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Performing arts center in 'programming stage'

'Approval, funds' needed for building design

by Lenora Williams
Reporter

The fine and performing arts building is in the programming stage, according to Jim Willett, facilities planner.

"Programming results in location, size and cost estimates that are necessary before approval can be given and design can start," he said.

"Design will not start until the project is approved and funds have been identified," Willett said.

A steering committee has been established to make decisions pertaining to the fine and performing arts center.

"Consensus of the committee developing the project is that the corner of California and 23rd streets, where Markoe Hall is now, would be the best location with the front of the building facing northwest," Willett

said. Markoe Hall would be torn down.

"The proposed fine and performing arts center is being planned to provide space for the performing arts, visual arts, theater, music, dance, painting, life drawing, photography, printmaking, sculpture, ceramics and art history," Willett said.

There will also be gallery, lobby, theater, classroom and office space.

"Funds will come from gifts," he said. "The Development Office has the fine and performing arts building high on its list of priorities. Development will identify the funding sources, and the use of those funds will be approved by the university's Board of Directors."

"The target cost is \$10 million. The space requirements identified at this time are driving the costs somewhat higher, therefore the steering committee is searching for some areas to reduce cost," Willett said.

"Hardy, Holzman and Pfeiffer Associates were chosen from other architects by a selection process which included review of each firm's experience and presentation of their work," he said. "The firm with the most experience in the fine arts field was chosen. Much of the professional support will be provided by local firms."

Medical school essays 'carry little weight'

by Ed Comitz
Reporter

Personal statements carry little weight in the admissions process at the School of Medicine, said Celeste Hubbard, administrative assistant and member of the admissions committee.

"The essays are used to help us get to know the students," Hubbard said. "I try to read as many as I can and scan others to find out about students' extracurricular activities."

At times the personal statements are used in borderline cases, she said. Undergraduate grades, Medical College Aptitude Test scores, letters of recommendation and extracurricular activities are heavily weighted by the admissions committee.

"Some personal statements are really creative, telling a story or discussing interesting family circumstances," Hubbard said. "I usually read carefully the essays that deal with the student's activities."

There is a separate section on the application to list extracurricular activities, she said. If few activities are listed, committee members usually look to the personal statement to see if the student has been involved in any unique experiences.

Although personal statements are not given as much weight as other criteria, they lend a personal touch to the application, Hubbard said.

About 110 students will be chosen from a pool of nearly 4000, she said. Two hundred alternates are also selected.

"If students do not apply early admission, they could hear from the medical school from around Thanksgiving to the day before the first day of class," Hubbard said.

Average GPA's for a recent entering class were about 3.5 on a 4.0 scale, according to the medical school's brochure. Few students with MCAT scores below the 50th percentile are accepted.

There are 25 people on the admissions committee. Students, clinical instructors and basic science instructors each make up a third of the committee.



Kristl Wise, Amy Harmon, Michael Schneider and David Stratton travel back to medieval times in "Once Upon A Mattress."
Photo by Leslie Swinerton

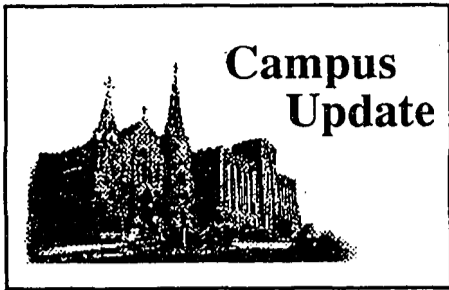
Musical comedy 'Once Upon A Mattress' opens tonight

"Once Upon A Mattress," a musical comedy based on the fable "The Princess and the Pea," takes place in a medieval kingdom that is under the rule of a tyrannical queen.

Queen Aggravain, played by Amy Harmon, insists that no one in the kingdom can marry until her son finds a suitable princess to marry. A princess

cannot be found to meet the queen's rigorous tests. The kingdom must wait for a princess to come and outwit the queen.

The play will run in the Interim Performing Arts Center at 8 p.m. March 30-31, April 4-7 and at 2:30 p.m. April 1 and April 8.



Group requests cans to recycle aluminum

A recycling group is concentrating its latest efforts in a campaign to collect aluminum cans in the residence halls.

The kickoff will be in April, which is Environmental Month.

Board representative Joanne Denniston, RHA member Joanne Irvine and Peace and Justice members Ronnie Galus and Sharon Sonheim are working with the company Can-Pak.

According to Denniston the company's representative, is giving them two of the outside dumpsters to use as bins.

"Monday there will be one at each end of the campus with the 'Recycle Creighton' logo painted on it," Denniston said.

Denniston said the money made by the campaign will be put back into a fund established by SBG to continue and support the program

Run for fun Saturday to help local charities

Attention all runners: Interested in participating in one of two road races next Saturday to benefit area charities?

Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity will host "Run With a Heart" at 9 a.m. beginning at the Omaha Ronald McDonald House. Three different age groups can enter a two mile run/walk or a 10K run.

Registration is \$8 and is available outside the dining halls. All proceeds go to the Ronald McDonald House. T-shirts and 12 awards will be given out.

The Student Bar Association will host a five mile and a two mile "Race Judicata" at 9:30 a.m. Applications are available in the Kiewit Center and area sporting goods stores. The fee is \$7.

All participants receive a T-shirt and proceeds go to the Omaha Food Bank. Persons interested in more information can call 551-2786 or 556-2213.

Frozen keg roll relay supports kidney fund

Sigma Nu held its 10th Annual Frozen Keg Roll Relay Race and Keg Toss Saturday at the Blue Jay. The contest, also sponsored by Anheuser-Busch, raised \$350 for the National Kidney Foundation of Nebraska.

The contest featured a keg roll relay in which men's and women's teams raced to be the first to roll a frozen keg around the course that circled the Blue Jay.

In the keg toss, individuals competed by throwing an empty keg the farthest. Sponsors could choose to pay the \$20 entrance fee for the contests.

Eleven men's and four women's teams participated in the relay.

Junior Tom Turner won the men's division in the keg toss and sophomore Gina Schaefer won the women's division.

On a healthy note . . .

'SAD PERSONS' signify suicide

by Cindy Peterson
Health Reporter

In 1983, suicide was the ninth leading cause of death in the United States—second on college campuses and first among medical students.

In that same year, Patterson et al wrote an article published in the medical journal, *Psychosomatic*, that use of the acronym "SAD PERSONS" significantly increased the correct diagnosis of suicidal behaviors by medical students.

Each letter in the acronym stands for one factor associated with suicide. According to Patterson the more factors a person has, the greater the probability of him or her committing suicide.

The following is an excerpt from

Patterson's article:

(S)ex: Women attempt suicide more often than men, but men are successful more than 3 times as often as women.

(A)ge: Those younger than 19 and older than 45 are at the greatest risk.

(D)epression: Those suffering from depression are 30 times more likely than the general population to commit suicide.

(P)revious attempt: A previous attempt raises the probability of another attempt 64 times.

(E)thanol abuse: Fifteen percent of chronic alcoholics commit suicide.

(R)ational thinking loss: This state includes impaired judgment, rationality, and the presence of delusions or hallucinations. The loss of reality may be

chronic, as in mental illness, or may be temporarily drug-induced.

(S)ocial support lacking.

(O)rganized plan: Forty-one percent of those who commit suicide relay specific intentions to others. The more extensive and complete a person's plan, the greater the risk.

(N)o Spouse.

(S)ickness: Ill health may encourage the desire to escape bodily misery. This is especially true in the case of chronic and debilitating illnesses.

Students who suspect someone may be considering suicide can contact one of the health care providers at Student Health, 280-2735, or the Counseling Center, 280-2733.

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A Japanese farewell

After a month studying English, 25 students from Saitama Women's Junior College in Japan held a farewell dinner for their hosts March 22. The students prepared traditional foods, performed the tea ceremony, demonstrated origami (paper folding) and Japanese calligraphy and ended the program with their school song, "Akebono" ("Daybreak").

Photo by Lesa Perry

Warm weather increases crime

by Kristl Wise
Reporter

Spring weather is usually perfect for outdoor activity after a long cold winter in Nebraska, but crime activity on campus also picks up in the spring season, Rick McAuliffe, associate director of Public Safety, said.

Crime is easier to commit, owing to the warm weather and more people being outside, McAuliffe said.

"Most of Creighton's crime is done by off-campus people. So a student should be able to tell whether a person belongs on- or off-campus," McAuliffe said.

"During the spring, Public Safety patrols the perimeter of the campus a little heavier than in the winter months," McAuliffe said. "However, students should be alert and aware and report anyone out of the ordinary to Public Safety right away," he said.

"The best way to reduce crime is to prevent it," McAuliffe said. He suggested a number of prevention measures: ride the shuttle bus at night, call for an escort (280-2104) when walking alone, run in pairs and keep dorm rooms locked.

Blue emergency phones are located in the parking lots for students.



Aaron Smith, dancing with Suchi Psarakos, will be artist in residence, choreographing for the spring concert and teaching modern dance.

Visiting professor teaches dance, choreographs for spring concert

by Jim Haug
Reporter

Aaron Smith, assistant professor of dance at the University of Colorado, Boulder, will choreograph a new dance for the spring "End of the Year Dance Concert" and will teach modern dance classes during April, dance instructor Lynn Banka said.

Smith is coming to Creighton as an artist in residence. The Nebraska Arts Council is co-sponsoring him with Creighton, Banka said.

"I am excited for our students to be exposed to him," Banka said.

Banka described Smith as a prolific choreographer with a distinct style. Often dance is just organized movement, but his works usually have a strong message, Banka said. "His choreography is very pleasing for the dancers as well for the audience to watch," she said.

"He is making a dance especially for our students," Banka said. It will be performed at the concert May 4-6.

Smith often writes his own music to go along with his pieces. "We are hoping that he will do that for us," she said. "The music and the dance are even more

closely enmeshed when they come from the same source."

Auditions for the concert are open to Omaha-area dancers. Audition dates will be April 4, at 4:30 p.m., and April 6, at 5:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Building, room 109.

Smith will teach modern dance at Creighton and the Omaha Jewish community Center, and a master's class at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

The dance department tries to bring in a guest artist once a year, Banka said. She first worked with Smith when he was one of her professors at the University of Colorado.

Smith's arrival will also be an advantage because he is a man, she said. It will be a good change since the dance department has an all female faculty. There simply are not many male modern dance instructors, she added.

He has performed with the Colorado Repertory Dance Company, Luise Wykell, Jean Erdman, the Glen Lund Dance Company, among others, Banka said.

Smith holds a Master of Arts degree in Dance from the University of Illinois, Urbana.

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Campus activities, controversies call for increased student action

by Lisa Lodin
Editor

I hate to beat a dead horse. But maybe I can generate some action this time instead of just a few words.

Nothing happens on campus—and I mean absolutely nothing. Students complain about the lack of “stuff” in the newspaper, but I can’t find anything to report (or to write my editorial, as a matter of fact). And coming up with an “On the Mall” question is one of the most difficult and least-liked jobs on the newspaper.

I tried to make story assignments for the April 6 issue. Because the April calendar was not out yet, I called the Programming Office, the Student Board of Governors and Student Services.

What did I yield? Responses such as; “Well, I asked everyone in the department and there’s nothing going on,” or “Well, we have a movie on Tuesday and Comedy Club on Friday.” And I actually even got a preview of the April calendar (Noon Music, blood drive, etc.).

But the problem is more than just campus activities. If and when the students do get mad, they don’t do anything.

Students are still mumbling about the removal of the In View magazine from the dorms. Besides the ordinary griping and a few words in the Creightonian, what was done about it? Students didn’t hoard around the door of Student Services and demand release of the publication, or obtain a copy from another school and pass it around.

The feelings are still strong regarding the Planned

Parenthood ad that the Creightonian had to refuse last semester. The ad didn’t run, but a story did saying it should have. At Marquette University, they went full-speed ahead and ran the ad (and suffered the consequences for it as well).

And what about student seating at the basketball games? There was supposedly a boycott planned by student organizations last year when the floor seats were first taken away, but who took part? Nobody.

Students have been complaining about Marriott service since they took over for SAGA. But where was the cafeteria boycott when the maggots turned up in Brandeis during the fall semester last year?

There is no controversy brewing on campus regarding anything.

One classmate told me that a student knows if he takes up a cause, he will be the only one fighting and the only one in trouble.

Is that why there is no organization for gay or lesbian students here? Or students with AIDS?

I have heard many comments regarding the issue of date rape on campus, and the Creightonian is trying to cover a story. Students know it is happening; they are scared and they are mad. But what is done about it? Nothing.

Where are the people that say, “This is what I believe and I may be different, but I’m equal, and I want to be treated that way,” or “This is wrong, and I am going to do something about it”?

Maybe there are students out there just waiting for the right time. If that is the case, I say, the time is now. Because if you don’t take action for what you believe, no one will do it for you.

Life and other GECs

by Jim Svoboda
Columnist

Every semester, in fine Jesuit education tradition, every student at Creighton is given a sneak preview of hell.

I think we should get at least three credits each year for surviving early registration. During this week-long gauntlet, students utilize every skill at their disposal to attain a course schedule that at least runs parallel to their chosen field of study.

“Hey Biff, did you get into that political science course you need to graduate?”

“Naw, it closed, so I went for beginning acting instead. It worked for Reagan.”

The worst part of registration is the appearance of the vile “pink highlighter fairies.” These dreaded cousins of the “rear-view mirror gremlins” sneak into the library lobby and whimsically choose classes at random to close. These malevolent little imps are so effective at driving poor undergraduates mad that they are always a big hit at demon cocktail parties, second only to “pop-quiz poltergeists” in popularity.

The only sure strategy for attaining a winning class schedule is not to give the university any idea as to what you really want to major in. For example, if you want to be a journalist, you must declare your major as philosophy. As soon as you do, you will notice that all of the core philosophy classes will be scheduled only on alternating semesters when the moon is full and Neptune is in the living room of Jupiter making a mess on the rug. Meanwhile, all of the journalism courses that you REALLY want to take are arranged in a sane and logical manner.

Remember, however, that it is very important that you complain about this in an extremely loud manner so that the powers that be won’t get suspicious.

“GOSH,” you should say, “now I can’t take all of those great philosophy courses and I’ll just have to settle for journalism. What rotten luck [wink, wink]. Now I won’t graduate till I’m 30.”

This explains to freshmen, many of whom are unaware of this system, why so many upperclassmen are so dedicated to loud public complaining about course schedules.

Use of this system should ensure that you get exactly the courses that you want, or maybe not. The important thing is that you complain with extreme volume in public places.

Another big part of early registration is obtaining overrides. Overrides were invented by God in the year 1700 B.C. when Noah wouldn’t let two platypi on the ark. Overrides have changed a lot over the intervening years. Today they come in many different fashionable colors and you don’t go to the Almighty to get one.

Things sure were easier back then.

Editor’s note: The Creightonian made an error last week in the notice about the march. The information was taken directly from a poster, calling to “end the U.S. war in Central America,” when the United States is not at “war” with any Central America country.

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Reader requests explanation for ‘war in Central America’

Dear Editor:

Was it sloppiness or propaganda?

I was perusing the Creightonian last week when I came upon a very small article on the bottom corner of page three. There is a good chance that very few people noticed it at all, and chances are that even fewer were dismayed by what they read. The item read: “To commemorate the 10th anniversary of Archbishop Romero’s march to end the U.S. war in Central America there will be a march. . .”

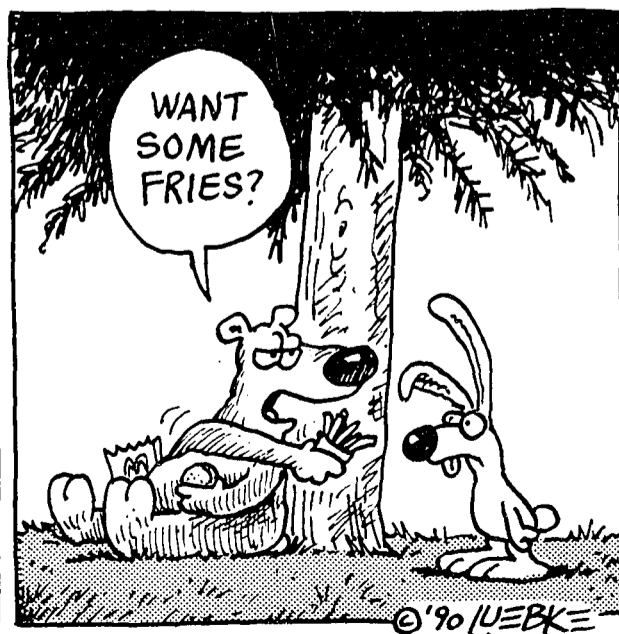
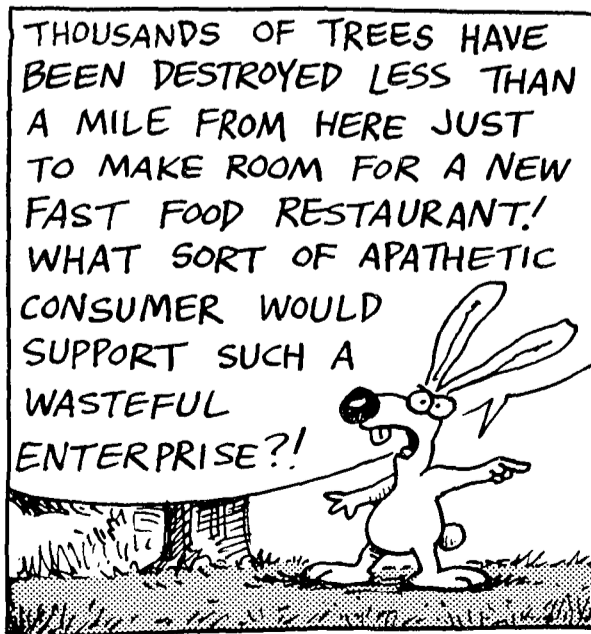
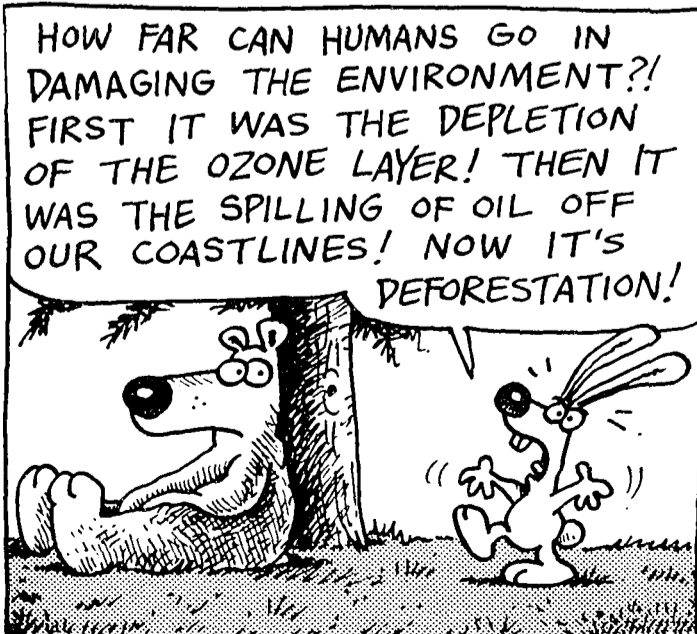
Stop the Presses! When did the United States go to war in El Salvador? I know I was out of town for a week or so, but I’m sure I would have picked up on such an event upon my return.

Was this a Creightonian exclusive like last year’s great cafeteria maggot scare? I’m sure no one on the staff was editorializing.

Please explain.

Scoll Lautenbaugh
Law student, Downhill Side

academia nuts



DAVID LUEBKE

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Many countries cited for rights violations

Dear Editor:

It is disturbing that a theology professor can express such an extreme political opinion as to suggest boycotting an archaeological dig on the basis of differing political opinion.

In this case, Malina focused on Israel and the human rights violations the nation is accused of committing. Every Arab nation, including Saudi Arabia, was cited by Amnesty International for human rights violations in 1989.

Should Creighton, therefore, discontinue its exchange program with those countries and send those students back home? Should Creighton suspend its exchange program with China on the basis of this summer's brutal crushing of the student movement?

How should the school react to the Institute for Latin American Concern? The Dominican Republic has been cited by Amnesty International for forced labor of its Haitian population.

The United States' record on human rights in Vietnam and El Salvador is by no means admirable. Our invasions of Panama and Grenada and the bombing of Libya were condemned by the international community.

I suggest that if Malina would like to protest Israeli policy in the West Bank, there are more appropriate avenues available than boycotting an archaeological dig.

Our quest for knowledge about past civilizations and humanities in general should not be forsaken by political differences.

E. Litman
Medical sophomore

Students encouraged to discover both sides of Israeli controversy

Dear Editor:

My colleague Bruce Malina wrote last week that students who work on the dig at Bethsaida in the Golan this summer will be involved in an activity of questionable morality. Since it is widely known that I dug there last summer, I feel impelled to offer some reflections.

I understand Malina's point that recent censures of Israeli violations of Palestinian human rights have made participation in Israeli projects at this time more reprehensible than before. I admit the critique has intensified, but the grounds for critique are decades old.

Some Jewish leaders have been frank and courageous enough to acknowledge this. Yet conscientious U.S. citizens, including people like me (in 1970, '86 and '89) and Malina (several years ago), have found it a good and reasonable thing to spend time traveling and studying in Israel. I dare say it is precisely because he spent a sabbatical year in Israel, that Malina has become so deeply involved in advocating Palestinian

Professor's article shows ignorance of Israeli history

Professor Bruce Malina claims to be concerned about the morality of Creighton students who might be tempted to participate in the summer archaeological dig in Israel sponsored by Creighton University. Yet after reading Malina's article, it became clear that his concerns are based on ignorance of the history of the area and the actual situation existing in Israel.

The "Biblical Archaeology Review" said, "The Gospels mention Bethsaida more often than any other town except Jerusalem and Capernaum. Participants will assist in uncovering a site very important to the history of Christianity, they will also have the opportunity to experience life in one of the most dynamic and exciting democracies in the world."

The ancient city of Bethsaida is located on the east side of the Jordan River, slightly north of the Sea of Galilee, and was controlled by the Syrians until 1967.

In June of 1967, Syria attacked and seized the young state of Israel and the Golan Heights. Bethsaida, located in the foothills of the Golan Heights, came under Israeli control.

Malina claims that the site is located in "Israeli Occupied Palestine." This statement implies that a "Palestinian state" was overrun and occupied by Israel. This is simply not true. First, as explained above, Bethsaida is located in what was a part of Syria. Second, in all of history there has never been an independent Arab state in the land which Malina refers to as "Occupied Palestine."

Jews ruled this area, then known as Judea, until the first century. When the Roman empire was divided, Judea became part of the eastern Byzantine empire and over the next centuries, a multitude of conquerors laid waste to the area.

After World War II, the United Nations formally partitioned the western part of Palestine into two states, one Arab and one Jewish. The Jews rejoiced, and the Arabs attacked. West Bank and Gaza Strip were occupied by Jordan and Egypt, respectively. Needless to say, the Arabs never got their state.

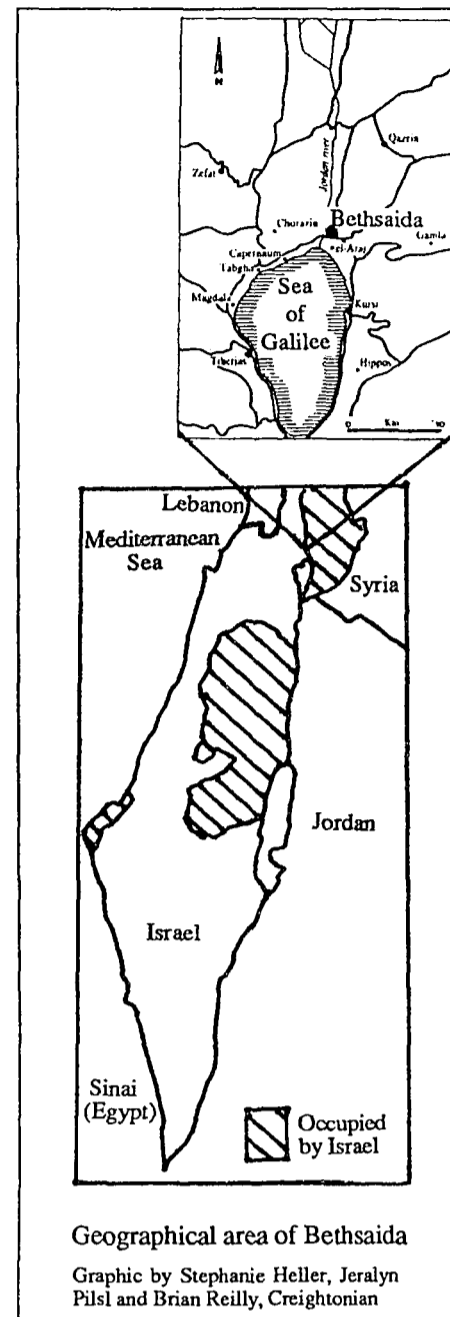
While Malina stated that the Israeli government has recently been censured "for human rights violations against Palestinian men, women and children," he failed to mention that nearly one-third of all Palestinians killed last year in the West Bank and Gaza were murdered by fellow Palestinians for "collaborating" with the Israelis.

Israelis are tired of living in fear. They want what we want--to live in peace and enjoy their children and beautiful country. The Arab citizens of Israel want the same.

Anyone who has spent time in Israel with open eyes and a desire to see the truth knows and appreciates the achievements that Israel has accomplished in 42 years.

I sincerely hope that Creighton students will take advantage of the unique opportunity that is available by participating in the archaeological dig at Bethsaida. Supporting a nation is based on an agreement with its underlying principles, and the founder of the modern state of Israel based the state on the same moral, ethical and political values as did our own founding fathers.

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Geographical area of Bethsaida

Graphic by Stephanie Heller, Jeralyn Pils and Brian Reilly, Creightonian

Student says professor violated provision of academic honesty

Dear Editor:

Theology Professor Bruce Malina, by discouraging students from participating in an archaeological dig in Israel is guilty of a serious breach of academic honesty. Malina violates his obligation as a teacher by discouraging students to pursue the truth for themselves regarding Israel.

Specifically, Professor Malina violated the provision on Academic Freedom and Responsibility as set forth in Section F, page 16, paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Creighton University Handbook for Faculty. Section F reads: "The faculty shall practice intellectual honesty. Although the professor may follow subsidiary interests, these interests must never seriously hamper or compromise freedom of inquiry. As teachers, the faculty shall encourage the free pursuit of learning in students. . . adhering to their proper role as an intellectual guide and counselor. . ."

A professor has a duty to educate by leading students to seek the truth for themselves. By implying that students who go to Israel are valueless or immoral by associating them with inhumane activity, Malina hampered and compromised freedom of inquiry.

When he discouraged students from going to Israel, Malina advocated his position rather than professed it. According to the rules, Malina must place the academic or truth seeking interests of his students above his personal views. In other words, Malina's interests conflicted with the students' interests of academic truth-seeking. As a result, Malina failed to encourage students to go to Israel to seek the truth for themselves.

Malina failed to present his position in an objective manner enabling students to draw their own conclusions. Malina was in effect saying here is my position and you had better follow it, lest you be called immoral.

Objectivity mandates that students must be given the choice among all competing values. A counselor is an enabler who gives students options. When he offered advice or advocated one position, Malina violated Creighton's academic regulations regarding academic counseling.

The principle of Academic Freedom allows Malina a wide degree of latitude to express the truth as he sees it. Malina possesses a right to express himself by critically analyzing Israeli policies. However, when he advocated that students not go to Israel, Malina acted beyond the scope of Academic Freedom.

Malina's interests conflicted with students' interests in direct violation of Creighton's rules. Malina acted in an academically dishonest manner by advocating a position of no-choice rather than professing his personal view of the truth.

As a law student, Creighton holds me to the duties imposed by its student regulations. As a professor, Malina must be held to the duty imposed by the Creighton faculty regulations. Equal treatment should be accorded both of us.

Larry Necheles
Law Senior

Israeli government isolates Palestinians

Dear Editor:

I do not remember Musa Al-Hindi's letter, but I do take exception to Larry Necheles' reply. Israel is a Jewish state. It was set up as a Jewish homeland, and that is still the attitude of its government.

The letter falls into the common American error of imagining that democracy means that everything is good and fair. It means only majority government. In Northern Ireland, an officially Protestant state, it meant that Catholics, the minority, were forever excluded from government. It means the same in Israel, another sectarian state. The Palestinians of the West Bank and Gaza will never be incorporated into Israel because their votes might challenge the Jewish majority.

Political parties exist in Israel, but no Arab party. Their "Ard" party was outlawed 40 years ago. Many non-Jews, he says, have full rights. Why do not all in Israel have full rights?

The refugee problem is an Israeli one, not Arab. The Israelis displaced them, some during times of war, others simply because

their land was coveted.

North Ireland tried to make things so uncomfortable for its minority that it would leave the country, Israel is doing the same.

I believe that the United States and Israel are the most terrorist nations in the world today. The former has financed terror and assassination around the world for years, including Israel, which with U.S. aid, has bombed, raided, invaded and pillaged its neighbors with impunity as has no other government for generations. Such behavior by a reputed democracy has not yet outraged the civilized world as it should have.

I am sorry, Mr. Necheles, but I consider the present Israel a foul state. It seems to be determined to continue as it is now with no end in sight, except death or departure of Palestinians. Moral people should not support Israel in any way. I do agree with Necheles, and, I am sure many Palestinians would also, that the behavior of Arab states has been stupid, despicable and selfish, but this does not excuse Israel. It, not the Arab states, is crucifying its Palestinian population.

D.F. Magee

Universities, colleges participate in digs

Dear Editor:

I have one question concerning the letter in last week's Creightonian that concluded all Creighton students who participate in the upcoming archaeological dig at Bethsaida are essentially no better than those responsible for killing six Jesuit priests in El Salvador.

There are dozens of universities around the world participating in digs in Israel such as Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Mississippi State University, University of Maryland, California State University, Harvard, Duke and Boston College (a Jesuit institution) to name a few.

Are all these colleges and universities as well as the students who attend them immoral?

Michael Cohen
Business Junior

United States, Soviets walk tightrope over Lithuania

By John Omicinski

USA TODAY/Apple College Information Network

Question: What is the Lithuanian dispute all about?

Answer: Lithuania and the two other Baltic states, Latvia and Estonia, were forcibly annexed in 1940 by Soviet troops, acting under a "secret protocol" made between Stalin and Hitler. In 1941, 30,000 members of the Lithuanian intelligentsia were deported to Siberia. Between the two world wars, Lithuania considered itself independent.

For the past two years, Lithuania has moved toward independence from the Soviet Union. Despite its March 17 declaration, no foreign country, including the United States, recognizes Lithuania's independence. Lithuania rejected Soviet president Mikhail Gorbachev's offer of a five-year phase-in of independence.

Q: What happens if Lithuania's move succeeds?

A: If Lithuania goes, other Soviet republics such as Latvia and Estonia won't be far behind. (On Sunday, the Estonian parliament voted 432-3 for full independence.) Eventually, the separation virus could spread to Azerbaijan and

the southern Moslem republics. In Georgia, the Parliament already has taken steps toward independence. The Soviet Union's breadbasket and steel basin—the Ukraine—could drop out, too. Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev faces the threat of a disintegrating nation that could leave him with only the core Russian and Byelorussian republics, little more than the early czars' empire.

Q: What is Lithuania's strategic importance to Soviet Union?

A: Lithuania fronts the Baltic Sea, giving the Soviets important access to warm-water ocean, though neighboring Latvia and Estonia have more important ports (Riga and Tallinn). Because most of the USSR's major rivers flow north into the Arctic Ocean, and because major ports are ice-blocked many months of the year, Baltic access is important to Moscow's navy and merchant marine. Lithuania's importance is amplified now with the loss of Poland.

Q: What are Gorbachev's options for putting pressure on Lithuania?

A: Economic and military options exist. High Soviet officials such as Yegor Ligachev have discounted use of force, but Soviet troops over the weekend

rolled into Vilnius and now occupy some Communist Party buildings. When Moscow demanded Lithuanian soldiers return to their Red Army units, 3,000 of 38,000 deserted. Moscow also demands Lithuanians turn in their private arms. Economics is a key lever for Moscow. Lithuania imports 97 percent of its oil from elsewhere in Soviet Union. However, because Lithuania is a major agricultural region and supplier of electronics, its loss would hurt Gorbachev's efforts to supply consumer goods to the Soviets.

Q: What's the best guess as to what Gorbachev has in mind?

A: Bush administration advisors seem to think Gorbachev would like to "Finlandize" the Baltics. Despite invading in 1939, the Soviets now maintain friendly trade and cultural relations with Finland under a 1948 mutual assistance treaty, and belong to the Nordic Council of nations. Gorbachev also talks of some sort of Soviet federation, perhaps similar to United States' setup.

Q: What is the U.S. position?

A: President Bush is walking a political-diplomatic tightrope. He neither recognizes independent Lithuania nor offers

Gorbachev a free hand. Bush says the United States won't recognize Lithuania until it's in "control of its territory" and urges Lithuanians to recognize "certain realities" of its relationship with Moscow. National security advisor Brent Scowcroft says the United States "would not ignore it" if Soviets use force, but doesn't say what steps Bush would take. Defense Secretary Dick Cheney has warned of "significant negative consequences in terms of U.S.-Soviet relations" if Moscow crushes the Lithuanian freedom movement.

Q: What are U.S. possibilities?

A: Probably three:

- Urge resumption of Moscow-Vilnius talks.

- Recognize the new Lithuania.

- Allow Gorbachev to retake Lithuania with force.

The last alternative seems thoroughly unlikely. More than 100 members of Congress urge Bush to recognize Lithuanian independence. If Bush does that soon, it would be a huge surprise and cause an outcry in the Kremlin, perhaps endangering emigration of Soviet Jews and causing a retightening of Soviet security screws.

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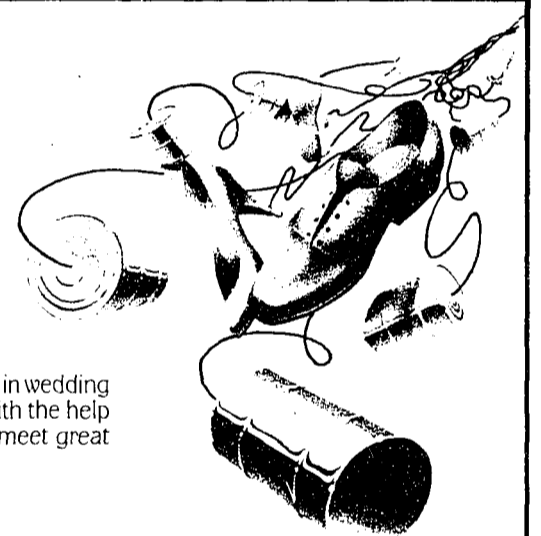
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INTERNATIONAL

British agents seize nuclear detonators

British customs agents confiscated a shipment of 40 American-made nuclear detonators bound for Iraq Tuesday. After an 18-month investigation by British and American authorities, five people were arrested at London's Heathrow Airport.

Iraq has been developing missiles at a secret military installation south of Baghdad, according to some reports. British journalist Farzad Bazoft was executed March 15, after having gained access to the missile site and finding evidence of an accidental explosion last September.

Soviet troops raid Lithuanian hospitals

Soviet paratroopers carrying assault rifles Tuesday raided Lithuanian hospitals, breaking windows and beating patients before arresting about 25 Lithuanians for desertion from the Soviet army.

Since Lithuania's declaration of independence March 17 about 200 Lithuanians a day have been leaving the Soviet armed forces, many of them seeking sanctuary in hospitals under the protection of the Red Cross.

"The whole Baltic community is furious," said the Rev. Casimir Pugevicius of Lithuanian Catholic Religious Aid, accusing the White House of "moral cowardice," in its policy toward Lithuania.

Nicaraguans negotiate transfer of power

Negotiators for the Sandinista government and President-elect Violeta Chamorro came to a preliminary agreement Tuesday on the transfer of power April 25.

According to the agreement, the new government will control both the armed forces and the police, although the Sandinista government has expressed an

unwillingness to do so as long as the U.S.-backed contras remain an armed force.

The Sandinistas have been distributing weapons to civilians since their defeat in the Feb. 25 election, urging citizens to defend the "conquests of the revolution."

A U.N. peacekeeping force of several hundred troops will supervise the disarmament of the Nicaraguan rebels, who are to surrender their weapons by April 20.

NATIONAL

87 die in New York night club fire

87 people died in a matter of minutes from an arson fire at the Happy Land Social Club in New York City early Sunday morning. The victims were either asphyxiated or burned to death as they attempted to escape through a single exit. The black smoke suffocated people so quickly that some were found with their drinks still in their hands, eye-witnesses said.

New York City police charged 36-year-old Julio Gonzales with 87 counts of murder. Police said Gonzales may have set the fire after quarreling with a former girlfriend and being thrown out of the club.

The club had no liquor license and was closed once before because of fire code violations. The club's operator, Elias Colon, died in the fire, but police are investigating owners of the building for criminal liability.

Idaho abortion bill could lead to boycott

The National Organization for Woman announced Wednesday that it will boycott Idaho and its products if Idaho Gov. Cecil Andrus signs into law a bill that would ban most abortions and make physicians who perform them liable to prosecution. The legislation was designed to test the Supreme Court's 1973 ruling on Roe v. Wade.

"We're going to tell people, 'Don't go to Idaho or

buy Idaho products," said NOW president Molly Yard.

Andrus said he is taking the threat to the state's \$630 million potato industry seriously.

LOCAL

Police search for teen murder suspect

16-year-old Christopher Garza, charged with first-degree murder in the March 21 killing of Christina O'Day, remains at large this week, the Douglas County Sheriff's Office said Wednesday. Wayne Brewer, 18, was arrested March 22 on the same charges.

Sheriff's investigators said that killers broke into the house where O'Day was babysitting, raped and stabbed her. County Attorney Ron Staskiewicz said the two men could be found guilty of murder, even if jurors determine that the killing was not premeditated because it occurred during three felonies—first-degree sexual assault, burglary and robbery.

Since being released March 21, Sheriff's deputies had been keeping a loose surveillance on Garza before he disappeared, Grindle said.

Candidates debate school finance measure

Democratic candidate for governor Bill Hoppner said Monday that political opponent, Bill Harris, has resorted to "political maneuvering" in the wake of debate over Nebraska LB1059.

The measure aims at property tax relief and increased state support of local school districts. While Hoppner favors LB1059, Harris says he will sign the bill only if amended to provide for an educational trust fund and a renters tax credit.

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Melanie Cloonan--It's good that they have had more meatless selections. I'd like to see them do that year-round.



Pat Brown--I think they started out very poorly, but they corrected their mistakes.

Women share choice of life of prayer, service

by Jeralyn Pils
Reporter

A discussion and prayer session entitled "Nuns in the '90s" featured three Creighton women who shared their experiences on choosing religious life Tuesday. The discussion began a series of events for Vocation Awareness Week.

Although they had doubts and questions, they described their experiences as a movement toward becoming who they really are.

Arts junior Mary Kay Dobrovolny said she remembers growing up among stereotypical nuns in high school and saw them as not being happy. However, she said sisters at Creighton seem to be happy in their work.

"I was mainly attracted by the community," Dobrovolny said. She selected the Sisters of Mercy as her order. She said she would like to work in poverty-stricken areas.

Nursing senior Ronnie Galas said she tried to come up with every possible reason for not making religious life an option before making the decision.

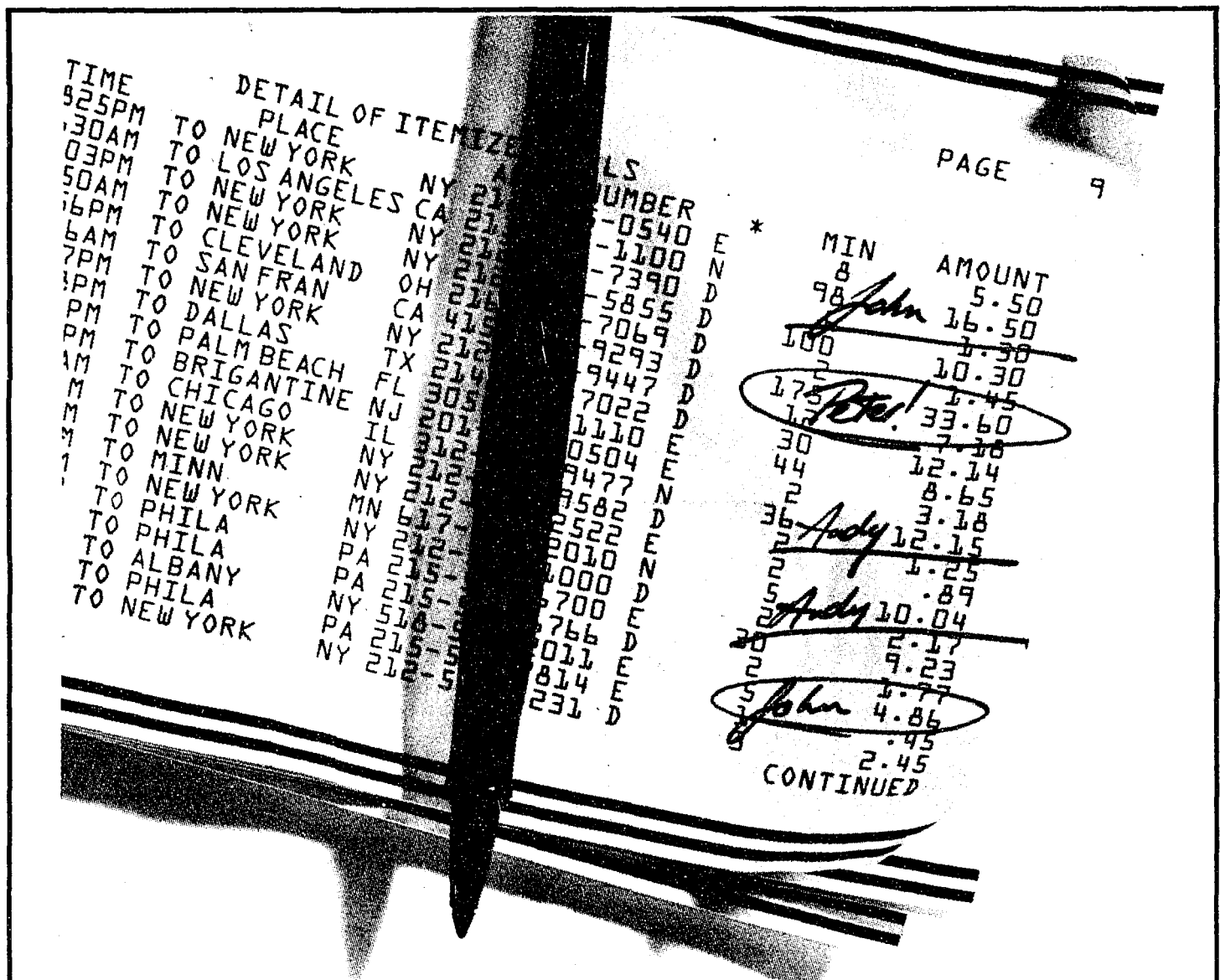
Galas said the lifestyle of prayer, service and community appealed to her. "I look to religious life as a freedom," she said. Galas has selected the Servants of Mary as her order.

Linda Klein, an occupational therapy senior, chose religious life on a retreat three months ago, although she has not selected a specific order, she said. Vocation directors from specific orders will help her selection by giving her a sense of the people and the order's goals, Klein said.

Sister Maryanne Stevens, RSM, a theology department instructor, cited areas in which religious life will transgress through the year 2000.

The reflections, compiled by the Leadership Council of Women Religious, said that orders are opening up to charism without requiring final vows, she said. Orders will be based on different ages and cultures including men and women, married and single. The poor will be the focus of work in the future, she said. Stevens said interglobal relations and interdependence with other cultures will become stronger.

Persons interested in discussing the option of religious life are invited to attend the discussion group Stepping Stones. Contact Sister Muriel Cameron in Campus Ministry at 280-2779 for meeting times.



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Just passing through...

A withering winter brings signs of spring

by Kevin F. Marx
Entertainment Editor

After an early spring snowfall, which did not accumulate too much, March is going out like a lamb and the campus is beginning to show those tell-tale signs of spring.

Like the days, classes start seeming longer and students begin lounging in grass-stained jeans to truly demonstrate the fine art of "hanging out" on campus. Spring is definitely here and along with it comes senior slides and spring fever.

Spring is by far my favorite time at Creighton not only because my graduation date is only two months away, but it is also the time for me and others to become professional people-watchers and campus is one of the best places to exhibit such skills. Only the professional people-watchers know the true art of watching without being noticed.

It is almost as if the circle in front of St. John's has been converted into an Italian square with people visiting and milling about.

A definite sign of spring is the transformation of the fountain from brick

pedestal/Christmas tree stand to an actual working fountain, water and all, not to mention a lovely new sculpture to be added soon. The turning-on of the fountain is usually followed by a gallon of detergent or a spring snow storm.

Hand-holding along with other public displays of affection also become an accepted behavior on campus during the spring as couples stroll the lush greens.

This behavior would rarely be accepted any other time of the year. When it is, it is usually confined to the outskirts of campus or an occasional night walk through Jesuit Gardens.

A few students, usually C.S.R. majors (Catch Some Rays), journey out of the library and make that often futile attempt to study, outside, on a gorgeous day. They soon find themselves applying another coat of tanning oil and tossing the frisbee around on Kiewit lawn.

But now the activity of "frisbee on the lawn" is being brought to a halt through some diabolical scheme by unknown people with a goal of planting trees on the lawn. These are probably the same people who are cutting down acres of forests to clear the land for cat-

tle, but that is a whole issue in itself.

Enough for the ecological sermon, some great spots off campus are great for practicing people-watching. Spring would not be complete without an extended lunch on the deck of the Bluejay, a stroll through Central Park Mall or a day of fun in the sun at Memorial Park. Memorial Park is the best place for kite flying and lawn games. Who could choose to study over a thrilling game of croquet or an exiting and now illegal game of lawn darts?

Spring is here. So, bring your shorts out of hiding and learn to study at night.

As the days get longer, prepare to start experiencing the symptoms of "spring fever." Learn the skills of "hanging out" on campus and around Omaha. Join the ranks of the professional people-watchers and enjoy spring.

Gallery displays colorful canvases, stone sculptures

by Anna-Lisa Gallagher
Reporter

An exhibition of painting and drawing by Johnna Marcil and sculpture by Richard Rymill is on display at the Fine Arts Gallery.

Marcil, an Omaha native, is featuring works of pastels, oils, acrylics and charcoals. Her theme is based particularly on still life and figures.

Light is apparent by a deluge of color on her canvases. "I try to show light. Light as a part of the subject matter is very important to me," she said. Marcil's use of colour and confident bold brushstrokes is a vehicle for her expressionistic style.

Her paintings explore the picture/plane concept which achieves the effect of "creating a border around the painting or splitting the canvas in half to show the 3-dimension illusion," she said.

Marcil earned her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Creighton in 1985, and completed a Master of Fine Arts degree from the University of Chicago. She has taught art fundamentals at Creighton.

Rymill's sculpture takes two primary directions: an exploration of the abstract female figure and the non-objective abstract. His strong background in life-drawing is apparent in the abstract female figure pieces.

He works mostly with pink, grey or neutral color alabaster although some pieces are formed from slate. Alabaster pieces contain smooth natural lines and geometrical treatment of the stone.

Growing up in Wyoming, Rymill was heavily influenced by the mountains which inspired his stack form of sculpture indicated in the slate pieces.

Japanese art is an inspiration for Rymill because of its close connection to nature which is why the "stone sculpture has an organic feel," he said.

Rymill's works have been exhibited and purchased nationally and internationally. He is also involved with the gifted program during the summer.

The exhibition will run through April 13.

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Saturday

March 31

- Nebraska Flea Market & Collectors Show at the Civic
- "Navigating the 90 s: Piloting the Ship Together," an ecology conference, Peter Kiewit Conference Center, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday

April 1

- Opera/Omaha, presenting "Romeo and Juliet," 2 p.m. at the Orpheum Theater
- Bagels and Bach, at the Joslyn Art Museum, 10:30 a.m.

Monday

April 2

- The Rustavi Company, performing folk songs and dances from Soviet Georgia, at the Orpheum at 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday

April 3

- "Child's Play," in the Student Center Fishbowl, 9 p.m.
- Joslyn After Hours, Joslyn Art Museum, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
- Red Cross Bloodmobile, in the Student Center, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Wednesday

April 4

- Noon Music, at the Student Center fireplace
- "Do Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up?" at the Upstairs Dinner Theater, call the theater for times and reservations

Thursday

April 5

- "The Three B's: Bach, Beethoven and Brahms," performance by The Omaha Symphony, at the Orpheum Theater, 8 p.m.
- Jon Novak at Michael's, in the Old Market 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Friday

April 6

- The 35th Annual Nebraska Motor Sports Auto Show, at the Civic Auditorium
- The Omaha Royals, season opener at Rosenblatt Stadium against Nashville, 7:05 p.m.

The way I see it . . .

'Exploitation of the dead blown out of proportion'

by Steve Sanchez
Sports Columnist

It is truly astounding, when you think about it, how close our beloved Bluejays once were to earning not only an NCAA tournament berth but a national championship to boot.

Well, OK, not our present Bluejays, the current crop planted four years ago and now yielding its first senior harvest. While coach Tony Barone has fielded rapidly improving teams and seeded Creighton's immediate hoops future, it was not under his reign that our championship drought nearly ended back in the early 1980s.

At that time, Willis Reed manned the tiller, cultivating his own hybrid season of wins and losses. And it was at that time, because of a mere technicality, the Jays lost their shot at gaining a national championship and winning the hearts of all America.

You see, had former Bluejay and habitual grade-schooler Kevin Ross been

devoid of a heartbeat instead of just major brainwave activity, he would have, posthumously, inspired the Jays to unimaginable heights as well as the late rounds of the NCAA tourney.

Pardon my morbidity (and I send my most sincere apologies for this speculation to Mr. Ross, though I'm not sure he can read this or any other hotel behavior code anyway), but it seems as though if you want your team to win in this topsy-turvy world we call college sports, someone must sacrifice his earthly existence and be a martyr for the sake of the others.

And it's not just the Hank Gathers-Loyola Marymount/Sal Aunese-Colorado incidents that point to this line of reasoning. I once heard (not at this fine Christian institution, mind you) that Jesus Christ allowed himself to be crucified not so that he could free all men and give them everlasting life, but rather to provide an emotional impetus for the 12 apostles in an Easter-weekend fishing tournament.

Now, before all you Bic-wielding letter writers run out of ink scribbling for my fastidious dismissal, let it be known that I am not making light of the death of Hank Gathers, a gifted athlete and, more importantly, a man who loved and cared for his teammates, family and friends.

Let it also be known the fans, players and especially the media blew this whole "living legacy of the dead" business way out of proportion long before I took the opportunity to discuss it intelligently here.

That wasn't me displaying those "Hank Lives" or "#44 Lives" T-shirts and banners on national television. I was not down on the court when the Loyola Marymount players "unconsciously" left room for an invisible butt in their pre-game huddle.

I played no part in the media's badgering of players, coaches, fans and supposed basketball experts about the effect of Gathers' death on Loyola's tourney chances.

Nor was I one of those who taunted Nebraska football fans with the everlasting legacy of Sal Aunese and his spirited performance in that storied Big Eight match-up last fall. (Of course, that's not to say I didn't taunt the Nebraska fans.)

Nowhere on my body was the name "Sal" stitched, needle-pointed, crocheted or tattooed. The only "Sal" I ever sewed went onto the wide, polyester collar of a bowling shirt, and that was for a friend in Council Bluffs, not Colorado.

My grandmother, with whom I used to play card games quite often, died a few years ago. Since her passing, though, I have never invoked her spirit and emotions to assist me in any of my ensuing poker games. Sure, I usually lose, but I find it hard to believe that I would win if "Gram were with me."

Such is not the commonly held belief in the world of sports, where ghosts of teams past and present take on truly spirited roles. And if they don't at first, thanks to the players and coaches, the media will rear its mindless head filled with highlight film and create such roles.

I suppose, when addressing the "big picture," the blame for such exploitation of the dead lies not with the Loyola Marymounts or Colorados of this world, but on the perennially active ghosts of Notre Dame folklore. There is no other institution, educational or otherwise, which so consistently plays upon the notion that players from the past play some part on the present.

There's The Gipper, Rockne, The Stripper, Rocky—the list is endless, as are the stories that circulate each year about how "the ghosts are on ND's side." I have come to the conclusion that to have so many players, even if dead, on one team should be illegal.

A football team is allowed 11 men on the field at a time, while five is the limit for basketball. Any more than that, including those present in spirit only, and the team should be penalized for having too many players in the game.

Fans, players and media fail to cease recognizing dead players as fully active participants in a given game. Should they insist on doing so, the teams had better be prepared to accept the consequences, whether issued from above or from an earthly referee's whistle.

I hope to God that no Creighton athlete (or one from any other school, for that matter) dies young as did Hank Gathers. But if one should, I hope that his coaches, teammates and fans have the sense to remember him without using him.

Lady Jays take 14-10 mark into 6th Bud Light Classic

by Vince Lodi
Sports Reporter

The softball team will take a 14-10 record into this weekend's Sixth Annual Creighton Bud Light Classic.

The Lady Jays will join DePaul, Eastern Michigan, Illinois State, Northern Iowa and last year's champion, Northern Illinois, in the tournament field.

The team, which has won eight of its last 11 games, is coming off a 3-2 record in the National Invitational Softball Tournament in San Jose, Calif.

The team lost to fifth-ranked Long Beach State 1-0, defeated Northwestern 7-0, Santa Clara 9-6 and Michigan 9-0 before losing to eventual tournament champion, Arizona State, 3-2.

The squad lost the game in nine innings.

The Lady Jays suffered another loss in the Arizona State contest.

Junior center fielder Lorrie McGill, who leads the team in hitting with a .360 average, tore her anterior cruciate ligament in her left knee and will be out for the remainder of the season.

Kelly Brookhart, a junior from West Des Moines, was named to the all-tournament team in San Jose.

She had a .471 batting average during the tournament while posting a 3-1 record and a 0.35 ERA on the mound.

Brookhart was also named the High Country Athletic Conference player-of-the-week for the second time this year.

The Lady Jays are scheduled to play Eastern Michigan today, Northern Illinois and DePaul Saturday, and Illinois State and Northern Iowa Sunday.

Men's tennis raises funds for trip

by Sue Schlick
Reporter

"When I was a freshman, Coach Hubbs promised me the team would try to get to Hawaii by my senior year," tennis player Rusty Komori said, "and it looks like the promise is coming true."

Komori is a Hawaiian native and the team's No. 2 singles player. The entire team is participating in various fund-raising activities to reach the \$1,000-per-person goal, Komori said.

The team is planning to go to Hawaii during spring break next year.

"We sell season passes for our tennis matches," Komori said. "For \$25 people receive a season pass, an official tennis T-shirt and periodical information about the team's progress during the season."

The tennis team also passed out programs at this year's basketball games in exchange for a percentage of the profits, Komori said.

The team is almost half way to its

\$20,000 goal, and will compete against seven different schools in Hawaii, Komori said.

"A lot of California schools go to Hawaii for spring break," he said.

The team benefits from local tennis alumni also, Komori said. "Some alumni have made donations and others are trying to arrange dinners for us."

"They [the alumni] are really excited, and so am I," Komori said. "My mom has never seen me play college tennis," he said. She will be able to watch him play if the team can earn enough money.

Komori said the team has improved as a result of fund-raising. "Selling season tickets every year has enabled us to play more matches against better schools," he said.

"The team has gotten so much better since my freshman year. Now we play teams like Nebraska and Iowa State, which was unheard of three years ago," he said.

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CU Athletic Director steps down from post

Athletic Director Don Leahy announced his retirement Tuesday after five years on the job.

Leahy, 60, came to Creighton in 1985 after serving as athletic director at the University of Nebraska-Omaha for 11 years.

A search committee will be formed to recommend possible successors to Leahy and the position should be filled by July 1, the university said.

A similar search committee was formed in 1985 after Dan Offenburger stepped down from the post.

However, university president, the Rev. Michael G. Morrison S.J., rejected the committee's proposal and offered the job to Leahy.

Spring intramurals already underway

The spring intramural season is nearly in full swing.

"It's keeping us hopping," Intramural Director Jim Lewis said.

Men's and women's volleyball and men's whiffleball seasons are underway.

Twenty-one men's teams and 16 women's teams will compete in volleyball this year.

The number of teams equals last year's membership in the sport.

Six men's teams signed up for whiffleball, Lewis said, and soccer is set to begin on April 2.

The opening of intramural 16-inch softball is still under consideration, he said.

Also on the agenda this spring is a double elimination 12-inch softball tournament for men's, women's and coed teams, Lewis said.

Entries for teams interested in competing in the tournament are due by April 19, Lewis said.

Baseball team rallies to nip Yellowjackets

The baseball team rallied in the bottom of the final inning Tuesday to edge second-ranked Georgia Tech 5-4 in Honolulu.

Sophomore Rick Freehling drove in John Pivovar with a single in the bottom of the eighth inning as the Bluejays improved their record to 18-6 overall and 3-2 in the round-robin tournament.

Steve Hinton started the scoring for the team with a second-inning triple that scored base runners Ryan Martindale and Dax Jones.

Dan Smith, a junior from Apple Valley, Minn., pitched the entire game, striking out six batters and walking three.

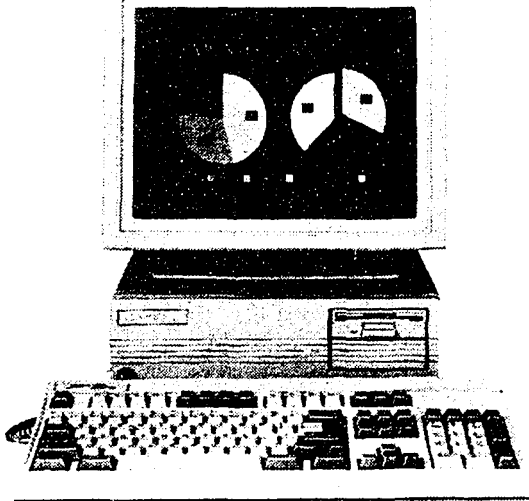
The team fell to 17th-ranked Oklahoma State 5-0 in an earlier game Tuesday.

During the loss, the Bluejays managed only three hits.

The team will return home to play Nebraska Wednesday at the CU Sports Complex.

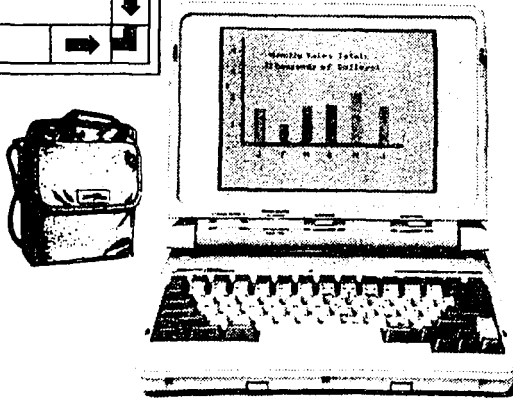
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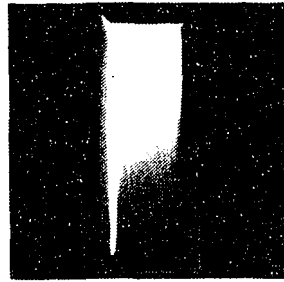


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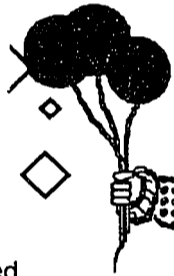


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