

## Bluejays demand national eye

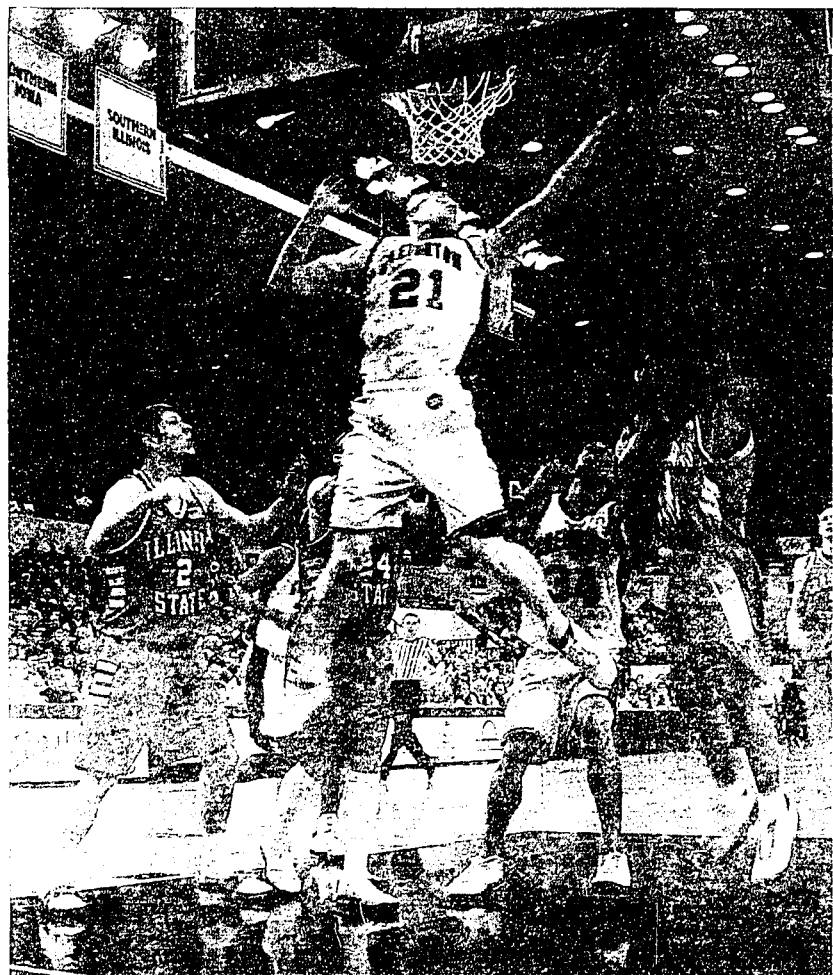


Photo by Kim Armstrong  
Joe Dabbert reaches high for a slam dunk, helping propel Creighton to a 95-82 victory over Illinois State Monday night. The Bluejays are ranked No. 10 in the AP poll and No. 9 in the ESPN/USA Today poll.

### Men's basketball makes history and the top 10.

BY MIKE FALCO  
Sports Editor

Like a high-flying dunk by Joe Dabbert, the Creighton men's basketball team soared to new levels this week as they entered The Associated Press top 10 for the first time in school history.

It has taken 86 years to reach this point. The last time Creighton cracked the Top 25 was February of 1975, when they peaked at No. 13, a position this year's team matched last week.

Creighton is also ranked No. 9 in the ESPN/USA Today poll. The ESPN poll is decided by coaches, while the AP poll is prepared by sportswriters and sportscasters across the country. The polls are released every Monday.

Even with newfound success in the rankings head coach Dana Altman is maintaining a level head.

"It's very nice to be recognized. It's nice for our fans and our players. A lot of men have put in a lot of work," Altman said. "However, they don't give you any award for being ranked on Jan. 11."

Halfway through the season, this year's team has accomplished things few other Creigh-

ton teams have done in the past.

After defeating Illinois State on Monday, the men matched the team's all-time best start of 16-1, set in the 1942-43 season. Creighton has also been ranked by ESPN.com as the top mid-major team in the nation since Dec. 3, when highly regarded Gonzaga slipped from the top spot.

The last two college head coaches to travel to Omaha are in agreement that this year's team may be unstoppable in Missouri Valley Conference play.

When responding to comments made by Southern Illinois head coach Bruce Weber about the possibility of Creighton going undefeated in conference play, Tom Richardson of Illinois State said, "Absolutely, there is no reason they shouldn't. They are by far the best team in the conference."

Despite being in the top 10, Creighton is No. 13 in the Records Percentage Index. The RPI takes into account several factors including schedule strength. The NCAA uses the RPI during tournament time to seed teams.

Because the MVC is weaker than in years past, Creighton could conceivably go undefeated in the conference and still have a sub-par RPI.

For now, Creighton is one of the 10 best teams in the nation and nobody can take it away. At least not this week.



Altman

Highlights of basketball and a wrap-up of men's soccer in sports.

## New building open, but incomplete

BY MELISSA HILLEBRAND  
News Editor

The recently constructed science building not completely finished and it is missing something big: a name.

Students taking classes in the building this semester have been told to report to building NSB. What does that stand for? New Science Building.

The \$48 million structure will have its name unveiled at its formal dedication ceremony next fall, said Timothy Austin, dean of the College of Arts & Sciences.

In the mean time, the building will be known as the Integrated Science Education Building, because the building contains both undergraduate and graduate science departments, said the Rev. John P. Schlegel, S.J., president of Creighton.

The science departments moved into their new offices over Christmas break.

Although touch-ups are still needed, the building was mostly ready for classes last week. Carpet installation and painting, as well as the completion of a classroom on the first floor, and the completion of labs are needed before the building is entirely finished.

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## The Dream is Alive

Jan. 20, 2003



Students remember the message of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., during the reenactment of the March on Washington in Kiewit Fitness Center. The Rev. Daryl Eure, S.J. delivered the "I Have a Dream" speech to faculty, staff and students in attendance. Top: (left to right) Freshmen Deanna Sanchez, Brandii Daniels, Nora Cosgrove and Josh Marshall listen to the ceremonies.



Photos by Kim Armstrong

### Sports

Men's soccer finishes season with a bang at the College Cup.

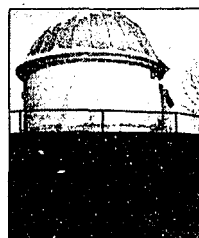
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# Quick Hits

## Fundraiser held to benefit students arrested in Georgia

The Creighton community showed its support for the student protesters arrested Nov. 17 at the School of Americas in Fort Benning, Ga.

A fundraiser and send-off was held Jan. 17 for Creighton students Peter Jessup, Kelly Simmons and William Slatter, who were arrested for trespassing onto the School of Americas. Supporters gathered to discuss the protest and share a meal and blessing. The Rev. John P. Schlegel, S.J., university president, attended the event.

The fundraiser was held to raise money for the students and their families travel and lodging expenses. The students must return to Georgia on Jan. 27 for a trial that may last several weeks. They have been charged with a class B federal offense and face a maximum penalty of six months imprisonment or a \$5,000 fine. Attorneys have volunteered their services to represent the students.

## Martin Luther King Jr. awards honors two student leaders

Adam Molzer and Amber Bates were awarded the prestigious Martin Luther King, Jr. Student Leadership Awards during ceremony held Monday in the Kiewit Fitness Center.

This award honors Creighton students who work to make the university a more inclusive community by fostering an environment supportive of racial, ethnic, and religious equality and harmony.

Nominations are solicited from students, staff and faculty of the university. The recipients are chosen after consideration by the Martin Luther King, Jr. Planning Committee of the President's Council on Cultural Diversity.

## Weekly Campus SAFETY REPORT

**1/14/03 3:23 p.m.** A student reported being involved in a minor traffic accident with a parked vehicle west of Criss II.

**1/15/03 7:35 p.m.** A student was involved in a traffic accident with a shuttle bus at the intersection of 24<sup>th</sup> and Davenport Streets.

**1/17/03 3:45 p.m.** An officer witnessed a minor traffic accident involving the Burt Street shuttle and a parked vehicle in Lot 76 west of Criss I.

**11:45 p.m.** An intoxicated student was transported by officers from Kiewit Hall to the Creighton University Medical Center for treatment.

**1/18/03 5:40 p.m.** A faculty member reported her car had been broken into and an empty purse was stolen at 22<sup>nd</sup> and Cass Streets.

**1/20/03 10:10 p.m.** A student fell on the sidewalk and injured her lower back. She was transported to Student Health for treatment.

**12:45 p.m.** A student reported the side mirror on her vehicle was damaged when another vehicle struck hers in the

Burt Street lot.

**12:58 p.m.** A student driving a pickup truck damaged a section of the fence railing in a parking lot north of the Boyne Building.

**4:45 p.m.** A student reported that her vehicle, parked in the Heider lot, had been broken into and various items were missing.

**7:35 p.m.** Officers responded to a vehicle fire near the Brandeis Hall loading deck. The Omaha Fire Department extinguished the blaze.

**7:20 p.m.** Three students attending the men's basketball game at the Civic Auditorium were evicted for alcohol violations. One was transported to the hospital for treatment. The others were transported to their residences on campus.

**Crime Prevention Tip of the Week:** *If someone tries to rob you, do not resist. Give up your property. Report the crime to the police, trying to accurately describe the attacker. Your actions can help prevent others from being victims.*

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ished. Kiewit Construction hard-hats can still be found in the building.

It is expected to be mostly finished in time for the open house held during Founder's Week on Feb. 6.

An \$18 million renovation of the Criss buildings and Rigge is the next step. These buildings will be turned into laboratories for research, said Fred Salzinger, associate vice president for Health Services.

Jonas Judge, Arts & Sciences junior, agrees that the new building is necessary for Creighton.

"We were overdue for new facilities," he said. Judge also likes the cushioned of-

fice chairs found in the larger classrooms in the new building.

Each classroom in the new building has a data projector with a large display screen, a document camera, wireless and wired microphones and a Windows or Macintosh computer. Ethernet or JAY-net jacks are in every classroom. The smaller classrooms will also be connected to the wireless network, said Chuck Lenosky, director of Media Services.

"As an avid technology user I am grateful to have the opportunity to teach in classrooms that offer the latest video, audio, projection and computer equipment," said Isabelle Cherney, assistant professor of psychology.

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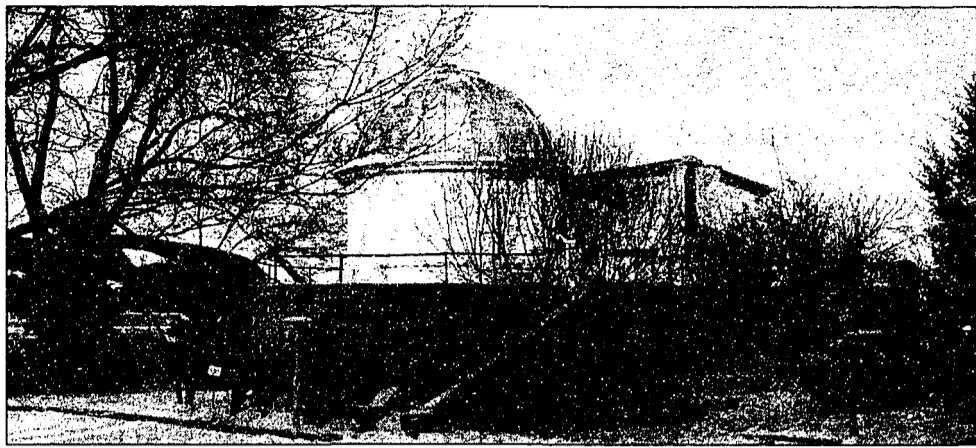


Photo by Tetona Dunlap  
 Creighton's Observatory, built in 1885 and located in the Jesuit Gardens, was the first of its kind west of the Mississippi. Since 1995, when the structure was said to be unsafe, the historic observatory has not been used.

# Historic observatory beyond restoration

BY DESIREE SANCHEZ  
 Reporter

The 117-year-old Creighton observatory has witnessed many years of stars and students; now its fate is uncertain.

The abandoned observatory in the Jesuit Gardens, unused since 1995, is slowly crumbling from the strands of time. Lack of funds and interest may seal its fate as a forgotten aspect of Creighton history.

The observatory was built in 1885 through the encouragement of the Rev. William Rigge, S.J., and the funds of John A. Creighton. At the time, not a single observatory existed west of the Mississippi River.

In the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, many famous astronomers from all over the world visited the observatory. Along with scientists, John Creighton and his friends visited the observatory frequently. In 1910, students and professors hoping to spot Halley's comet spent numerous nights in the ob-

servatory as well.

The observatory has not seen much use recently. In 1995, the observatory was deemed unsafe and closed. Because of the lack of funds to repair the aging building, the historical site may be destroyed.

According to Physics professor Dr. Robert Kennedy, preserving the observatory is illogical.

"There is enough disrepair that it is not cost effective to repair and reconstruct it," Kennedy said.

Jim Willett, executive director of facilities management, said that the university considered renovating the structure 10 years ago. At that time, renovation costs would have totalled \$125,000.

In the past, the observatory was threatened by destruction because of the expansion of 24<sup>th</sup> Street, but the Rev. William Rigge, S.J., fought to preserve it. Now it faces destruction again, with little knowledge of its future fate.

# Med school dean leaves for Texas

BY ANDREW COLLINS  
 Reporter

The dean of the Medical School, Dr. M. Roy Wilson, has resigned the position. He accepted the position of President at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

Wilson, who attended Medical School at Harvard University, has been at Creighton for four and a half years.

"I enjoyed my time here at Creighton, and the decision was a very difficult one to make," Wilson said.

Wilson said he was offered the po-

sition although he was not looking for alternative jobs. One influential factor in Wilson's decision to leave is the fact that there will be a new medical school built on the Texas Tech Campus.

"It's very exciting to be in at the ground level of something like that," he said.

Wayne Barkmeier, dean of the Dental School and chair of the search committee appointed by Creighton President Rev. John P. Schlegel, S.J., said the search to identify possible replacements has not yet begun.

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# No boundaries for diabetic students

BY EVAN GREEN  
Reporter

Wake up, poke finger and bleed, give yourself an injection, eat, go to class: the beginning of a student's day.

Wait. Bleed? Injection? These morning routines are essential to college students with diabetes, a disease that affects about 17 million Americans.

## BLUEJAY BUZZ

prominent people on campus

•The Creighton University Debate Team won the Concordia Classic tournament this weekend in Seward, Neb. The two-person teams of John Henderson, Business sophomore, and Alaina Stedillie, Arts & Sciences junior and Angie Miller, Arts & Sciences senior and Becky Cole, Business freshman tied for first place. The team of David Tan, Business freshman, and Travis Hepburn, Arts & Sciences sophomore, advanced to semi-finals, and then lost to Henderson and Stedillie. Creighton received first, second and third place honors in parliamentary debate.

•At the March at Creighton memorial celebration on Monday, Arts & Sciences senior Amber Bates and Business senior Adam Molzer received the Creighton University Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Student Leadership Award. The award recognized students who were exemplary leaders in the past year.

Most college-aged diabetics have Type 1 diabetes. Type 1 diabetics' bodies are unable to produce insulin, a hormone necessary in metabolizing sugar. They must inject insulin to survive. Type 2 diabetes is more common. In this type, the body produces insulin but is resistant to it.

Multiple types of insulin are available to treat diabetes, ranging from injections throughout the day to insulin pumps. This is a pager-sized device that mimics the body by delivering a constant dose of insulin through a tube in the skin. Insulin pump wearers must still take insulin after they eat, but the dosage is delivered through the tube instead of by injection. Creighton juniors Micah Kiel, Jesse Zien and Lindi Johannsen use insulin pumps.

"People think you have this awful thing, but it does not hold you back," Johannsen said. "You can live a normal life."

All three say the insulin pump adds flexibility to their lives, because they are not confined to eating on a schedule and do not have to remember to take injections. Kiel used to give himself 10 shots per day before he switched to an insulin pump in November of 2001.

A pump user must still test their blood and watch what they eat. The pump must be worn at all times, and is normally removed only when showering or exercising. The tubing must be replaced every three to four days, otherwise it will become infected. Despite these drawbacks, the pump is the best form of treatment and is a good option for minimizing the risk of complications.

The chaos of college life can be problematic when trying to deal with diabetes, since maintaining a strict schedule is almost impossible.

The key to diabetes control is monitoring blood sugar levels. Diabetics must



Photo by Kim Armstrong  
Arts & Sciences junior Micah Kiel displays the insulin pump that he and many other college-aged diabetics use to monitor their insulin levels. This device, which constantly monitors a body's insulin level, is worn under clothes. A pump eliminates the need for multiple injections, and is less invasive.

prick their fingers and test their blood multiple times each day. They use the test results to adjust their insulin dosages and food intake to keep their blood sugars in the normal range.

Low blood sugar levels can have many side effects, from changes in the basic functions of the body, to mood swings and in their ability to concentrate. A high blood sugar is equally bad. Along with symptoms similar to a low blood sugar, it can cause a person to feel nauseous.

"Every problem has more conse-

quences for diabetics," Zien said.

A common cold can lead to out-of-control blood sugar levels, concerns about food intake and the symptoms of a cold itself.

There are some days when a diabetic's body cannot handle the added pressure of school, and in these cases, Kiel said, you have to be able to drop everything and rest.

"You have to learn what your body can and can't do," Kiel said.

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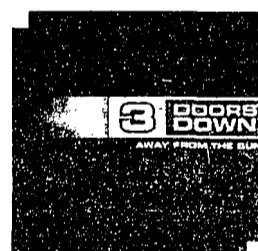
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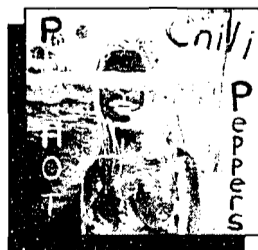
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BY SARA LAUCK  
Entertainment Editor

The photographs taken by the Rev. Don Doll, S.J., portray a combination of sorrow, hope and love that reveals the human condition at its best, and at times, its worst.



Doll

"My pictures are about people," Doll said. Doll has been both a journalism and fine arts professor at Creighton University for 33 years.

His pictures can be seen at three galleries in Omaha. They are on display from now through

Feb. 9 at the Lied Art Gallery, and through Feb. 16 at the PAGE Gallery and the Gallery Garden of the Zodiac.

Many of Doll's photographs are of people from different cultures around the world. They range from portraits of smiling Native American children in full ceremonial dress, to heart-breaking scenes of war-ravaged villages in Angola and the effects of landmines on unsuspecting victims.

"I want people to think 'What are we doing about this?'" Doll said. "I want all of our students to be aware of the rest of the world and the suffering out there."

Even more, Doll said he wants people to realize that they have an obligation to help.

Dan Justin, Creighton graduate student said, "It's amazing just how every one of these photos tells such a story."

Not all of Doll's photographs depict scenes of despair. One exhibit at the Lied Art Gallery shows portraits of Native Americans, with their stories of hope written in the captions. These are stories of success, happiness and prosperity.

One particularly moving segment follows the final days of Doll's own mother's life, which ended three months after being diagnosed with brain cancer. These pictures were "my way of understanding and experiencing my grief," Doll said. As he began taking pictures he became more conscious about documenting his family.

The show was done to preserve the

best of over 35 years of photographs that Doll has taken.

"Doing a show like this really gives you a clue as to where you've been," Doll said.

To preserve his photographs for the future, he scanned the negatives into the computer using a very high resolution scanner. He then used a new technology called archival ink jet printing to print pictures that are almost flawless.

At the opening of the show, the Rev. Ted Bohr, S.J., said, "I'm most impressed with the quality of the printing...they stand up beautifully."

New technology in photography has changed the face of the darkroom, and Doll uses the newest digital techniques in his work.

Doll said photography has changed so much that if professional photographers do not use new computer technology they are "dead in the water."

"The paradigm for photographers has really changed from the darkroom to the 'digital' darkroom," he said.

This exhibit includes works Doll has

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photographed for "National Geographic" and the book "Vision Quest: Men, Women and Sacred Sites of the Sioux Nation." In 1997, he was the winner of the Kodak Crystal Eagle Award, among many other accomplishments during his career.

After these exhibits end, Doll said his work will be far from over. He plans to take scenic pictures along the Lewis and Clark trail and he is also the technical advisor for an original musical written by Alan Klem and Dr. Fred Hanna, fine arts professors at Creighton, set to premier in fall of 2003.



Photo by the Rev. Don Doll, S.J.

Gail Dickel welcomes her new son, Ted, into the world as her husband, Tim, lends a helping hand. The birth came two days before the death of Doll's mother, together completing a series of photographs on the cycle of life and death.

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**Letter to the Editor**

**MLK Day distresses student**

I wish to take this opportunity to express my disappointment regarding the events I witnessed at Creighton's Martin Luther King Day event.

Specifically, I noticed almost immediately upon arriving at the event the distribution of signboards containing phrases such as "No More Blood for Oil," mixed in with signboards containing phrases such as "We Want Integrated Schools now." Only the latter of these signboard phrases has any relation to Dr. King's March on Washington. The former signboard is an obvious reference to the upcoming potential war with Iraq, and is an evident attempt to attack our President and his foreign policy goals. Regardless of what your position is on whether or not a possible war in Iraq is justified, there is no refuting that this has absolutely nothing to do with MLK Jr., the Civil Rights Movement, or the March on Washington. Actions such as these serve to intentionally aggravate those who attended the event expecting only to experience a recreation of Dr. King's march on Washington, particularly those who may not share in the protestor's opinions and are not provided with a means to express their own.

Also considerably offensive were the remarks of Creighton's President, the Rev. John P. Schlegel, S.J., following the reenacted remarks of Dr. King. Father Schlegel went so far as to call Affirmative Action "The Right to Academic Diversity," and preceded to criticize President Bush and his filing in the Supreme Court to challenge the admissions policies of the University of Michigan, which uses a system of racial

"quotas" in its admissions process.

Perhaps the most offensive quality of these remarks is their proximity to Dr. King's reenacted remarks. Immediately preceding Schlegel's speech, the famed phrase of Dr. King was uttered so passionately by Rev. Eure, "I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character." Dr. King believed that skin color should not be a determining factor in the judgment of any individual. The remarks of Schlegel suggested to me, with little uncertainty, that he believed not only that he was personally justified in making these remarks, but also that Dr. King himself would have supported him ideologically. I believe this to be completely inaccurate, inappropriate, and insulting to the memory of Dr. King and the righteous principles he stood for.

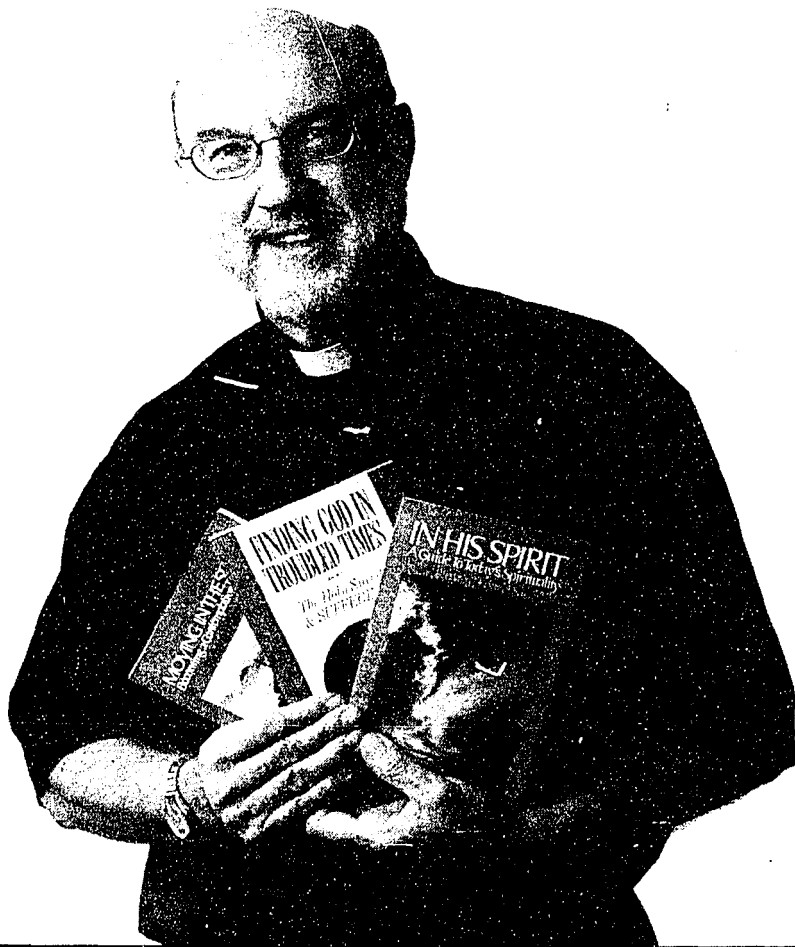
Despite these unfortunate occurrences, I was still very happy that I was able to attend this event. All of the musical and verbal reenactments I witnessed were well performed and very faithful to their historical counterparts. However, I wish to express my grievances to help assure that next year's MLK Day celebration is uninhibited by the unfortunate events I witnessed this year. MLK Day is far too important an occasion for us as an academic community to be distracted by routine political squabbles, and the continuing support of the Creighton community for MLK and his principles more than 40 years after he organized this march serves as evidence of this.

**Richard Reinblatt**  
Arts & Sciences Senior

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**Campus Voice**

**What do you think of all the Bluejay basketball hype around campus?**



**Nick Glass**  
Arts & Sciences senior

"Anything out of the top five is just unacceptable."



**Josh Van Tilburg**  
Arts & Sciences junior

"It's good that people have school spirit right now."



**Ashley Kniffin**  
Arts & Sciences junior

"I think it brings a lot of excitement to Creighton."



**Matt Briggs**  
First year physical therapy

"I think it's awesome for the school."

**Greeks upset over story**

It would seem that the Creightonian has decided to encourage on-campus gossip after publishing the article, "Fraternity lands a spot in the hot seat" (December 6, 2002). In this piece, the writer indicated that the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity is being investigated for "wrongdoing." He seeks to enlighten everyone about what might be happening in the fraternity, but ultimately the article leaves the reader more confused than beforehand.

It does however, present speculation that will simply serve to fuel ridiculous rumors and unneeded hearsay on a campus that already is overloaded with unfounded rumors.

Of course the staff could choose to highlight the positive aspects of fraternities, but then the paper would become overburdened with stories about the Greek community's many service projects, school leaders, and above average academic achievements.

It has become more than apparent to us that the only Greek-related articles the Creightonian elects to publish are those that draw negative attention to the Greek community. While we respect the work that the Creightonian has done in the past, we see no reason for this article, which we can label none other than propaganda.

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**Ready For a New Challenge?**

# Jays fall to Stanford at College Cup

BY MIKE FALCO  
Sports Editor

For a moment it appeared that Creighton men's soccer was destined to advance to the championship game of the College Cup at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. A soft lob by Stanford's Johannes Maliza was headed straight for the goal in the second overtime of the semifinal game.

Then, out of nowhere, senior Joe Wieland cleared the ball in midair, just before it crossed the goal line. Creighton fans went crazy, few doubting that the men were off to the championship with a chance to net Creighton's first ever NCAA title.

Moment's later, celebration broke out, this time from the Stanford fans. Their team was off to the championship, while Creighton would have to wait until next season for another final four appearance.

Stanford head coach Bret Simon, Creighton's former coach, had mixed emotions about beating the team he had led to the championship in 2000.

"My first thought was absolute exhilaration about winning the game and my second thought was about some of the seniors at Creighton. I was sad that their run ended," Simon said.

Despite the loss in the semifinals, the 2002 men's soccer season was a success. Creighton's run to the final four helped reestablish Creighton as a soccer force after a disappointing season in 2001.

"Going into the year we were excited because we knew we were better than that. It was uncharacteristic of Creighton soccer to finish just above .500," said junior midfielder Matt Jewett.

After the tournament, seniors Mike Tranchilla and Joe Wieland were named to the College Cup All-Tournament Team.

Tranchilla was drafted in the 4<sup>th</sup> round of the MLS Super Draft and will begin his professional career in Dallas. He finished his career as the Missouri Valley Conference all-time leading scorer with 55 goals and 140 points. He was also honored as an NCAA first team All-American.

Head Coach Bob Warming knows it will be difficult to replace Tranchilla, but

believes his team will be up to the challenge.

"Mike is a very, very special player. We won't sign another player like Mike Tranchilla. Collectively everyone is going to have to step it up," Warming said.

The soccer team has a lot to look forward to next year. According to Warming, the team chemistry this past season was tremendous, and with the new freshmen, the team appears to be moving in the right direction.

Although this season was an exciting one for Creighton soccer, Warming knows next year will be just as special.

"For the first time, it looks like we will be competing on campus."

The new on-campus stadium, which is scheduled to be opened by next season, will be a modern facility that is much more accessible for students than distant Tranquility Park.

The team will continue to prepare for next season. During the off-season the players will participate in intensive weight training. Warming and his staff will work to improve individual weaknesses to make the team stronger as a whole.

With a better than expected performance in the College Cup, the team will have plenty of momentum leading up to next season.

"If you had told me at mid-season that we would be going to the final four, I would have been extremely satisfied," said junior defender Shane Havens. "I am disappointed with the finish, but I think we will be able to return to the final four next year."



Left: Mike Tranchilla stands dejected after Creighton's 2-1 double overtime loss to Stanford. Tranchilla scored a first half penalty kick for the Bluejays, but it was not enough. Tranchilla will continue his soccer career in the MLS with the Dallas Burn.

Below: Creighton fans stand cheering the team after their heart-breaking loss. About 300 supporters followed the team down to Dallas. Southern Methodist University was the setting for the 2002 NCAA College Cup.

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# No limit on Korver's dream season

By MIKE FALCO  
Sports Editor

Ask Kyle Korver how it feels to be living every kid's dream of being a sports star, and he will likely say he still hasn't fulfilled his childhood dreams.

At first his response may seem surprising. The average kid playing basketball on his driveway can only imagine receiving the kind of attention Korver has, especially playing a game he loves.

What you don't realize is that Korver's hoop dreams revolve around more than just landing his mug on Sports Illustrated, The Sporting News, and ESPN the Magazine.

"I haven't really done the things I imagined as a kid. I set pretty high goals. The things I would really like to do, I haven't done yet," Korver said.

Although Korver never explicitly shared his goals, there is a sense that Korver is on the brink of fulfilling them. Maybe it is as simple as self-improvement or as grand as bringing a national championship to Omaha.

Even so, Korver may be closer than ever to achieving his lofty goals. He has already broken the Missouri Valley Conference record for career 5-pointers.

In addition he has broken the Creighton single-game, single-season and career totals for 5-pointers.

**"I've always been the kind of guy where compliments are nice for a minute, but critics really get to me."**

Kyle Korver  
Senior Forward

Korver has turned a lot of heads. Most notably he has gained the attention and respect of college basketball guru Dick Vitale.

"It's going to be difficult for a kid like this to win a national player of the year [award] obviously because he's not at a marquee school," said Dick Vitale to the Omaha World-Herald. "But that doesn't mean that he shouldn't and I'm going to do all I can, if the kid deserves it."

Korver appreciates the attention, but still isn't comfortable with all of the added praise, even though athletes have always been subject to intense media pressure.

The pressure only increases when athletes take their game to the next level. They have become victims of nervous breakdowns, snapped at the media or even allowed the attention to go to their heads.

"All of a sudden it's like wham it's all there. It's kind of overwhelming at times,

but it's all good," Korver said.

Korver has maintained his competitive edge. A week after Vitale declared Korver his choice for national player of the year Korver responded with two of the best performances of his career, averaging 27.5 points and seven rebounds in two games. He was named National Player of the Week for his effort.

Korver is still approachable, willing to give an extra interview or talk to the average fan that spots him on the street.

"It's kind of weird and awkward. But it's always nice, people come up to you and say nice game. It's really cool," Korver said.

Being a journalism major has helped Korver deal with the added media attention.

Sometimes he feels that a reporter is trying to get him to say something he doesn't mean and he's able to step back and clarify.

Korver is still searching for more respect. As a freshman he was tabbed as a shooter and nothing more. Although Korver has

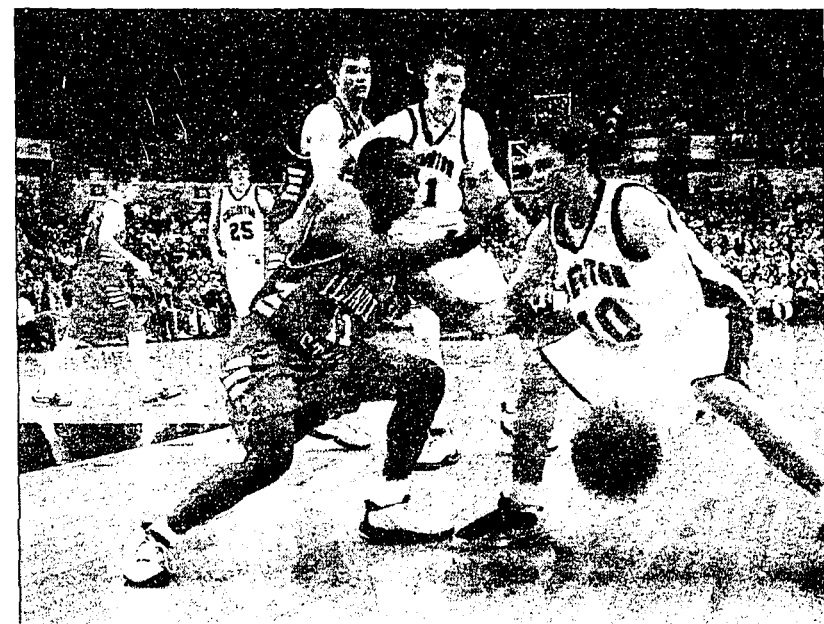
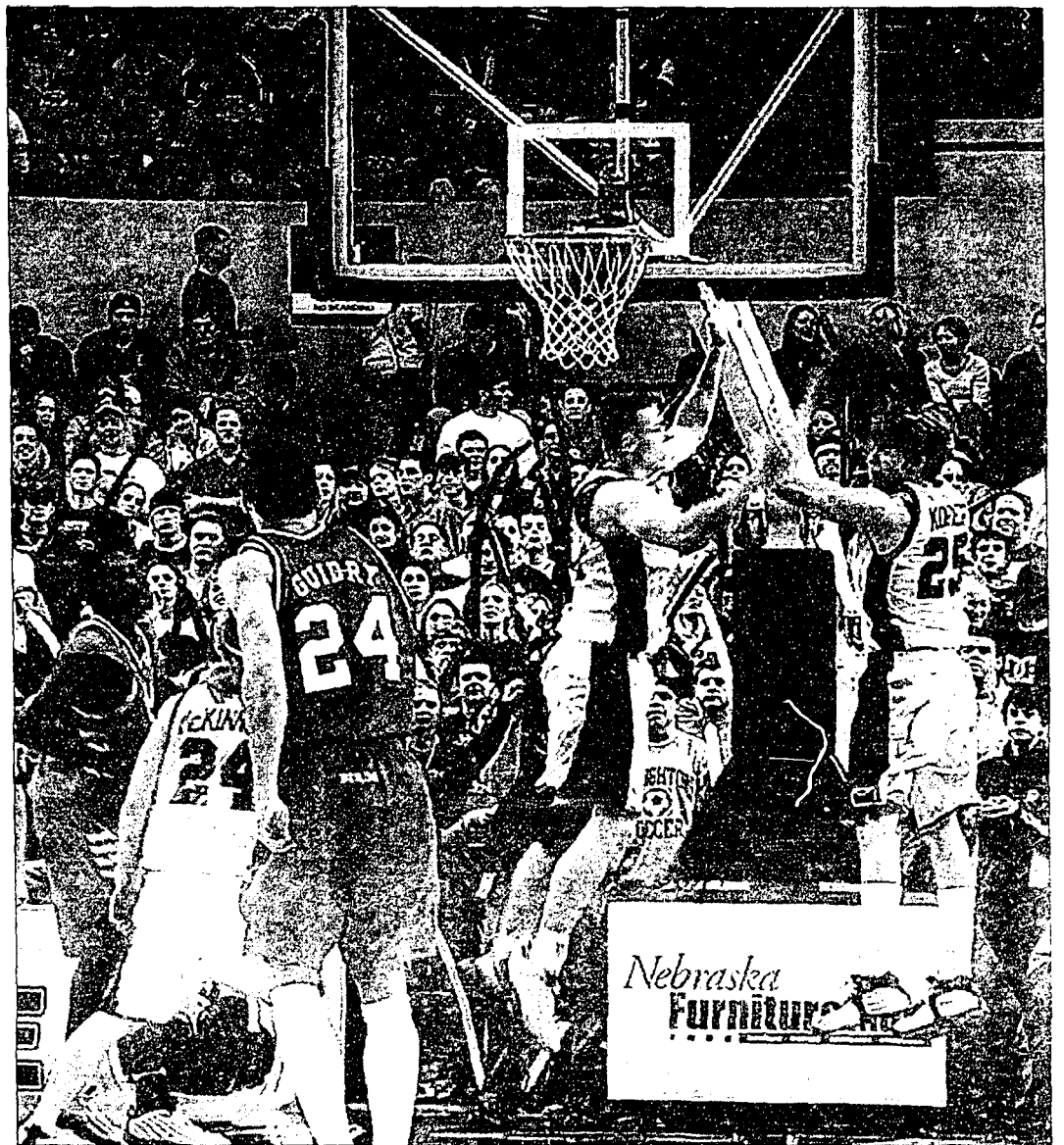
been praised for his abilities and called a legitimate contender for national player of the year, he still has problems overlooking criticism.

"I've always been the kind of guy where compli-

ments are nice for a minute, but critics really get to me," Korver said "I can hear ten nice things and I won't think anything of them, but if I hear one negative thing it will stick with me for quite a while."

No matter what the critics say Korver is proving that he can take his game to the next level. Although nobody knows for sure what is in the cards, he will most likely have an NBA option upon graduation.

Not bad for a kid who is still trying to achieve his childhood dreams, whatever they may be.



Top: Senior forward Kyle Korver battles Brody Deren as he pulls down a defensive rebound against Illinois State Monday night before a crowd of 8,729 fans at Civic Auditorium.

Left: Junior Joe Dabbert looks on as Freshman guard Nate Funk drives to the baseline against Vince Greene of Illinois State during Funk's 22 minutes of play Monday night. Funk scored five points in Creighton's 95-82 point victory.

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Kim Armstrong

## While you were gone: Creighton's ranks by date

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## Civic, place to be on Super Bowl Sunday

By NIC WILSON  
Assistant Sports Editor

Put down the lil' franks and take the chips and salsa to go.

True Bluejay fans will find themselves cheering on the women's basketball team instead of arguing over which Super Bowl team will defer the kick-off.

Creighton will host Drake in a rematch of last year's Missouri Valley Championship game on Sunday afternoon.

Jim Flanery's team will attempt to extend its streak of 18 consecutive home victories. The Bluejays have not lost at home since they fell to No. 5 Iowa State on Nov. 27, 2001. The team has bounced back after difficult road losses to Wichita State and Southwest Missouri State two weeks ago.

"It is difficult playing on the road. The breaks do not usually go your way," Flanery said.

However, Creighton (11-4, MVC 4-2) had many positives to take away from a 98-75 victory over Evansville last Saturday.

Senior forward Teresa Wessling put up her first career double-double with 13 points and 13 rebounds. Freshman guard Kristi Woodard also established a career high of 17 points in the effort.

Junior guard Christy Neneman will look to lift the Bluejays in the scoring department. She is averaging 16.5 points a contest and surpassed 1,000 points for her career against Northern Iowa on Jan. 5.

"Christy does a great job of stepping her game up against tough defensive teams," Flanery said. "We will need her to score points against Drake."

Sunday's game will be key as the Bluejays and Drake trail Wichita State and Indiana State in the MVC standings.

"Drake has become a huge rivalry game for us. Both teams expect to be at the top of the league."

Bluejay fans are encouraged to delay their Super Bowl plans to catch the game. Tip-off against Drake will be at 4:35 p.m. at the Civic Auditorium following the men's game versus TCU.