enough to top UNL

BY NIC WILSON

Assistant Sports Editor

Two home runs were not enough for the Creighton softball team to overcome its curse against Nebraska in a 4-2 loss on Tuesday at the CU Sports Complex.

The Bluejays (7-16 overall) fell to No. 6 Nebraska for the second time in less than a week. Freshman Lauren Flores and senior Sami Herbster each hit solo home runs to give the team an early 2-1 lead after the second inning.

Flores' home run was her fifth of the season and leads the team. Herbster's solo shot was the 19th of her Creighton career, tying her with former teammate Marie Gieron for the school home-run record.

The Huskers fought back in the third

inning to take a 3-2 lead that they would not relinquish the rest of the way. Nicole Trimboli's two-run home run was the difference.

"We are very familiar with Nebraska," said CU head coach Brent Vigness. "Our games are always close."

Kristan Melton's solid pitching gave the Bluejays a chance for a comeback in the final three innings. She finished her four innings in relief with four strikeouts and one earned run given up. Starter Tammy Nielsen was credited with the loss, dropping her record to 4-4.

The Huskers' pitcher, Summer Tobias, did not allow any more Bluejay runs after the home runs in the first and second innings. She maintained the mound with

poise and confidence for a freshman, silencing the CU offense.

"Nebraska knows when to turn it on," said CU junior catcher Kari Shank. "They fell behind early, but they got things done when they had to."

Vigness feels his team is playing good softball despite recent losses.

The theme for CU's practices this week has been to improve its batting. The team has not scored more than three runs in any of its last 10 games. Vigness feels the younger players will be key



Photo by Tetona Dunlap
Junior Jenny Hunt went one for three in Tuesday's loss to Nebraska.

to improving the offensive attack.

The Bluejays hope to improve their 2-8 Missouri Valley Conference record when they travel to Evansville for three games.

Baseball runs to victory



Photo by Shay Graves

The Bluejays and in-town rival UNO faced off Tuesday in an offensive battle. In all, 32 runs crossed the plate, as Creighton beat the Mavericks 17-15. The victory improved the Jays record to 9-17 overall. Steve Grasley earned his 19th career save, making him the all time Creighton saves leader.

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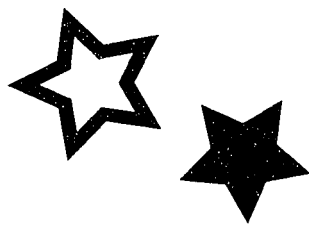
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Record crowd sees Jays lose in WNIT

BY MIKE FALCO
Sports Editor

Creighton's 2002-03 women's basketball team learned a valuable lesson after being snubbed by the NCAA tournament selection committee: A little disappointment never hurts anyone. Being denied by the NCAA gave the women a chance to play before the biggest crowd in CU women's basketball history.

A record crowd of 4,439 fans came to the Civic Auditorium to cheer on the Bluejays. Despite the disappointing 73-62 loss to Auburn, the women may have ushered in a new era of women's basketball at Creighton.

"I am still extremely excited this many people came out to watch us play," head coach Jim Flanery said. "The energy level the last seven to eight minutes was fantastic and I hope they come out next year."

Attendance throughout the season has been low, despite maintaining a 23-home game winning streak throughout the regular season, which was the second longest in the nation. Still the women did

have a better overall attendance average than in seasons past. With the newfound support, the team looks forward to next season.

Despite trailing for most of the game, the boisterous fans rallied behind the team. The intensity of the crowd was matched only by the team's intensity in the second half. Several times the fans were on their feet, showing satisfaction with plays such as guard Laura Spanheimer's, back-to-back 3-pointers, halfway through the second half.

After trailing by as much as 19 points, the women drew within five of Auburn. However, the physical and athletic Tigers overpowered the Jays.

Leaving from this year's team are seniors Jenny Burns and Teresa Wessling. Burns played 20 minutes in her final game, Wessling scored six points, and pulled down five rebounds.

Flanery finishes his first season with the Bluejays as the team's winningest rookie coach ever. The Jays will return Missouri Valley Conference player of the year, guard Christy Neneman.



Photo by Kim Armstrong

A record crowd of 4,439 attended the WNIT game Monday at the Civic Auditorium. Despite the loss, the women have made this season a success. Auburn used its height to out-muscle the Jays. (Above) Teresa Wessling is caught in one of many rebounding battles during the game.

Crew hosts regatta



Photo by Jen Edney

The women's crew team spent spring break competing and training in Austin, Texas. (Left to right) Brigid Daly, Wendy Holmes and Abby Bruning will compete Sunday for the Bluejay varsity team.

BY NIC WILSON

Assistant Sports Editor

Boats jockey for position as the official signals them to begin the race. The women begin to row furiously attempting to get an early lead they will not relinquish.

This will be the scene Sunday morning as the Creighton women's crew team hosts the Midwest Collegiate Sprints at Carter Lake. The regatta will last from 8:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. and is the Bluejays' lone home event of the year.

Spectators should expect to see an event similar to a track meet. Boats will be seen warming up all around the lake as nearly non-stop race action will take place. Sixteen total events will navigate the straight 1,900-meter course during the day.

CU head coach, Dan Chipps, is expecting a great performance from his team. He anticipates the novice-8s and women's lightweight 4 to pace the team.

A young Bluejay team has learned to lead by committee this season.

"Everyone has their own niche on the team," Chipps said.

"Rowing is such a team sport. We are only as fast as our weakest link."

The team is using the championship traveling trophy as motivation this weekend. The women's trophy is named after Roberta Ray Becker, who passed away in 1995. Becker was the mother of Chipps' wife, Lisa. A former crew team member, Lisa Chipps now works as an academic advisor for the CU Athletic Department. Last year Drake won the trophy.

"That trophy belongs to my mother-in-law so I want it back," Chipps said.

Chipps recommends spectators watch the races from the launch area, just 500 meters from the finish line. Fans can also watch the men's club team compete against crew teams from across the Midwest on Sunday morning.

Lay-ups are easy for nursing student

BY CARRIE RANDALL
Reporter

From the court to the classroom, freshman Angie Janis has begun the long run to getting a nursing degree while playing on the women's basketball team.

In her struggle to juggle such a demanding curriculum and athletic activity, Janis manages her time efficiently and with a smile on her face.

Janis attended Millard North High School and as a freshman came to Creighton with hopes of successfully helping the women's basketball team and doing well in school.

Not a stranger to the basketball program, Janis had participated in many of Creighton's individual basketball camps and was heavily recruited.

Just your average day

- 8:30 a.m. Wake up
- 9:30 a.m. Go to class
- 45 Minute break
- 11:00-2:00 Back to back classes
- 2:00 Attempt to catch some lunch
- After a lunch, do a quick shoot-around
- Prepare for game day
- 5:30 p.m. Arrive at the gym
- 7:05 p.m. Game time
- 10:30-12 a.m. Study

"She's a very talented basketball player. She can shoot the three and she is very mobile. She runs very well. We're really excited about her future," said Jim Flanery, head women's basketball coach.

Playing basketball since age 12, Janis has always taken pride in her abilities as a player. This year however, the 6-foot-1 post player was forced to learn how to take on a much different role than she is used to.

The pace of the game rapidly increased and her starting position of four years was no longer at hand.

"It's so hard learning your role. You come in and you want to do so well, but it is just so hard. You want to please everyone and sometimes you just can't do that," Janis said.

"You have to understand where you are and how much you can contribute to a team and not overdo it. You will set yourself back by trying extremely hard."

Missing practices does not help matters. It is frustrating for both coaches and players when all teammates are not present for practices. Janis has to leave every Tuesday and Thursday practice early in order to attend a science course for nursing.

Yet, Janis makes up for any lost court time by working out before practice starts and by practicing one extra day per week.

"Sometimes it's hard to get to practice. With nursing or pharmacy students, sometimes you just have to make exceptions. They may have to miss a practice or be late to practices, and so they have to do some stuff on their own. That's what Angie does," Flanery said.

Janis began her academic career at Creighton with a high school grade point average of 3.78 and the intention of receiving her

degree in physical therapy. For as long as she can remember, Janis has wanted to work with children.

"I love baby-sitting or taking care of my cousins. Usually it is the kids who brighten my day," Janis said.

She decided she wanted to become a nurse and work in a pediatric or neo-natal ward when her roommate, also a nursing student, came home with an infant's diaper after a day of shadowing a nurse. She enrolled and was accepted into the College of Nursing soon after.

Under the traditional nursing curriculum, a student will have to take as many as 18 hours for three semesters in their undergraduate experience, in addition to two simultaneous science courses during each semester of their freshman year. Janis is currently juggling physiology and chemistry.

Luckily, Janis' professors have been very understanding about her conflicting schedule.

"As long as everybody communicates well and we know what the schedule is, we'll be glad to accommodate as best we can. It's give and take on everybody's part," said Linda Lazure, associate dean for student affairs in the College of Nursing.

With a season starting over fall break in October and ending as late as March, a basketball player has limited time to attend to an average college student's social life.

Taking on a full schedule of 17 hours and then adding on to it hours of practice, conditioning

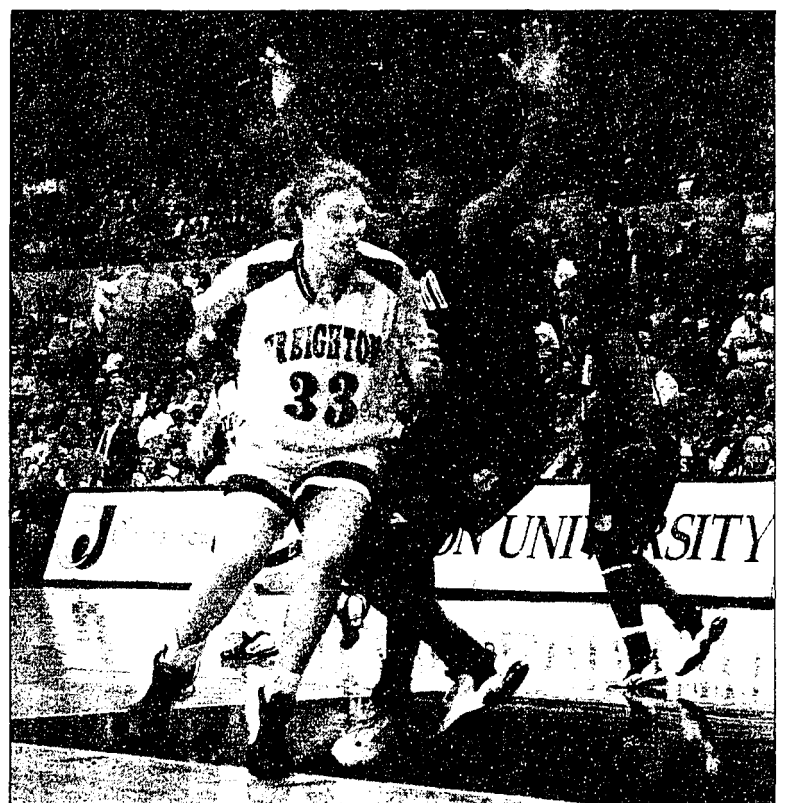


Photo by Kim Armstrong

In her freshman year, 6-1 forward, Angie Janis, has balanced studies and basketball. On Monday, Janis continued her solid WNIT play, scoring 11 points in 23 minutes.

and five-day road trips leaves any person with limited time to socialize.

"I want to experience the whole college life and I think that a little bit of that is going out and having fun and being on your own," Janis said.

Although managing school, basketball, and a social life poses as a stressful and sometimes frustrating experience, Janis continues to work hard and finds time to go home once a week to

spend time with her family and dog. Her only downfall seems to be that she is just too nice.

"She's very nice. As a basketball player, she's almost too nice. From our standpoint we'd like to see her get a little meaner," said Flanery jokingly.

"I don't like to use the word nice, but it's probably the most appropriate word to use to describe her."