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All dressed up and no place to go...



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Students Rupert Patel, Arts & Sciences sophomore, and Grace Gui, COBA graduate student, admire the handi-work of campus pranksters.

King honored for more than a dream

Nancy Lewandoski

Assistant Editor

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is a symbol of the struggle, the goal and the dream of the slain civil rights leader, three Creighton professors said.

As America observed King's birthday, 30 years after he was assassinated, Creighton professors of history and sociology commented on King's contributions to the civil rights movement.

"It is an acknowledgment of him and his accomplishments, but very much also recognition of the civil rights movement," said Dr. Ashton Welch, associate professor of history.

Dr. David A. Lopez, assistant professor of sociology, described the civil rights movement as the first time in the history of the United States that a group acted collectively to restructure society.

King used civil disobedience tactics, patterned after Gandhi, that worked in the 1960s. The tactics eventually achieved fundamental changes in the country.

The civil rights movement started from "grass roots," said Dr. Betsy Elliot-Meisel, assistant professor of history. "People listened to King because he conveyed simplistic Christian values like loving thy neighbor.

"He knew how to plug into white guilt," Elliot-Meisel said.

He had the ability to make people feel guilty, but showed them a way to redeem themselves, she said.

"Whites were not only part of the problem, but they had to be part of the solution."

He projected credibility in the midst of confrontation because he seemed more peaceful than the officers who dragged protesters to jail. On the other hand, the black people who opposed him kept him from appearing

too moderate, she said. Because he stood firm, without embracing extremes, he gained credibility in the eyes of sympathetic white people.

"His presence gave legitimacy to those who sat on the fence," Elliot-Meisel said.

Welch said, "He was one of the major actors and probably did more than any single person to move the struggle to the attention of the American public at large."

Elliot-Meisel said change in America usually comes through incremental steps and accommodation.

"America chews on something before taking another bite," she said.

The NAACP struggled to desegregate higher education in the '30s and '40s, he said. The major success of the civil rights revolt was Brown vs. Board of Education, which happened before he became an activist.

"Too much of the modern public assumes he is the civil rights movement," Welch said.

The civil rights movement improved the conditions for people of color in America, but it did not end racism.

Lopez said he sees many forms of racism today as subtle and symbolic.

The roots of racial tensions have evolved from social problems into economic problems, stirred by the conservative backlash of the 1980s.

Economic equity was not the number one goal of the civil rights movement, Lopez said. People today do not live in the same world as King. During the '60s, King fought for common human decency in a world where a person could get a job with minimal education, Lopez said. The civil rights movement did not threaten those jobs. Today, however, many blame immi-

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Year 2000 bug may glitch CU community

Jennie Glaser

Features Editor

Computer experts have been predicting widespread chaos in the world's computers with the start of the new century at midnight on Jan. 1, 2000, but Creighton's mainframe computer should escape the hypothesized damage relatively unscathed.

But, the problems Creighton students encounter with their personal

computers may be anything but hypothetical.

When the date turns to Jan. 1, 2000, computers that store the year as two digits will compute the year incorrectly. Some will simply produce erroneous data; others will stop functioning completely.

The Information Systems department is responsible for fixing the Year 2000 bug, as this problem is being called in the Creighton mainframe, but

not for student, faculty or departmental computers, which could cause problems for many members of the Creighton community.

Fixing the Problem in the Creighton Mainframe

Con Dietz, vice president for Information Systems, said he anticipates the work will be finished by November 1999.

Creighton first started work on the Year 2000 problem in the mainframe

in 1988 when administrators were installing a program they knew would have to last a long time, so they used four-digit years from the start, according to Bob Rauscher, director of Administrative Computing.

In 1991 Creighton administrators decided the issue needed serious consideration. Information Systems examined the computer language line by

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Alumni effort earns Jesuit's name on hall

Heidi Juersivich

Reporter

After dwelling in dorms for the past 45 years, the Rev. Richard D. McGloin, S.J., will soon find his name over the threshold of Creighton's newest residence hall.

The \$11 million building due to open in fall 1998 will be named for McGloin.

The decision to dedicate the hall in McGloin's name came after a group of alumni approached the Vice President

for University Relations, Michael Leighton, requesting an opportunity to honor the Creighton Jesuit.

The Rev. Michael G. Morrison, S.J., agreed to name the new hall after McGloin if the alumni raised \$1 million for the university.

The alumni, aware of McGloin's long-time residence among undergraduates, thought the dedication of a residence hall would be a great way to

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The McGloin Hall is scheduled to start housing students this fall. Officials say they plan to use the hall as a residence primarily for sophomores. Students will reside in suite-style living quarters.

Photo by Mimi Douglas

**NEWS
ITEMS &
EVENTS**

Jan. 24, 9 a.m. to noon. Beginner's Genealogy Workshop will be presented by the Greater Omaha Genealogical Society. It will be held at the W. Dale Clark Library, 215 South 15 St., lower level. It is free and open to the public, but pre-registration is requested. Call 346-6256 or 444-4826 to register.

Jan 24, 7-10 p.m. College Night at the Joslyn. It is free for students with an ID. Guided tours of special exhibits, hands-on mask making workshop, figure drawing activities will occupy the evening. At 8:45 p.m., The Imposters U.K. will perform. Pizza and pop will be served. Prizes will be awarded.

Jan. 30 is last day to obtain tickets for **Opera Omaha's "Madame Butterfly"**. Applications are available at the Student Center Information Desk.

Jan. 31 is the last day for students to sign up for the co-ed **All Night Volleyball tournament** sponsored by CU and Nebraska Medical Students. It is limited to 48 teams, with 10 players per team. The tournament will be held Feb. 20 at 8 p.m. in the Kiewit Fitness Center.

Jan. 31, 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. All University Snow Ball Winter Semi-Formal. The dance is free for Creighton students with ID. Free transportation to Scouler Ballroom by Ollie the Trolley. Call Stephanie Chiu, 546-6817.

Feb. 2, 9 p.m. to 12 a.m. Deglman Residence Hall Crush Dance at Brandeis Dining Hall Admission is free for Deglman Hall residents, \$2 for one crush and \$5 for three crushes. Tickets will be sold at Deglman front desk Jan. 26-30.

Healthy Choice appearing at Jebbies. Jebbies will feature different selections on each day of the week. Monday: Sweet and Sour Chicken. Tuesday: Ginger Chicken Wednesday: Turkey Marsala. Thursday: Beef and Broccoli. Friday: Shrimp Creole.

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Student knew how to love, laugh

Patrick Garmoe
Editor-in-Chief

Students, faculty and staff formally remembered Nicholas Steichen at a memorial service Jan. 16 as an excellent student who valued what was important in life, who never stopped trying to make others laugh and who was never too busy to help anyone.

Approximately 250 people attended the memorial service held in St. John's Catholic Church for Steichen, a first-year physical therapy student who died in a car accident Jan. 2 near Raton, N.M. while returning from the Fiesta Bowl. He was 23 years old.

Dr. Anthony Kincaid, assistant professor of physical therapy, recalled regrading the first exam he gave Steichen because he was certain there was no way someone as humorous in class as Steichen also could have scored the highest grade in the class. But his grading was correct.

Steichen did well on that test and many others afterwards, carrying a 4.0 GPA after his first semester.

He also graduated summa cum laude with his B.S. degree from Kansas State University in May 1997.

Classmates said they remember



Steichen

him most as a person who wanted to be a friend.

"He always cared about others and showed it," said Tim Panely, first-year physical therapy student.

"He would brag about you to others if you made a good grade," said Amy Gilroy, a first-year physical therapy student.

"He always found a way to make you laugh," said John Volez, a first year physical therapy student.

Steichen valued what was important, and tried to steer others that way.

First-year pharmacy student, April Strong, remembered him always reminding friends never to park in a handicapped spot, not even for 10 seconds while running inside to grab something. He was also known for always reminding his classmates that even the rudest people should be killed with kindness.

In a letter to Steichen's parents, Dr. Sam Scott, assistant professor of physical therapy, referred to Steichen as a "human magnet," saying he was "exceptionally bright, yet humble."

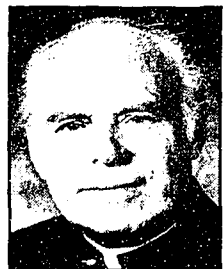
James Nackos, first-year pharmacy student may have summed Steichen up best with this simple statement. "There's a quote by Mark Twain. It's simple, but I think it described Nick really well. 'He liked to like people, and therefore people liked him.'"

Steichen, survived by his parents, John and Mary of Lawrence, Kan.; four brothers: Steven, of Manhattan; Benjamin, Eddie and Joey, all of Lawrence, Kan.; and sister, Emily Harris of Topeka, Kan.

Jesuit to be 'on air' for CU students

Elizabeth Elliott
Copy Editor

A long time television show in Milwaukee starring a Jesuit at Creighton will make its debut on campus cable this Sunday evening.



Jakubek

"The Answer is Love" is a show that tries to acquaint students with the teachings of Jesus on salvation and happiness, said its host, the Rev. Gene Jakubek, S. J. The show will be aired each Sunday

from 6 to 6:30 p.m. on campus cable channel 40.

The television show is not primarily Catholic. Jakubek said there is a strong Christian base.

Though it is the first episode to be seen by Creighton students, Jakubek is no stranger to television. The show was seen every Sunday for 30 years in Milwaukee, Wis. It has been airing locally on Cox Cable channel 23 since June 1997.

Why introduce the show to Creighton students? "I thought there was a need to help people lead better lives," Jakubek said.

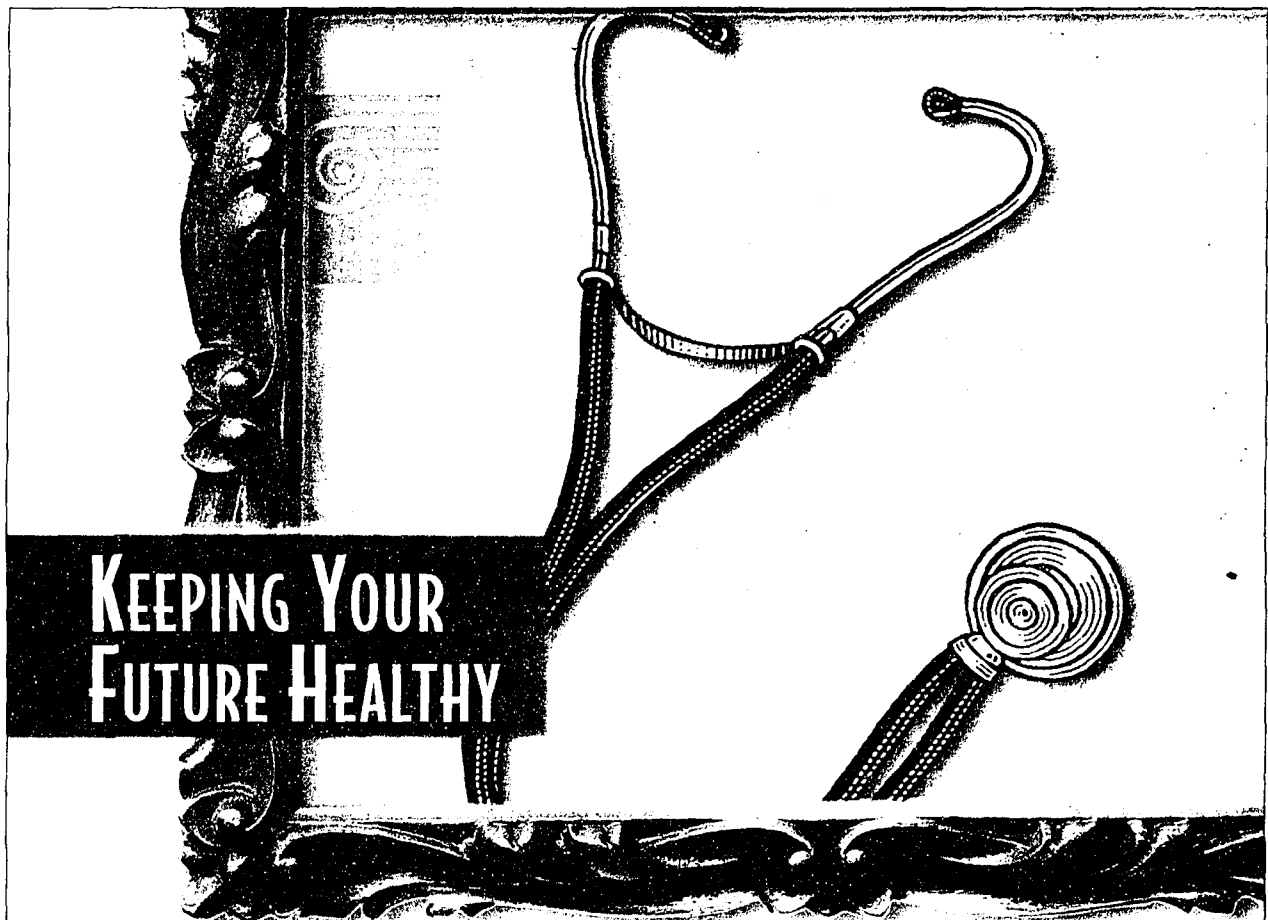
Jakubek said he likes the number of people you can reach through television.

"People are TV-conscious. It is a double sensual thing where you can see and hear the message being given," Jakubek said.

Jakubek is also spiritual director and counselor at Creighton. His telephone number is given out during the television show to provide one-on-one attention to those who wish to speak with him about problems they have been dealing with.

He said broadcasting his message on television is, "one way of letting [students] know that they can come talk to me," Jakubek said.

Some of the topics he plans to cover include depression, love and following Jesus' example.



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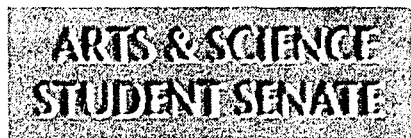
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26 MONDAY

- Men's Rush

27 TUESDAY

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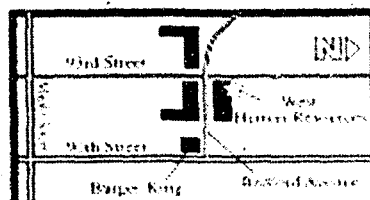
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2000 problem bugs Creighton students

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line on nights and weekends to avoid interrupting business.

In spring 1997, the department began a more focused effort, Rauscher said, concentrating on student systems.

According to Dietz, some systems are finished, including admissions, Student Health and student employment.

Problems in Creighton PCs

Creighton contracted Dr. Juli-Ann Gasper, associate professor of finance, to conduct a series of informational seminars for Creighton employees on the Year 2000 problem in desktops from July to October 1997.

Gasper said she agrees the mainframe situation is being resolved: "I don't think that we have a problem at Creighton which is unsolvable, and whatever glitches are left are not going to cause major disruption in our ability to interact with our students."

Campus desktop computers are another matter.

Information Systems is responsible for the mainframe and desktops in its office, not desktops outside its office.

Gasper said the policy concerns her.

"That, to me, is very scary, that the university, as a policy, is saying, 'It's your problem. You need to find the people to do it. You need to hire the expertise. You need to diagnose the problem,'" Gasper said.

Gasper said there are about 2,700 desktops on campus that Creighton owns and a large number owned by students or faculty members. None of these are the responsibility of Information Systems.

Gasper said any software with a date function can be affected. Date functions can be found in software where most people don't expect it.

The bug can also affect hardware that runs the computer, causing older computers to stop running and others to operate using the wrong date.

"Most student computers are newer computers, and the percentage that won't operate at all is pretty small," Gasper said. "But there will be a fair

percentage that will report the date improperly, although the computer will continue to work."

Research grant recipients have another cause to be concerned about their desktops, Gasper said. Since August, the National Science Foundation has required applicants for grants and grant renewals to certify that their research results will not be affected by the Year 2000 problem.

"And they're not going to give money to people who cannot certify that," Gasper said.

According to Kathy Taggart, director of Grant Administration, Creighton received nearly \$15.5 million in research grants during the 1996-97 fiscal year.

Gasper stressed the importance of correcting desktops before the problem affects research results.

"If you make a mistake in your research grant ... if you produce bad information, you're not going to get

that money back again," she said.

The Latest Twist

Gasper said experts began discussing embedded chips.

"Embedded chips work elevators, they work heating and air conditioning systems," she said. "They work thousands of pieces of medical equipment, research equipment."

No one knows all the items on campus that have an embedded chip, Gasper said, and the process to find them requires contacting vendors to see if they know whether there is an embedded chip in their products.

According to Gasper, this will involve "Creating the database, following up on all those vendor contracts poking them in the ribs when they don't answer, and making them answer and making them answer and making them answer, until you've got an exhaustive list."

What Computer Users Can Do

Dietz said the important thing is to test computers now to see if how they will react to the date change. To do this, a user must go to the control panel of the computer and change the date past the year 2000 to see how the computer reacts.

You need to hire the expertise. You need to diagnose the problem.

Juli-Ann Gasper
Associate Professor of Finance

Civil rights leader's message still lives on

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grants for the number of unemployed U.S. citizens.

Lopez said, "Immigrants don't take our jobs; they take the ones we don't want." It is more difficult to legislate change when people feel threatened.

Despite problems that remain, the civil rights movement had a huge impact on American society. The Civil Rights Act of 1964 outlawed discrimination in public accommodations, fed-

eral assisted programs and in employment. The Voting Rights Act of 1965 abolished literary tests for voter registration.

King did not want America to remember him for his accomplishments or his famous "I Have a Dream" speech, Elliot-Meisel said.

"He wanted to be remembered for trying to love and serve humanity," Elliot-Meisel said, "not by sound bytes or the Nobel Peace Prize."

Jesuit's legacy remains

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honor the beloved Jesuit and responded to the call for funds.

"I've never seen anything like this in my time here at Creighton in terms of trying to raise money," Leighton said. "The response has been phenomenal."

So far, the fund-raising effort has well surpassed the goal. To date, the alumni have raised \$1,145,777 via a letter writing and word-of-mouth campaign to McGloin's friends.

McGloin, himself expressed skepticism that people would rally to send money in his name.

"When we started this campaign, Fr. McGloin said he didn't think we would raise enough to cover postage and paper - which was approximately \$200," said Pam Swisher, director of annual giving.

He said he is flattered by the dedication, but is quick to note that it wasn't his idea.

"I was happy because it's a scholarship fund ... because it's going to help students down the way," he said. "The building is something else that's not important, you know."

McGloin, who describes his age as "not quite 110" has spent the majority of his life living amongst university students. He joined the

Jesuits after graduating from Creighton Preparatory High school and has since lived in dormitories.

He was one of the original residents of Swanson Hall, which opened 33 years ago.

Before Swanson, McGloin spent 10 years living in Dowling Hall, which used to lay in the space between Swanson and Degelman. Before that, he lived in a dorm at Marquette University. He said he plans to remain in Swanson after the new hall opens in the fall.

Friends describe him as the kind of man who is committed to serving the students who reside with him in the residence halls.

Leighton tells the story of a homesick Creighton student who called home after three weeks of school to declare that he was ready to drop out of college.

"His father told him, 'Before you go, I want you to talk to Fr. McGloin,'" Leighton said. McGloin convinced the freshman to stay in school, and that student is now doing his medical residency.

"I think as a Jesuit, he's committed to serving others through God," Leighton said. "In essence, it's those others whom he has served who are saying thank you by giving a pledge to this project."




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'Keeping the Dream Alive'



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The performance of Creighton Gospel Choir members (from left to right) Johnice Orduna, NoLa Jeanpierre, Claudette Valentine, was part of a whole week of activities commemorating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life. Martin Luther King, Jr. Leadership Awards were presented to seniors Johnny Torres and Courtney Ramsay during a ceremony held Monday in St. John's Church.

New language lab offers extra practice

Danisha M. Walker
Reporter

The foreign language lab will open Monday on the second floor of the Humanities Center providing students with additional learning aids in their effort to master languages.

While course designs in the modern languages will not be changing much, students can expect more efficient teaching inside and outside of the usual classroom setting.

Nearly 40 PCs and several Macintosh computers will be available for students in the modern foreign language classes, as well as those preparing for the language placement exams.

Students will be able to utilize the CD-ROM programs that correspond with their textbooks.

Dr. David Vanderboegh, assistant professor of French, and chairperson of the language lab committee, said the CD-ROM material will make the languages more clear. Students will be able to hear text material read in the speaker's native voice.

Students can highlight a particular section and have the passage read to them. They will also be able to modify the pace at which the material is read. Above all, the computer lab will give students practice with conversation, effective listening, and pronunciation.

In turn, this will make classroom time more productive. If class is not devoted to reviewing exercises in the book, students and instructors will be able to communicate better in the language.

Although the anticipated opening of the computer lab is Monday, there are still several boxes of material to be organized. Technicians also have to program and install the software in the computers.

Until this point, Vanderboegh has received assistance from Terry Begley, who works in Academic Computing.

Begley's help with the development of the computer lab has impressed Vanderboegh, who said, "We have learned from his mistakes and his experience."

Students forfeit time off for class adventures

Stephanie Kidd
Copy Editor

Class credit is usually one of the last things on the minds of college students during their winter break. But a few groups of Creighton students chose to spend part of their break traveling in order to earn needed credit hours.

Kristin Eickhorst, an Arts & Sciences senior, flew to Roatan Island

in Honduras.

"We went down to study marine ecology," Eickhorst said. "But one of the tools we used is scuba diving."

To prepare for her trip, Eickhorst studied scuba diving at Creighton's Kiewit Fitness Center on Saturday mornings. It took two additional private lessons for her to gain her open water certification.

Eickhorst, along with 13 other class

members and faculty members, attended lectures and participated in hands on demonstrations with marine life at Honduras' Institute for Marine Science.

They spent a day on an uninhabited island.

"It was great," Eickhorst said. "I felt like I was walking where no other human had ever walked."

The time Eickhorst spent in Honduras was worth more than just a good winter break story, a great tan and an interesting photo album. Eickhorst used the trip to fill part of the lab requirement for Marine and Fresh Water Ecology.

"It's something I have always wanted to do," Eickhorst said.

While Arts & Sciences students spent time in Honduras, many students in the College of Business Administration traveled to Manhattan, N.Y. to learn about finance.

Jeffrey Walters, a COBA senior,

spent six days and seven nights attending lectures and touring businesses on Wall Street, including the New York Stock Exchange.

The trip acted as part of a lab for a finance class.

"The focus of the trip," Walters said, "was to see what goes on in a big city, to see how to get a job there, to see what is expected if you work there."

The trip's expenses included \$300 for airfare, \$172 for the hotel and \$300 for the cost of the credit hours. Walters used \$600 for spending money.

"I went to two Broadway shows and to a Knicks game," Walters said. "And I bought presents for some friends."

Walters said it was money well spent.

"It was real world, and not textbook," Walters said. "I got to find out what goes on behind the scenes."

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Students should be able to participate

Staff Editorial

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Martin Luther King, Jr. fought racial injustice and called for freedom, equality and dignity for all races. So should a skip day from classes be declared in his honor?

Public schools, banks and federal offices closed Monday in observation of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Creighton however held a full day of classes despite the many events it held on campus.

Students, faculty and members of the community put forth great effort to incorporate Dr. King's message into students' lives through the presentations. But students were still required to attend class during the events.

This kept many potential participants from taking part in the celebration.

So should Creighton have cancelled classes?

Not necessarily.

Perhaps instead, students should have the right to decide if they want to attend the events or attend class.

By attending the events, students can gain insight and experience real-life lessons that cannot be reproduced in a classroom.

This is why students should be allowed to participate in the festivities without penalty.

If a policy were implemented that permits students to request an excused absence from a class, interested students would have to take the initiative to be released.

Taking the initiative would involve direct communication between the student and each professor. A student would have to inform the professor that he or she would like to take part in a program that conflicts with the class.

If a student did not request the excused absence prior to class, he or she would be marked absent.

This would deter students from using the holiday as an excuse to skip class.

The policy should also extend to other holidays the university does not celebrate by cancelling classes. But, this should only apply when the university holds activities honoring these days.

To give these holidays proper recognition, Creighton should show flexibility to those students who wish to partake in the campus celebrations.

Winter break leads to need for trip to Cancun

What's On Tap



Courtney Ramsay

Arts & Sciences • Senior

Okay. I made it back from Anchorage without incident. No bad plane experiences or mean flight crew. Sorority rush is over, school can really begin.

Is it just me or does anyone else feel as if they need a vacation?

Every finals week we claw our way to the end, alternate personalities and all. We are tired and cranky and we want to go home. If anyone calls they are greeted with obscenities instead of "hello." And when it's time to go, we go. With bells on.

But I have noticed that there is something that happens when you go home. You're happy to be there, but it's just not the same - starting from your first break home after a whole semester officially "on your own." Being at home stresses you out.

Things at home have moved on without you, and you have done the

same in your new environment. It's still home, but at the same time it's *that place you visit*. Now I know, what other people have been talking about when they say *in-laws*. But this is my biological family... hmmm.

When you have your own space, you do stuff your way. Unlike at my six-person household there, when I put food in the refrigerator at my apartment, I can count on it to be there when I go back for it - without having to attach a death threat to it.

If you think you can pull off a night out with the gang and still have that paper done by 8 a.m. hey...that's your call. No one will be waiting for you if you come in just before dawn. No need to feel guilty about not being home. Macaroni and cheese at 3 a.m. is entirely acceptable.

I didn't even get a chance to really get into Christmas. It was "study for this...take this final...study again...pack...go home...Surprise! It's Christmas." And you know before you leave there is always the pep talk from Dad about "getting serious," being independent and planning your future. Basically, the "do this with your life" speech.

Then you go back to school. Another trip to the registrar's. Fight the line to get books.

When is that flight to Cancun again?

Courtney Ramsay's What's On Tap discusses events that are random, yet significant in everyday lives.

The Forum

What were you most thankful for this Christmas season?



Matt Pekula

Arts & Science Junior

"I was thankful for the break from school."



Jill Nelson

Arts & Sciences Freshman

"I was thankful for the amount of love, blessings and support from all my family and friends."



Dave Wenthold

COBA Sophomore

"...Being back home with my family and loved ones."



Tom Colling

Arts & Sciences Senior

"... I was able to see some cousins that I haven't seen in years."

Holidays make us count our blessings

Patrick Garmoe
Editor-in-Chief

Maybe it was the warm breezes of a California winter that didn't feel right.

Or perhaps instead it was the green grass where snow should blanket the ground that ruined the Christmas scene for me.

Either way, something just wasn't the same this December 25th.

Quite possibly my problem was longing for the my material gifts waiting for me at home in Iowa, and while doing so, almost missing out on the most important gift of the year for me.

The best Christmas gift I ended up receiving was found not in the mess of presents wrapped up all pretty, but in someone I had already seen for the last time.

All I could do now was try not to forget him.

Funny how much things, even people, seem to increase in value once

they're gone.

I traveled to California to visit a friend who also happened to be a cousin of mine, and who on the second day of 1998, closed his only eye that still worked, even mildly, for good after 22 years of dealing with an illness that killed him slowly, bit by bit.

My friend and I spent the last few years corresponding through the mail and by computer as well.

He would tell me of his trips in and around the Los Angeles area, even a trip to Europe.

I would talk to him about my daily travails and triumphs of high school, and later on, college exploits.

The last times we were able to have serious discussions about our lives, he was still talking about his one great passion - riding trains - while I was talking about how I was worried about finding a job after college.

When I first visited him a year ago, we were still able, with the assis-

tance of a wheelchair, to eat out and drive around the city. Maybe even watch a train roll by - if we were lucky, that is.

But when I went back this Christmas break, one year later, we couldn't even have one conversation that lasted over three sentences.

He apologized to me because he couldn't harness enough air to coax his vocal chords to speak to me.

I apologized to him for not being able to strain enough to hear the words.

But he did tell me one thing over the course of my last Christmas with him.

And I want to pass it on to all of you.

He said, "Be thankful you can sip."

Not very profound, is it? Being thankful for what each of us has is an old principle, something I think it might be good to be reminded

of every once in a while.

It's not a very deep phrase of wisdom, but just pause, while gulping down that soda and dashing to the next class that you don't feel like attending, or the job you constantly whine about.

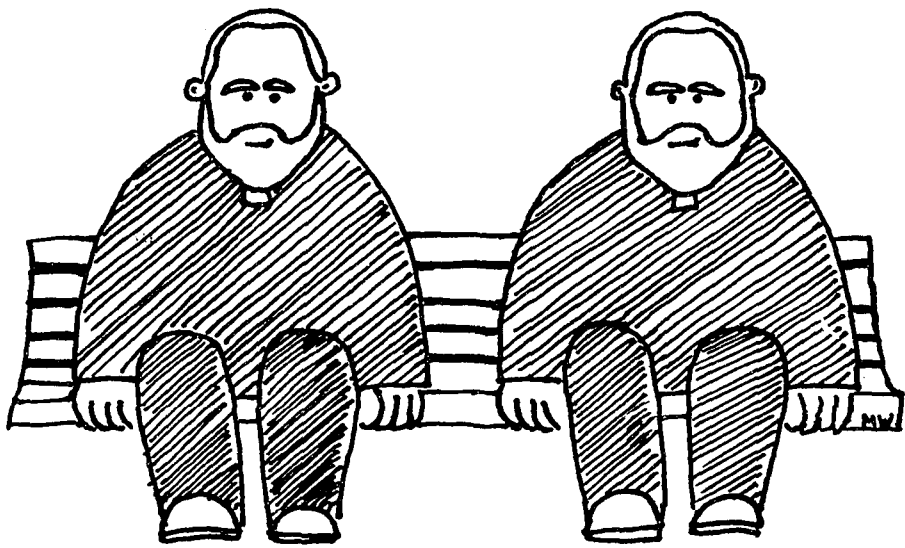
Just pause and remember, you're one of the lucky ones. You have the opportunity to get out of bed every morning and work, and be a productive member of society, and maybe even make this world a little better place.

Maybe you will have the opportunity to drink coffee as the sun rises tomorrow.

Savor it.
Savor it because some can't.
Some can't even take a sip.

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If Creighton Could Clone...



Creightoons by Mike Wing

Creightoons by Mike Wing addresses both on and off campus issues. Creightoons will run every other week.

**Husker supporters:
Loony or loyal fans?**

Ann Griner

Arts & Sciences • Senior

Make it stop. Please. I beg you. Make the Huskers go away.

Do I sound bitter? Maybe I am. Husker fever is running rampant and I think I'm going into anaphylactic shock. For the past three and a half years that I've been in Omaha, the Huskers have been inescapable. Everything is Husker-oriented, from Bob's Big Red Bait Shop to Husker brand creamed corn.

The problem I have with the Huskers stems less (well, a little less) from the team and more from the overzealous fans. I know they're not all that way, but so many of them spend the off-season wallpapering their homes with large red N's.

Everyone, please ... it's just a football team. I can see supporting a favorite team (Go Bears!) as much as the next person, but the rabid intensity of Husker fans is really more frightening than inspiring.

Nebraskans, I promise you: There's more to your state than the Huskers and road construction.

After the Huskers' loss to Arizona State last season, I launched a search that covered every conceivable sporting goods store in Omaha and Council Bluffs, and was still unable to locate an ASU T-shirt. The most amusing thing about my trip was the range of dirty looks I got when asking if a store carried ASU clothing. I even made a cursory stop in a store that sold nothing but Husker paraphernalia. They were not pleased with my query. I dodged a projectile and left.

You know, I would genuinely like to support the Huskers. I can't deny the talent on that team (talent for football, not just committing violent crime.) Even so, it's only football, not life. The players are college students, not supermen. And Tom Osborne is a coach, not a deity.

Hey, I know, the Huskers aren't all bad. The malls are deserted on game days. And they're a darn good source for jokes.

Because we all know how to get the entire Husker team off the bench: "Will the defendant please rise?"

Mimi Douglas

Arts & Sciences • Junior

If you have never experienced it, you will never understand it.

You are sitting in Memorial Stadium, surrounded by 72,699 other fans, all united by the identical pounding of your hearts. An autumn breeze chills you, but with the intense adrenaline in the air, you hardly notice. The excitement and jubilation is intoxicating and—if just for that single afternoon—anything is possible.

The Huskers are more than a football team. For many of us, when they take the field, more than a game is at stake. The reputation of our state is on the line.

We do not have national landmarks, beaches or even professional sports teams to bring us recognition. What we do have is one of the most highly respected college football programs in the nation.

From rural Hildreth to urban Omaha, the Huskers are something we all have in common. Almost every Nebraskan knows someone who is connected with UNL.

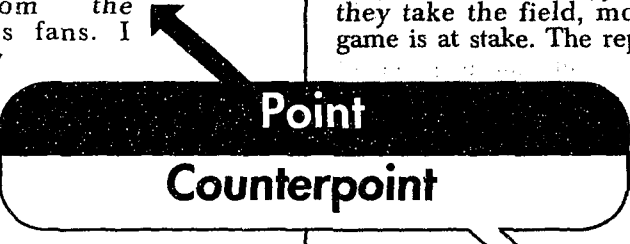
For a state made up primarily of small towns, these are our local boys. They work hard and often end up hurt, all to defend our state's pride. So why would it be out of line to be loyal to them?

And there is a difference between being loyal and fanatical. There are many people who go to great lengths to display their undying devotion to the Huskers. It is not my style, but if it makes them happy, all the more power to them.

I realize these are the people who often turn people away from the Huskers all together. The way I look at it is that you do not walk into someone else's house and start talking trash about their furniture.

Welcome to Nebraska. We are who we are, and we are proud of who we are.

When it comes right down to it, it is a Nebraska thing. I have no desire to turn you all into Husker fans, nor is it possible. Just keep in mind that not all of us are rabidly pro-Husker, but for most of us, our loyalty is more than skin-deep.



Point Counterpoint is a regular feature on the Opinion Pages. It allows students, faculty and community members to go head to head, voicing opinions on a wide variety of topics. If you have a topic idea or would like to participate in Point Counterpoint, e-mail the Creightonian.

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'Sein'-off saddens students

Kenya Milton
Reporter

All good things come to an end, as the saying goes, and for many Creighton students, this includes television's top-rated comedy, "Seinfeld."

After nine seasons of laughs, Jerry Seinfeld, 43, decided to call it quits, even though NBC executives offered him as much as \$5 million an episode to continue the series.

"I understand where he [Seinfeld] was coming from. I'll really miss the show, but hey, there's always re-runs," said Denise Chapman, an Arts & Sciences freshman who tunes into the show regularly since first watching it about three years ago.

Jamie Ingram, Arts & Sciences freshman, had a different reaction.

"When I heard the news about the show being canceled, I immediately became depressed. It was the only sitcom I made time for so that I could watch it during the week."

Replacing "Seinfeld" with another hit comedy may not happen soon, and some viewers question whether it can be replaced at all.

Arts & Sciences freshman Kanyon Boyd said, "The show wasn't like any other sitcom out there. It can't be replaced."

College of Business Administration sophomore Jason Lathan said, "the cast just did some crazy stuff sometimes. I will miss it very much."

Fake IDs fail at local bars

Stephanie Kidd
Copy Editor

Dozens of confiscated IDs line Billy Frogg's "Wall of Shame" in the Old Market bar.

This wall is a tribute to minors who tried to enter the bar and failed. Some failed because their fake IDs lacked the holograms and other details that distinguish real ID cards. Other IDs look realistic, but not realistic enough to fool Brian Bath, a bartender and manager at Billy Frogg's.

As a student, Bath earned extra cash by selling IDs he made, so he says he knows what to look for in a fake ID.

Bath and his staff are careful about the forms of identification they accept. Driver's licenses, passports and military IDs are all accepted. With any ID from outside Nebraska, they require another form of identification as well.

Bath's ID-checking ritual includes a close examination of the picture, the issue and expiration dates and the physical description. One detail most fake ID users don't think will be discovered is a warning on the back.

"There is a New Jersey license that is really popular now," Bath said. "And kids got away with it until we started to read the back of the card. It says in small letters, 'ID not to be used to purchase alcoholic beverages.'"

The Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles, in collaboration with the liquor industry, created a new policy that aims to stop minors from using fake IDs to purchase alcohol or gain access into over-21 bars and clubs.

The new policy, effective Sept. 1, 1997, requires all new drivers licenses, permits and state ID cards issued to minors to include a blue stripe with the word "MINOR" in the upper right corner. The DMV hopes this will serve as a clue to bars and liquor stores that the patrons are underage, preventing

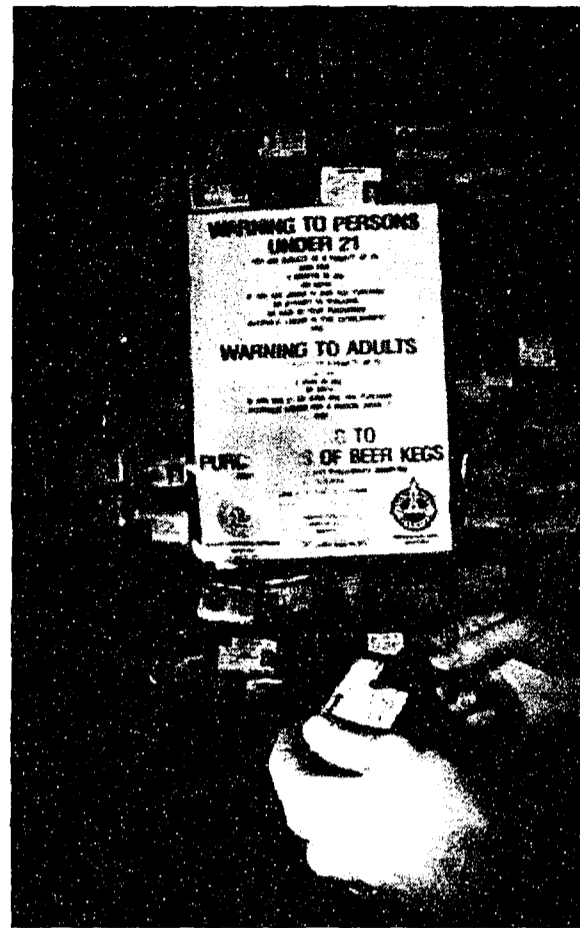


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Brian Bath, bartender and manager at Billy Frogg's Grill & Bar in the Old Market, examines an ID next to the bar's "Wall of Shame," where he posts confiscated fake IDs. Bath, like many local bar workers, prefers to take fake IDs and kick minors out rather than calling the police. Minors who are turned in to the police could face a \$500 fine for possession of a fake ID and up to three months in jail if they try to use the ID to purchase alcohol.

underage individuals from purchasing alcohol and gaining access to age restricted locations.

Betty Johnson, program manager of the Driver Records Division, said the policy was changed to ease the burden on the liquor industry. She said bar workers had trouble understanding the color code on old licenses, where a red or blue picture background showed the age of the license holder.

One Arts & Sciences sophomore said some bars don't check carefully. "My fake looks fake," he said. "You can see where I changed the date on my birthday, but no one ever questions it."

One Arts & Sciences freshman paid \$20 to get an ID from a friend of a friend that was rumored to look like

him. It does not.

"I'm just waiting to use it at a place that is guaranteed to accept bad IDs," he said. But men like Brian Bath are not likely to accept a bad ID.

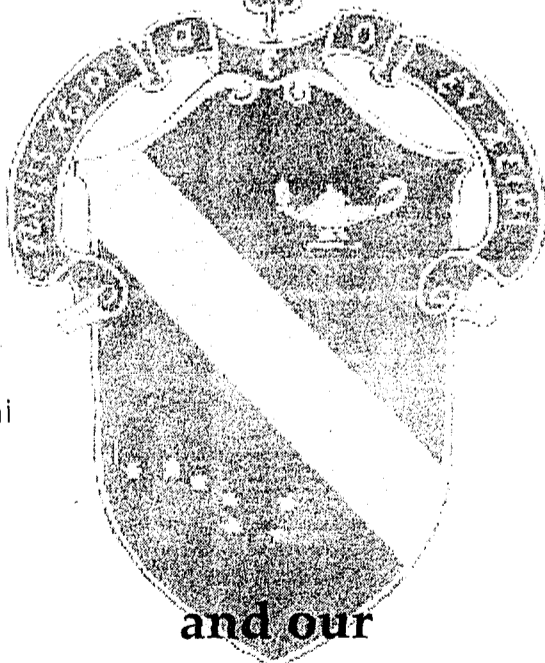
Bath recalled the time a young man tried to get into the bar with an ID that looked nothing like him.

"He claimed he had dyed his hair black for the ID picture," Bath said. "But he shut up when I asked him if he bleached his eyebrows back, too."

Johnson said she hopes the new policy will reduce the number of minors who have access to liquor.

"We cannot guarantee anything," Johnson said. "All we can do is make the least tamper proof card as possible. And we are taking the steps toward that."

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Super Bowl strikes close to home at CU

Ben Tschann
Reporter

Super Bowl festivities will reach their climax Sunday in San Diego when the Denver Broncos - American Football Conference champions - play defending Super Bowl Champions the Green Bay Packers. As in every Super Bowl, there are many stories emerging that deal little with the game itself.

For Creighton students, the event which is the second most celebrated day in the United States after New Year's Eve, provides many opportunities to get involved. Events range from elaborate Super Bowl parties to placing bets with friends to sentimental wishes (including prayers) for 37-year-old John Elway to finally win a Super Bowl after losing four in his career with Denver.

The tradition and legacies of both teams are rich. The original Super Bowl Champion Packers play on the NFL's storied Lambeau Field, home of the "Cheese-head".

Denver lost the Super Bowl four times during the 1980s and 1990s. This year it is a Wild Card qualifier that reached the Super Bowl by winning all its playoff games on the road with a newly-refined running game they clearly lacked in past Super Bowls.

For Wisconsin and Colorado natives at Creighton, the game is a matter of pride and bragging rights. With many students at Creighton from both states (235 from Colorado, 71 from Wisconsin according to the registrar's office), the stakes in this year's Super Bowl are higher than usual at Creighton.

Super Bowls in recent years have pitted teams like Dallas, Pittsburgh, New England and San Francisco against one another. These games haven't meant nearly as much to many

students as the 32nd Super Bowl.

But the game is about more than which is the better team. It's also about the outside forces - the people and the places. There probably aren't two cities as different as Green Bay and Denver.

Denver is the Mile High City, known for beautiful mountain ranges and great skiing. Green Bay, the city that actually has no "green bay", is the proud home of America's best bratwurst.

The two states have several common features the cities lack. Both are large beer producers (Coors and Miller). Both have tremendous natural beauty and nasty winters, and citizens of both talk a little different - "seriously dude" and the famous "ooh yeah ya know."

Pat Fay, an Arts & Sciences senior and Wisconsin native, says his allegiance to Green Bay comes from its working class mentality.

"Green Bay is a blue-collar town who has stood by the Packers through thick and thin. The city really loves the Pack."

Jen Reed, an Arts & Sciences senior, judges the teams more on jersey color combinations and fashion.

"Denver should win because their colors are better," Reed said, "I just don't like the combination of green and yellow."

For Josh Crawley, an Arts & Sciences senior and Colorado native, fate led the Broncos to the game.

"It's five times the charm. The Broncos can't go to the Super Bowl again and not win."

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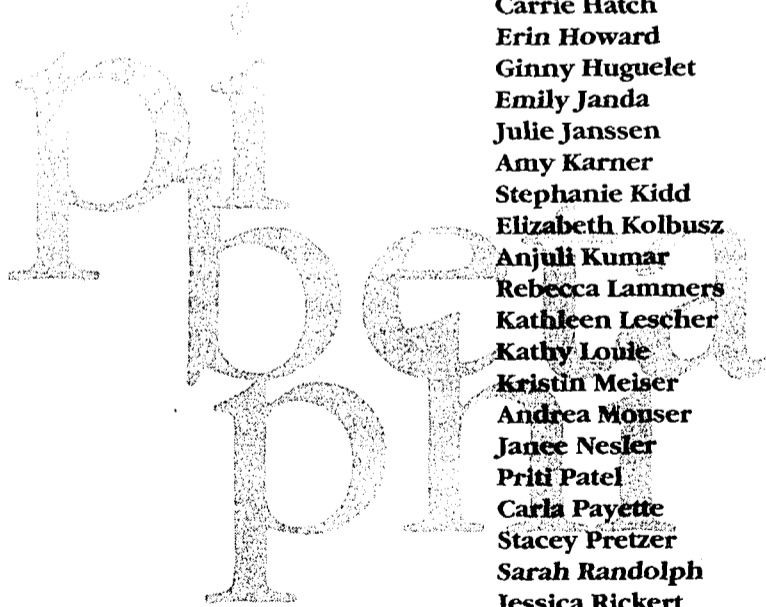
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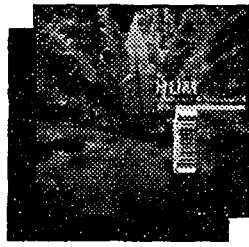
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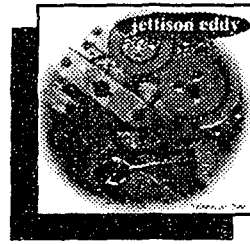
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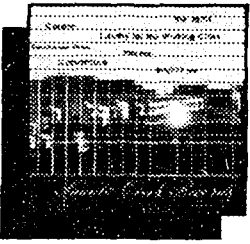
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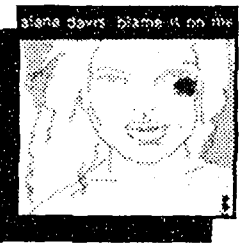
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Holidays, foes fail to slow Lady Jays

David Gouger
Sports Editor

The Creighton Lady Jays continued to show improvement after an 0-3 start to the season. Coach Connie Yori's troops posted a 5-2 record over the semester break. A recap of the seven games:

Dec. 12 at Montana State 63-55

The Lady Jays won the battle of the boards en route to a 63-55 road victory at Bozeman, Mont.

Senior forward Carrie Welle led the way with 18 points. Freshman guard Krissie Spanheimer added 10 points.

Both teams struggled from the field, with Creighton finishing at 36 percent shooting and Montana St. at 31 percent.

The Lady Jays raced to a 36-19 halftime lead, propelled by their bench, which provided 25 points. Freshman forward Melissa Sames scored 10 of those points.

Senior forward Nikki Keller's 3-pointer with 2:02 left in the game gave the Lady Jays a lead they would never relinquish.

Dec. 19 vs. Wyoming 66-49

The Lady Jays evened their record at 4-4 with a 66-49 win against Wyoming at Marian High School.

Sophomore guard Corey Sweeney

came off the bench to lead Creighton with 12 points. Carrie Welle was the only other Lady Jay in double figures with 11 points. Welle also had four steals.

The Lady Jays built a 43-24 half-time lead behind 48 percent shooting from the field. They slumped to 25 percent in the second half and were outscored by Wyoming 25-23.

Creighton again outrebounded its opponent, posting a 35-23 edge.

Dec. 28 vs. Northern Iowa 82-66

Carrie Welle took advantage of Northern Iowa's decision not to double team her by scoring 36 points and grabbing 12 rebounds. Her big game helped the Lady Jays to an 82-66 win over the Panthers at Ak-Sar-Ben Coliseum.

Krissie Spanheimer and Nikki Keller also finished in double figures with 13 and 12 points respectively. Spanheimer added five steals, while Corey Sweeney had seven assists.

The Lady Jays blistered the nets in the second half with 58 percent shooting from the field and finished at 51 percent for the game.

One area of concern for the Lady Jays was turnovers. They finished with 27, but the Panthers failed to take advantage, committing the same amount.

Dec. 30 vs. Bradley 85-58

The Lady Jays won their fourth game in a row and sixth in seven games by defeating Bradley 85-58.

Carrie Welle again led the way in scoring with 24 points, while senior forward Jessica Leix came off the bench to grab a team-high nine rebounds. Freshman guard Angela Timmons dished out five assists and added 13 points in the victory.

The Lady Jays' defense limited the Braves to 25 percent shooting from the field in the second half and 29 percent for the game. Bradley did not have any player score in double figures.

Jan. 4 at Drake 57-79

Drake's triple threat of Kiersten Miller (17 points), Keisha Cox (16) and Tammi Blackstone (14) was too much to overcome as the Lady Jays fell to the Bulldogs 79-57 at Des Moines.

Creighton committed 28 turnovers and struggled from the field (30 percent shooting), while allowing Drake to shoot 52 percent.

Carrie Welle was the only Lady Jay in double figures. She finished with 22 points. Angela Timmons, returning to her hometown, added nine points. Krissie Spanheimer contributed four steals.

Jan. 8 at Southwest Missouri State 52-71

The Lady Bears improved to 12-0

and 4-0 in the conference with a 71-52 win over the Lady Jays at Springfield, Mo.

The Lady Jays dug themselves a big hole early, falling behind 10-0 to start the game. They did not score their first basket until 14:25 remained in the first half.

Creighton battled back to trim the lead to five at 28-23 before the Bears went on a 6-0 run to take a 34-23 half-time lead.

Corey Sweeney and Carrie Welle scored 12 points each to lead the Lady Jays. Welle had a team-high 10 rebounds, while junior center Kristen Hafer grabbed nine. Junior forward Jenni Larson came off the bench to hand out four assists.

Jan. 10 at Wichita State 65-62

The Lady Jays posted their first win ever at Wichita, defeating the Shockers 65-62. Creighton had been 0-5 there since joining the conference for the 1992-93 season.

Carrie Welle led the Lady Jays with 19 points, while Nikki Keller added 13. Keller was 10-12 from the free-throw line. Jessica Leix grabbed eight rebounds, helping Creighton post a 41-39 advantage on the boards.

This Week:

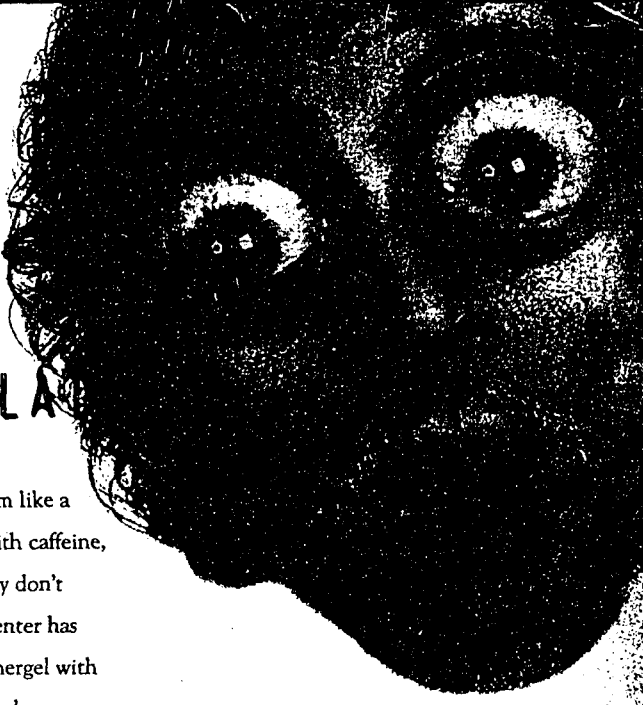
The Lady Jays completed a two-game homestand sweep this week, defeating Illinois State 65-62 Saturday and Indiana State 73-68 Monday.

The game Saturday was a tale of two halves. Creighton's defense clamped down on the Redbirds in the first half, holding them to 21 percent shooting.

"We had good pressure on the ball," said Coach Yori. "We took passes away from them, and our help defense was as good as it has been all year."

Turnovers hurt the Lady Jays in the second half, but Carrie Welle and Jessica Leix hit shots at crucial times.

Creighton broke open Monday's game with a 19-0 run after the half.



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At a Glance

What: Men's Basketball
When: Jan. 24 and Jan. 27
Where: Drake and Wichita State
Fast Fact: Bluejays won at both places last year.

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At a Glance

What: Women's Basketball
When: Jan. 24
Where: Evansville, Ind.
Fast Fact: The Lady Jays have a chance to pick up a road win against the last-place Aces.

Sycamores Topple



Photo by Benjamin Bushnell

Creighton freshman guard Angela Timmons leads the Lady Jays' fast break, while teammate Nikki Keller trails during Monday night's 73-68 victory over Indiana State at the Civic Auditorium.

Timmons finished with 13 points, including Creighton's first six of the game.

The win, the Lady Jays' ninth of the season, surpassed last year's total of eight and moved them into sole possession of second place in the Missouri Valley Conference.

Jays tame Bears, get back on track

Ben Tschann
Reporter

For the first time in seven years three Creighton players scored 20 or more points on the way to a crucial conference win against Southwest Missouri State 94-80.

The win capped off a 2-1 home stand that included an 80-67 victory over Indiana State on Jan. 15 and a 61-58 loss to Bradley on Saturday.

Junior center Doug Swenson led the way with 23 points. Freshman guard Ben Walker and junior forward Rodney Buford each added 20.

Yet it was the defensive effort put forth by the Jays that provided many of the offensive opportunities.

The Creighton full-court press produced 22 turnovers and forced 16 steals, creating havoc as the Bears tried to establish their offense.

Bears Coach Steve Alford said his team lacked the aggressiveness to break the press.

"Normally we don't have any problems with anyone's press, but tonight our kids didn't cut and just stood around," he said.

Buford, Walker and freshman guard Ryan Sears combined to force 15 of the steals. Buford's seven were a career high. Sears also contributed 16 points and dished out eight assists.

"This was the best success we've had with the press," said Walker. "We had a real hard effort, and we wanted it."

Buford, who hurt his ankle on Saturday night against Bradley and was questionable right until tipoff, erased any doubts about the extent of the injury by providing two gravity-defying dunks that rocked the Civic Auditorium crowd of 3,960. The second was on an alley-oop pass with just over a minute left in the game.

"I've never beat these guys, and

I really wanted it," Buford said.

Swenson had another good game against the Bears' All-Conference Center Danny Moore.

In only 20 minutes of action, Swenson drew a number of fouls against Moore. Moore fouled out with 6:15 left in the game.

Creighton Coach Dana Altman called attention to Swenson's tendency to play so much better against "the league's best."

"Doug really plays well against Danny," Altman said. "I hope he'll play like this against the 6'7" and 6'8" guys on other teams."

On Saturday night the Jays struggled with Bradley's defense, which is ranked sixth in the nation.

Poor shooting also contributed to the loss. Creighton shot just 25 percent in the first half and 30 percent for the game.

Buford hurt his ankle while trying to block a shot just eight minutes into the game. He did not return.

Altman said the game came down to execution.

"They ran their stuff and got what they wanted," he said. "They got the defensive stops, and we didn't."

The Jan. 15 win was revenge for the loss Indiana State pinned on the Jays just five days earlier.

Buford led the Jays with 22 points. Junior guard Corie Brandon came off the bench to add 13, including 3 of 3 from beyond the 3-point arc.

Once again the Jays got off to a fast start, sprinting to a 37-23 half-time lead. However, the Sycamores scored 44 after intermission, continuing a trend of second-half letdowns.

"I'm concerned about it," Altman said. "If we don't shoot the ball as well as we did tonight, it would have been a lot closer game."

Creighton committed a season-low 10 turnovers.

Winning streak highlights Jays' holiday

David Gouger
Sports Editor

The Creighton Bluejays had a big road win at Northern Iowa Dec. 30, part of a four-game winning streak. They could have had two more, but poor second halves doomed them at Indiana State and Southwest Missouri State.

Despite those disappointing losses, the Jays finished 4-3 over the semester break. A recap of those games:

Dec. 13 vs. Illinois State 62-71

The Jays lost their first home game of the season to the defending Missouri Valley Conference Champions.

Creighton had been 4-0 at the Civic entering the game.

The much-anticipated matchup between two-time defensive player of the year Dan Muller and junior forward Rodney Buford went to Muller. He held Buford to just 3 of 14 shooting from the field and nine points.

A free throw by junior center Doug Swenson gave the Jays a 48-42 lead with eight minutes left, but the Redbirds stormed back with effective

free-throw shooting down the stretch to seal the win.

Illinois State now owns a nine-game winning streak in the series dating back to 1992.

Dec. 20 vs. Southern 100-78

The Jays hit triple figures for the first time during the Dana Altman era.

Eleven of the 13 Jays to see action scored, led by a career-high 18 points from junior forward Kevin Mungin.

Freshman guard Ryan Sears made sure everyone got in on the action by handing out 10 assists.

Creighton shot a blistering 65.5 percent from the field in the first half and 57.4 percent for the game.

Dec. 22 at Towson 79-70

Sophomore guard Matt West made sure his teammates and coaches would have a Merry Christmas by scoring 11 of his career-high 14 points during the last seven minutes of the game.

The Jays had jumped to a 42-26 halftime lead, but the Tigers roared back with an 18-0 run to open the second half.

With the game on the line, West hit a 3-pointer, a layup and 6 of 6 free throws to wrap up Creighton's best non-conference record (6-2) in 21 years.

Dec. 30 at Northern Iowa 83-78

The Jays won for the first time ever at Cedar Falls, exorcising ghosts that had haunted them for six years at the UNI-Dome.

Rodney Buford led the way with 30 points and 10 rebounds. Junior guard Corie Brandon came off the bench to add 18 points, including 4 of 4 from behind the 3-point line. Doug Swenson grabbed 11 rebounds.

Jan. 4 vs. Drake 86-54

Creighton posted its largest winning margin in seven years (32) by defeating its long-time rival.

The Jays stretched their winning streak to four games and sent the Bulldogs to their 25th consecutive con-

ference loss.

Eleven Jays scored, led by redshirt freshman forward Justin Haynes' 14 points. Senior center Joel Templeman grabbed a team-high six rebounds.

Creighton's bench outscored Drake's 26-0 in the first half. The Jays wiped out any chance of a Bulldog comeback by opening the second half with 17 unanswered points.

Jan. 10 at Indiana State 70-75

The pattern of second half letdowns finally caught up with the Jays.

Creighton allowed the Sycamores 48 second-half points on 56.7 percent shooting.

Rodney Buford led the Jays with 20 points and 10 rebounds.

Jan. 12 at SW Missouri State 54-72

The second-half blues struck the Jays again as they gave up 44 points to the Bears.

Doug Swenson led Creighton with a career-high 19 points.