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Strong Support Shown for HIV-Infected Student

Michelle Cadwell

Reporter

Several Creighton dental students have come forward to support a fellow student infected with HIV who will continue to treat patients in the university's dental clinic.

Junior dental students Mike Cunningham and Dave Tartaglia said that they believe the student should stay in school and finish his education.

"Once people get out of the stone age and realize HIV is not the Bubonic plague it can be dealt with on a professional level," said Tartaglia.

Last week Dr. Wayne Barkmeier, the dean of the dental school, announced that a dental student tested positive for HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. The student had previously treated patients and worked in the Creighton Dental Clinic. Barkmeier

did not state whether the student is a male or female. The student's physician notified the dental school at the request of the student.

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-Mike Cunningham
Junior Dental Student

student," Barkmeier said. He said that students and faculty have expressed their support for the student.

Barkmeier said all of the procedures this student had performed posed no risk of infecting any of the patients. A review panel was formed to evaluate all of the stu-

dent's procedures done in the clinic. The panel, made up of the student's physician, Dr. Barkmeier, Dr. Higgins, a physician from the Nebraska Health Department and Dr. Marvin Bittner, an infectious disease specialist from the Creighton Medical School, used guidelines established by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) to evaluate all of the past procedures done by the student.

The student had not performed any surgical procedures or anything deemed "exposure prone" said Jim Nolan, public relations director for Creighton.

Any procedures that involve the use of anesthetic are classified as exposure prone, he said. Fillings, crowns and root canals are included in these type of procedures.

"Our first goal is to protect our patients and then give the student a chance at an education," Barkmeier said. "The student, administration and the expert

review panel are handling this very well."

This is not a new issue for the dental school. In 1991 a student withdrew from the school as a result of being diagnosed with HIV. Barkmeier said the student came forward with the information but chose not to finish his school career.

Cunnington and Tartaglia said that in this case, it would be a definite loss to the dental school if this student withdrew from classes.

"It would be an absolute atrocity if this student were to leave," Cunningham said.

He also contends that dental students are already anticipating having certain procedures performed on them in order to help this student meet all of the requirements to graduate.

"If tomorrow I need dental work I

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Earth Day Brings Strange Pleasures to CU

Members of the band Strange Pleasures performed on the mall Monday at an Earth Day concert sponsored by Ecology Now!

Phone Survey Produces Mixed Results

Andrew Howes

Editor-in-Chief

A telephone survey of 100 Creighton students revealed that only 10 percent considered politics extremely important in their lives, yet 26 percent had volunteered for a political campaign — an encouraging sign to Political Science Professor Tom Mans.

"Twenty-six percent is pretty good for campaign involvement," Dr. Mans said.

Fifty male and 50 female students in each undergraduate class of the Colleges of Arts & Sciences, Business and Nursing were asked a series of questions pertaining to politics in the telephone survey.

Seventy percent of those students polled said that they were registered voters, a number far above the national average for young Americans, Mans said.

Mans said that he doubted that 70 percent of the students were actually registered.

"Seventy percent is not what we typically see with young voters," Mans said. "Thirty to 35 percent is typical with voters under the age of 25."

Many people feel obligated when polled to say that they are registered voters, Mans said, even though they are not.

"It's a problem that pollsters have throughout the whole country," he said.

Of the entire survey, Mans said that the results were "not quite as grim as I thought they might have been."

Seventy-two percent of the students said that they were "somewhat aware" when asked, "How politically aware do you feel you are?" Nineteen percent said that they were "not at all aware" and nine percent claimed that they were "extremely aware."

When asked, "How important is politics in your life?," 75 percent of the students said that politics was "somewhat important" to them. Fifteen percent said it was "not at all important" and 10 percent said that it was "extremely important."

Mans said that the results of these two questions mirror the current national trend of young Americans being only mildly interested in politics.

Fifty-six percent of those students who said that they were registered to vote

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Crime Drops 300 Percent Over Three Years

Sephera Rosas

Reporter

Crime on Creighton's campus has dropped more than 300 percent over the past three years.

According to the annual campus crime report issued by Public Safety, there were 53 crime instances reported in 1993. The 1995 report shows the number of reported crimes falling to 15.

Auto theft showed the most decline. A total of 24 vehicles were reported stolen in 1993, while only four vehicles were reported stolen last year.

There are also local and national declines. The Omaha Police Department and FBI figures indicate modest declines in major crimes in Omaha and across the country.

"The trend is very healthy," said

Richard McAuliffe, director of Public Safety. "On the other hand, we need to extend a caveat. Statistics never tell the whole story. We still need vigilance."

McAuliffe said that some crimes tend to be under-reported and that sometimes crime decreases because of precautions people take.

McAuliffe said many crimes are prevented because of the watchful eyes of the students.

"We get a lot of calls from students at the time something is happening and before it even happens," he said.

McAuliffe said students need to be commended for preventing crime.

"Students are a lot more responsible with their own safety and security. They are more responsible with alcohol, they aren't leaving their property unattended and they're locking doors," he said.

Despite the decrease in crime statis-

tics, some students are still concerned. The Omaha Police Department does not provide crime statistics by district, but some students living in the area surrounding campus have been victimized.

Arts & Sciences senior Andi Neihoff discovered her car had been stolen when she returned from spring break. She lives with three other Creighton students five minutes from campus, just north of 30th and Cuming Streets. Neihoff said she knows the area around Creighton "isn't the best part of town," but for various reasons, she chose to live there.

"As Creighton students, we really don't have much of a choice," she said. "I could live in West Omaha where there is less crime, but I would have to drive further. As far as being close to campus and

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Face Lift Planned for Business Administration Building

Heidi Juersivich

Reporter

It all started with a problem in the heating and ventilation systems. After 30 years of use, climate control in the Eppley Business Administration Building had been reduced to a simple choice between hot and cold. It was time to put in a completely new system. But to put in a new system, all the ceilings have to be taken out, and since all of the ceilings had to be taken out, why not do a few more renovations at the same time? Why not just buy a few new chairs, replace the carpets, tear down the walls, create a completely new floor plan and replace the windows in one single swoop?

The Eppley building will be completely renovated in a series of three phases to begin this summer. This summer's renovations will cost \$4.5 million and, during this phase, the four floors of the building will be cut out and rebuilt, said Joyce Bunger, assistant to the dean of the College of Business Administration (COBA).

The other two phases will focus on the entrances and the renovation of Walsh lecture hall and the two floors above it.

"Phases two and three are going to come when the major benefactors come and give us the money," Bunger said.

Until this money comes, the results of phase one will have to suffice. Phase one renovations include installing new

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-Joyce Bunger
Assistant to the Dean of COBA

windows, redesigning the floor plan, getting new furniture and installing the latest classroom technology into the freshly-designed school rooms.

Bunger said the new classrooms will have an almost "corporate feel" to them. Each classroom will be equipped with its own VCR and television.

Marshall Schmenke, professor of management, is looking forward to the changes. "Currently, if I want to give a lecture using presentation software like Power Point, I have to call I-Tech to deliver the equipment," Schmenke said.

Because the equipment is not readily available, Schmenke is unable to use the current technology in his daily lectures. With the new classrooms, Schmenke will have no such constraints.

"I'll be able to walk in with a disk—Boom! Let's have a lecture."

The newly refurbished building also will include technology centers with computers available to students at every station.

Bunger hopes the new building will boost admissions into the college.

Bunger has noticed that the Eppley building is often neglected on admissions tours. "They basically look through those double doors and say, 'In there is the College of Business Administration,' and I think to myself, 'It'll never happen again,'" Bunger said. "Now they will say, 'Let's walk through the College of Business Administration.'"

Deborah Wells, COBA assistant dean, agrees with Bunger. "We see this renovated building as a good recruiting tool," she said.

Faculty and staff will have new offices on the fourth floor, which will consist of nothing but offices. Each office will have new furniture.

A sample office complete with walls, carpet and ceiling was set up in the

faculty lounge so that they could go in and get a feel for the new building.

Faculty and staff were given several options in tailoring their offices to their needs. Among their choices came the selection of a new chair from four choices.

"The greatest amount of deliberation has been the selection of their chair," Bunger said. "And that goes for me too."

Bunger favored an upholstered swivel chair with adjustable armrests.

Over the summer, the faculty and staff will have to move out of the building while the construction is completed. The college is encouraging people to work out of their homes this summer.

The summer quarters for the non-administrators will be the second floor of the Humanities Center. Administrators will move into the Walsh Lecture Hall. Makeshift offices will be erected in the solarium, on the stage and in hallways leading to the lecture hall.

Currently, Eppley inhabitants are working to pack their files away for the summer.

"It's a great reason to go through and clean house," said Wells.

Tanaka Receives Recognition: Student Employee of the Year

Patrick Garmoe

Reporter

Some people whine, others complain, but then there are those who get the job done. Arts & Sciences senior Len Tanaka is one of the latter.

Len has kept his work-study job as a laboratory assistant in the Department of Pharmaceutical & Administrative Sciences his entire undergraduate career.

His quality of work is far above the minimal effort level required; in fact, it has been beyond reproach throughout the last four years, said Kenneth R. Keefner, associate professor of Pharmaceutical & Administrative Sciences.

Tanaka was recently recognized for this achievement.

The Rev. Michael G. Morrison, S.J., presented Tanaka with the Creighton Student Employee of the Year Award April 16. He received a plaque and a \$50 savings bond at a luncheon in his honor.

Keefner nominated Tanaka for the award. Thirty-nine other applicants from different departments were also nominated, said Therese McGrath, assistant director of financial aid for student employment.

To receive the award, the recipient had to be a full-time undergraduate student employed on campus at least six

months between June 1 and the nomination deadline. The student's job did not necessarily have to be a work-study position.

Each student was evaluated on a variety of criteria which included reliability and quality of work ethic, thus eliminating anyone who showed that all they did was drag themselves into work.

"I have been pleased with his work ethic," Keefner said.

Keefner commented that department members like Tanaka for a variety of reasons, which include being dependable, punctual, courteous, not fearful of trying new things, possessing excellent computer skills, and

"When the want a job done well...they call Len."

- Kenneth R. Keefner
Associate Professor

above all, always have a smiles on their faces.

"Out of the several work-study students I had he was the most effective," Keefner said.

Tanaka started out in his job very quiet and reserved but now is a commodity around the office because everyone knows that he is a good worker.

"When they want a job done well, or they have a problem with their computer they call Len," Keefner said.

Tireless energy and strong personal work ethic are also characteristics of Tanaka.

"He is always ready to work, efficiently and with gusto!" Keefner wrote in the nomination form for the award.

One such situation in which Tanaka's performance was exhibited took place when a virus was discovered in a computer in the department. Tanaka took it upon himself to make sure each of the computers contained a virus detection program in order to keep the problem from reoccurring, Keefner said.

Even though Tanaka receives tremendous praise from co-workers and superiors, his opinion is reflected in one statement: "I do my best and whatever happens happens."

Creighton Forensics Places High in National Championships

Patrick Garmoe

Reporter

The Creighton University Oratorical Society debate team battled 116 other schools last week to place 8th in the nation in the National Forensics Association Championships held in McComb, Ill., at Western Illinois University.

Individual members made up the total team score because the team does not actually participate together.

Koehn placed within the top 24 out of 180 competitors in the extemporaneous speaking and also placed in the top 32 in Lincoln-Douglas style debate.

Extemporaneous debate is a competition consisting of the contenders receiving a choice of three questions on a current event issue, after which, they research and practice their speech on that

topic for 30 minutes. Then the students have seven minutes to perform their speech, Christy Collison, director of forensics, said Wednesday.

In Lincoln-Douglas style debate, there is only one topic discussed over the course of the year. The topic this year is how to reform the United Nations, said Jay Koehn, Arts & Sciences sophomore.

Other students who participated in extemporaneous speaking included Brian Mathey, Arts & Sciences freshman, Diana Thomson, Arts & Sciences junior, Brandy Buggi, Business sophomore, Lori Platt, Arts & Sciences sophomore, and Jason Tebbe, Arts & Sciences sophomore, Mindy Fenske, co-acting director of forensics.

From March 22-24 the Creighton team had traveled to the National Parliamentary Debate Championships at Rice University in Houston Texas. The team won the Sweepstakes award for placing seventh as a squad, Fenske said.

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(x3967) for more information.

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Job Offers 'Night Court' Experiences for Law Students

Dan Bratetic
Reporter

Paul Seyler is a third-year law student at Creighton University. Like many students he has a part-time job. Unlike many students, his job entails talking to possible criminals. Seyler, along with five other Creighton law students, works for the Douglas County pretrial release program.

"It's actually kind of like 'Night Court,'" Seyler said. "We basically see it all."

Working for pretrial release, the students get the opportunity to interview all inmates before they are arraigned in

court. The students fill out cards which tell judges a defendant's age, employment, marital status and ties they have to the Omaha community, along with other information. The students then appear in court at arraignment hearings and present this information to the judge. Based on this information and the severity of the crime, the judge sets bond for the defendant.

Seyler said he has interviewed all kinds of people, from those charged with misdemeanors to those charged with first-degree murder.

"I watch the news every night. When I go to work the next day, I will end up talking to those people that I saw on television the night before," Seyler said.

Despite sitting across the table from people who could conceivably be put on death row, Seyler said he does not get nervous.

"I just try to make sure I get all the information that I possibly can," Seyler said. "I have never had a problem interviewing anyone."

Mike Rupiper is the head of the Douglas County pretrial release program and also is a graduate of Creighton School of Law. He feels that working in the pretrial release program is good experience for law students.

"This is a unique system because it gives the students a chance to see the system up close," Rupiper said. "It's great exposure to the criminal system."

Seyler also thinks that his job is a good opportunity to gain valuable courtroom experience.

"This job allows you to get over any fears you may have about addressing the court. It is a good opportunity to practice your speaking skills," Seyler said.

Of all the cases in which Seyler has been involved, one still sticks vividly in his mind. It was the case of a man charged with failure to leave a Taco Johns restaurant.

"He was blocking the drive-through at Taco John's and wouldn't move his car. He was actually praying to the Taco John's guy on the drive-through," Seyler said. "On top of that, the man proceeded to do it in court."

Seyler said there is a reason for this story staying in his mind.

"At first I thought this was hilarious. I couldn't quit laughing. But now every time I think of that guy, the more disturbed I get," Seyler said. "You just have to keep in mind that in every case there is a victim. Whether it is all of society or just one person, there is always a victim if there wasn't, we would never have a reason to go to court."

Phone Survey Produces Mixed Results

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who said that they were registered to vote also said that they were Republicans. Twenty-six percent claimed to be Democrats, while seventeen percent said that they were registered independents.

Forty-five percent of the students said that they considered themselves to be politically "moderate," while 38 percent said they were "conservative" and 16 percent said they were "liberal."

Mans said that they number of students who said that they were conservative was higher than the national average for young voters and that the number of liberals was lower than the national average.

The family backgrounds of many Creighton students and Creighton's role as a Catholic university may help to explain the large number of Republicans, Mans said.

"Many Creighton students come from affluent families," Mans said. "And Creighton is a conservative, Catholic university."

Fifty-five percent of the students said that they "definitely" planned on voting in this year's presidential election. Thirty-one percent said that they may vote and 14 percent said that they wouldn't.

Only 25 percent of the students could name the Congressional representative from their district in their home state. Mans said that the number was low. He said that congressional representatives also have less visibility than senators and governors.

A majority of the students did correctly answer one question Mans called important to young voters. When asked, "As you understand it, without any changes, will the Social Security system still be solvent when you turn 65?" 70 percent of the students said that it would not.

Without any changes, Mans said that it is true that the Social Security system will be bankrupt by the time most young Americans turn 65.

Mans said that the results of the survey led him to believe that the current trend towards low involvement and interest in politics by young Americans may be coming to a close.

"Perhaps there is some new hope and the low political period might pass," he said.



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New Lied Center is Vehicle for Broadening CU's Image

Michelle DeWitt

Managing Editor

Arts & Sciences Junior Albert Marmolejo is from Midland, Texas. When people ask why he came to Creighton, his answer reflects what students have been saying for decades.

"I came to Creighton because of the pharmacy school's reputation," Marmolejo said.

He is not alone. In 1995 approximately 25 percent of the freshman class said they were planning to enter a health sciences field. Laurie Vinduska, director of Admissions, said that number does not include students who declared another major, such as biology, but plan to enter the health sciences.

But university administrators are no longer satisfied with such a limited reputation. They want to broaden Creighton's image, and the new Lied Education Center for the Arts is their primary vehicle for doing so.

"It's graphic evidence of the university's commitment in an area far afield from the health sciences," said Dr. Charles J. Dougherty, vice-president of academic affairs. He said that Creighton

has always had strong fine and performing arts programs, but the department has struggled for years with barely-adequate resources.

"Now we have a first-rate building to

"Now we have a first-rate building to go with a first-rate program

-Charles J. Dougherty

Vice-President of Academic Affairs

go with a first-rate program," he said.

That building will be a tool used in the admissions process as well.

A direct mailing will go out this year to students specifically interested in the arts. It will feature the new building.

A breakfast was held in February for area high school guidance counselors to showcase the building. The counselors were led on a tour which will hopefully encourage them to direct students to Creighton.

"We've always had a quality program, but now we can prove it with the building," said Laurie Vinduska, director of admissions.

Michael McCandless, an adjunct faculty member in fine and performing arts, has been associated with Creighton since he graduated from the university in 1978.

"Even at that time, it was a hot issue — making the image more than pre-health sciences," McCandless said. He said that over the years he has seen the administration's commitment to broadening the image of the university grow — particularly with the new building.

"The university administration is totally committed to this project," McCandless said. Now that the department has moved into the building, the second phase of the project will be developing scholarships and showing students that majoring in a fine and performing arts area is a viable option.

Creighton's commitment to well-roundedness is also visible in the \$4.5 million renovation of the Eppley Business Administration Building this summer. The renovation, which will include upgrading technology in the College of Business Administration (COBA), is also part of the Creighton 2000 plan.

Joyce Bunger, assistant to the dean of the College of Business Administration,

said there are two initiatives that show Creighton's commitment to COBA — the remodeling project and the development of the information and management program, including the recently-announced master's degree in information technology.

Like Vinduska and McCandless, Bunger thinks that this project will help draw students to Creighton.

"I've got to think that when we bring tours through here that it's going to make a world of difference," Bunger said.

The issue of broadening Creighton's image is one of the topics at Admissions' two-day planning meeting in May.

"[Health sciences] is certainly a strength of ours. We can't lose that part. Our goal is to try to broaden the image," Vinduska said.

Seeking funds to broaden that image is the responsibility of the Development office at Creighton. Kathy Dombross, director of Development Communications, said the university does seek funds for programs that would improve the image of the school and educational opportunities for students.

She said the office tries to make sure that "other needs on campus are addressed, beyond the medical school."

CU Campus Crime Drops

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and paying affordable rent, there is no other choice. I would rather live this close to campus."

Arts & Sciences junior Susan Schulte made the opposite decision. After living in the dorms for two years, Schulte decided to move further away from campus to 42nd Street and Interstate 80.

Schulte had an experience that frightened her enough to deal with the extra drive time.

While returning to the dorms from work one night, her purse was ripped off of her arm by someone on a bicycle.

"I got it back because everything spilled onto the ground, but it scared me pretty good. It made me really nervous to walk around campus at night," Schulte said.

While Schulte's and Neihoff's experiences were not what one would consider violent crimes, Kevin Bartels, Creighton's, crime prevention officer, said some students have been more seriously victimized.

This year, a student reported being robbed at gunpoint just west of campus. The student was walking to class.

Bartels said that crime surrounding Creighton campus is no better or worse than most universities.

"Universities, in general, tend to be in the same type of location," he said. "These areas are conducive to crime."

Bartels said that as population spreads out, vacant buildings and less community activity tend to be breeding grounds for crime.

Bartels said that Public Safety does a good job keeping crime off campus. But, he said, his officers can't do anything about off-campus crime.

"We don't have a wall around this campus," McAuliffe said. "The only way to really prevent crime is for everyone to assume a role in keeping the campus safe. If everyone continues to be on guard and continues to phone in things, we can continue to provide a safe atmosphere. Everyone has a role in maintaining safety."

Neihoff still has not heard word on the whereabouts of her vehicle. However, she said she does not feel unsafe where she lives.

Schulte does not find crime a large problem for students, but says there is a need to be careful.

McAuliffe said there is a potential for things to happen that are not always in the numbers.


"Even if you have good numbers, you have to look at them with caution," he said. "What if you're the one person?"

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would go to him," said Tartaglia. He also said dental students are educated on the risks on HIV and AIDS infected patients and this student isn't at any risk of infecting anyone.

Dr. Marvin Bittner, infectious disease specialist at the Medical school, said the risk of transmission of HIV from dentist to patient is estimated at .0002 percent.

"The 1 in 6,000 risk for a woman to die during pregnancy is greater than being infected by a health care professional and women get pregnant all of the time," he said.

In the 1980s, six patients of a Florida dentist with AIDS contracted the virus themselves and died. The dentist, David J. Acer, died in 1990.

The most prevalent theory is that Acer deliberately injected his own blood into the patients.

In an article in the January 1996 issue of the *Annals of Internal Medicine*, a researcher who analyzed the Florida deaths concluded: "Given that there have been no other cases of a health care worker infecting patients, the CDC's

contention that the risk for transmission in a health care setting is infinitesimal will probably stand up over time."

The CDC, the American Dental Association (ADA) and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) developed safety measures for dentists to follow in order to ensure no diseases are spread in dentist's offices. The set of universal precautions are regularly used by all Creighton dental students practicing in the clinic, Barkmeier said.

They consist of wearing disposable gloves, masks and protective eye wear; washing hands and changing gloves before and after each patient; sterilizing dental instruments after each use; cleaning and disinfecting all equipment and surfaces in the treatment room after each patient; disposing of needles and other sharp material properly and disposing of contaminated material and waste properly.

The student is currently not treating any patients because a consent form is being drafted for future patients.

"Every patient of this student will have to sign a consent form stating that they know the person treating them is HIV positive," Barkmeier said. He said

they will have the opportunity to make a choice if they want the student to treat them.

Bittner said in most cases it is easier for patients to transmit the disease to health care workers and not the other way around. But it was determined by infectious disease and public health experts that the infected student could not have contracted the virus from a patient.

"Dental students are required to report needle or instrument sticks and are given free HIV testing," said Nolan.

He also said the total number of cases of AIDS in the state of Nebraska was 723 as of April 1996, Bittner said. He said HIV and AIDS are not as prevalent as in larger cities like New York, San Francisco and Dallas.

Cunnington and Tartaglia said they have not heard any negative comments about this student staying in school.

"There is a one in 500,000 chance of a person getting HIV from an infected health care professional," said Cunningham.

"You can't say the risk is zero, but it is nearly impossible for the student to infect a patient," Barkmeier said.

Local Storage Available for Students

Nancy Lewandoski

Reporter

If it's too much to cart home this summer, leave it in Omaha.

Contain-It Self Storage, a service in Omaha for five years, will pick up and deliver students' belongings directly to campus, said John Myers, president of Contain-It Self Storage.

The company delivers a 4 feet wide, 6.5 feet high and 7 feet deep storage unit to campus and picks it up during finals week. Its dimensions make the unit suitable for almost anything that will fit in a dorm room, and everything else that won't fit in the already stuffed car. It may also be shared with a friend or roommate.

Contain-It Self Storage works with campus security to keep the boxes in parking stalls until the arranged pick-up date. Over the summer, the boxes are stored in a climate-controlled Omaha warehouse. Access to the storage unit is available seven days a week with prior arrangement.

The service costs \$125 for the summer, which may be paid anytime before delivery in the fall, Myers said. This covers the delivery cost, paperwork, storage and handling.

"It's really easy," Myers said, "and it's going to be here when you get back." To arrange a pick-up date, call 339-6165 between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on weekdays.

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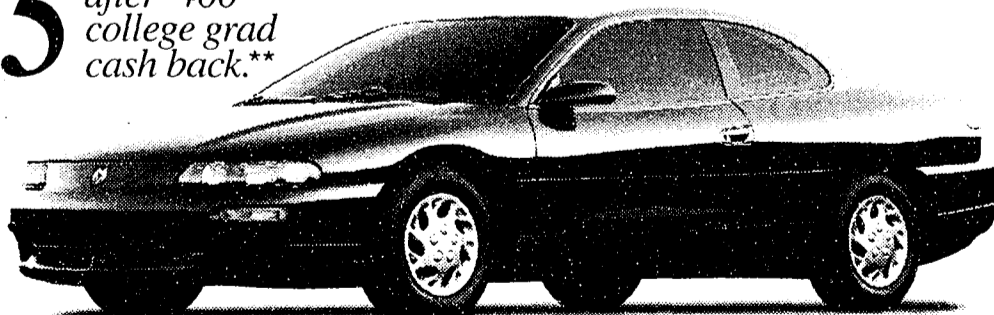
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Opinion

Do Favors with Joy, Not Reluctance

I cannot ask for a favor, and I have a lifetime packed full of examples to prove it. One dramatic instance that nearly resulted in my death happened the week before this semester started.

I had flown in the Monday before classes began and my roommate, the half of us that owns a car, was not going to be back until Sunday. I learned this while still on break, at home, and understood it to mean only that I would have a week of peaceful solitude to collect my thoughts.

When I left my suitcases in my bedroom and went to our refrigerator to cure the post-flight munchies, her absence and specifically, the absence of her car, took on a new meaning.

I opened the refrigerator to find crusty pasta, stale bread, fermenting cream cheese and a dozen other perishable goods that I thought my roommate was going to clean out before leaving for Christmas vacation. Ditto the freezer.

After salvaging what I could and taking inventory of my modest cupboards, I totaled up four packages of oatmeal, one box of mac 'n' cheese (with no milk to make it), three servings of Ramen noodles, half a jar of peanut butter and an entire bag of rice. I quickly make a ration chart in my head and concluded that if I

GUEST EDITORIAL

Amy Ferrone,
Creighton Junior

ate scarcely and did not expend too much energy by moving around or thinking very much, I could make my available calories stretch until my roommate returned.

The happy ending to my story is that a lady who had planned to give me a ride to a function on Friday morning asked me to take her husband's car on Thursday to drive myself.

But the unhappy moral of my story is that I did not ask for help. I did not call one of several other friends who would have been happy to take me shopping.

Why is it so hard for me, and I pessimistically suppose most others, to ask for help? Pride . . . probably. But what about asking for help threatens our pride? There must be some threat that is rooted in a characteristic of the askee that inhibits us in at least a small way.

I recall my own response to the friend who asked me to run a quick errand on

campus for him: I shrugged, nodded my head and said, "No problem." As if, had it been a problem, had I been busy or lazy or cranky or simply unwilling to be inconvenienced, I would have turned him down.

But I wasn't any of these things; helping this friend was not a "problem." My friend could not have known this, though, and the question of the askee's availability is what makes the asker hesitant to seek a favor.

In the university setting where going to classes is just the first of many obligations, daily routines are set and our time is perpetually occupied. We can never know if "no problem" means "I would be delighted to help" or "this is the last thing I want to do, but, by asking me so nicely, you've obligated me through guilt." And there is some part of us that reminds us of the second possibility, that nags at our desire to ask for help and says, "she's probably busy" or "don't inconvenience him."

But I, the askee, cannot simply do away with my tight schedule just to make myself accessible to favor-askers. Maybe all I can do, indeed what all the drivers and proofreaders and other favor-doers can do, is replace the "no problem" with an "I'd be delighted to!"

Sports "Heroes" Should Play by Rules

I happened to stop at a Burger King in Ames, Iowa, last Sunday morning for some breakfast. The drive-through worker forgot to include syrup with my order, and my french toast fragments were a bit on the dry side. I was disappointed, but I came through the experience okay. No thoughts of violent action entered my mind. From what I hear, that B.K. has been through enough already.

My Ames tour guide told me that the same Burger King was knocked off by an Iowa State basketball player a few years ago. For some reason, the alleged armed burglar evaded punishment and moved on to play hoops at another college. At this college, he was accused of rape.

Again, the slippery culprit eluded punishment and justice. According to my source, he now plays pro ball with the Houston Rockets, making more money than any of us at Creighton ever will. (Of course, even the professional athletes who aren't criminals are paid far too much).

This is just one of the reasons why the male-run world of sports is really ticking me off. Society is being screwed over by men with ball-handling skills. They should have to play by the rules too.

BACK IN THE KITCHEN

Jill Koch

Ex-Husker Lawrence Phillips was the sixth pick in the first round of last week's NFL draft. The first news story I saw about the draft commented on the stupidity of Phillips sitting through five entire picks. How could the NFL big boys let such an outstanding player slip through their fingers?

I agree -- how stupid. The only thing Phillips should be sitting through is a prison term for assaulting his girlfriend.

And the sports world affects society in ways we don't even realize. I recently finished a study of the commercials aired during this year's Super Bowl.

According to NBC research, more than 45% of the Super Bowl viewing audience consisted of women. How interesting that only 3 of the 102 ads aired

during the game featured women not in the company of men.

The 29 ads featuring people of both sexes showed women holding brooms, serving men dinner and wearing three things: bikinis, evening gowns and mute looks of adoration. Quite a message being sent to women, men and children in our society.

We pass our time by watching games being played by woman-beaters and interspersed with commercials dripping with overt images of female subservience and inadequacy.

Since I'm not seeking to overlook the positive people and events in the sporting world, I would like to pay my respects to Brook Berringer. He had admirable athletic skills and the character to match. Perhaps others will learn from his example.

I suppose that my negative comments may anger some avid sports fans as well as some avid males. If so, go ahead and shout at me in the student center. Maybe slap me around a little bit. Such behavior may set you back in the draft picks, but it won't hurt you in the long run.

Bask in Sunshine of Encouragement

T.S. Eliot is quoted as saying that April is the cruelest month. What do you think?

My view of you this week has to do with April being the most encouraging month of the year. The sun seems to be patting us all on the back and telling us that we have done a good job while it was south for the winter.

The flowers' faces shyly tell us to keep watching for their even bigger and brighter cousins who will be arriving later next month. The tattered brown grass has been lawn-dered by green breathing rains and speaks words of getting on with it all.

The campus and the earth around us are having a complete heart transplant. The trees are receiving their hands back so they can applaud in appreciation for the efforts of the wind to bring the good news of summer. More than a transplant, the earth is actually being "transplaneted."

My view this week is that you are in need of spring's encouraging voice to give you a new heart and new breath to face these coming weeks of late April and exams. Perhaps April is most cruel for you because it ends at the threshold of May.

So what is our part in this natural resurrection? My view of you this week

A VIEW OF YOU

Larry Gillick S.J.

has to do with being heart surgeons. The word "encouraging" literally means "in-hearting." This procedure is the opposite of heart by-pass or heart catherization.

Have you ever been to an athletic contest where the crowd starts to make a noise and begins bringing their team back to life? The team then begins making points or runs, which in turn stimulates the crowd, which in turn exhorts the team. That's what I mean by a "heart attack."

We talk about giving our friends little complements which we call "strokes." My view is that we need some "heart-strokes" which seek to enliven rather than diminish.

What I am really getting to is the need

of humans to be appreciated and to express appreciation, affection, gratitude and heartfelt amazement.

Studies and exams, papers and reports usually do not result in grand manifestations of approval. Preparing for them does not center around a "pep rally" where crowds cheer while you spend time in the library digging up new insights about the Battle of Gettysburg. So we need to have an "in-hearting" week during which we, like the sun, pat people on the back, giving warmth and lively growth.

We need to whisper smiles to each other and applaud those who go off to the library or to study rooms to dig for gold. There is a great need these days for strong transfusions of appreciation and approval.

These days of late April do not have to be cruel if we take the time to let the sunshine of encouragement brighten the lives around us. It could be a good view of you this week if there can be some strokes, heart attacks and changing of hearts.

Enjoy the surgery of giving hearty encouragements. It is interesting that at the middle of the word "heart" is "ear." So let it be heard — this also has "ear" in the middle. Think about it!

Amendment Justifies Militias

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to the April 19 Forum question which asked "How dangerous do you feel militias have become?" By the various responses, I wonder how dangerous freedom of speech has become. Through their campaign of fear, the radical left is now threatening the rights embedded within the Second Amendment.

Letter to the Editor

For those of you not familiar with this portion of the Bill of Rights, it reads "A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

It disgusts me that anyone could say, as Miss Zasciurinskaite did, that ". . . (militia men) are sick and fanatic people."

Were the founding fathers "sick" for guaranteeing the citizens of the United States of America this right? Were the patriots who fought in the Revolutionary War to free themselves from an oppressive government "sick"? Remember, these men were members of militia, not the armed forces.

Mr. Aquilar was also privileged by

"Were the patriots who fought in the Revolutionary War to free themselves from an oppressive government 'sick'? . . . these men were members of militia . . ."

the Constitution to voice his opinion regarding the above question. He takes a somewhat different stance as he states ". . . stupid white guys and guns don't mix."

George Washington must have had a very low I.Q., as he was the leader of the renegades that delivered freedom to the citizens of this great country. Or maybe the blame should be placed on the "idiots" who crafted the Constitution? After all, the Constitution is based on the thoughts and ideas of those great men.

Militia are only as dangerous as the men who belong to them. As of yet, no militia has been found guilty of any act of terrorism.

Individual criminals are dangerous, but so is the stereotype created by the radical left media on what merely amounts to a group of American citizens living by their rights guaranteed by the Constitution. Militia are not committing crimes or threatening the safety of others, that job is better carried out by criminals.

We must respect the Second Amendment, just as many are so eager to defend the First.

Remembering the atrocity at Ruby Ridge,

James B. Hushka
Senior
Arts & Sciences

Opinion

Truth Comes From All Sides of Issue

"Creighton, a Jesuit University, is convinced that the hope of humanity is the ability of men and women to seek the truths and values essential to human life. It aims to lead all its members in discovering and embracing the challenging responsibilities of their intelligence, freedom and value as persons."

The Credo of Creighton. It's one aspect of the Jesuit mission aiming to inform and educate students of the values and morals absent today. It teaches understanding and tolerance of all individuals and the social issues surrounding us.

But whose opinion are we using as the basis to develop an understanding of the issues affecting our lives? Are both sides presented fairly? By what means do we seek 'the truth and values essential to human life'?

An opinion is only worth the knowledge of its opposition.

The Jesuit education perpetuates the image of Jesus in its teachings. He sought to understand both sides of each dilemma in his life. We must also do this if we are to live as Jesus did and follow the creed of Creighton University.

However, there is an apparent misrepresentation of certain groups on campus. The Creighton Students for Life, in their description in the registered student organizations directory, claim "to promote education and increase public awareness of the rights of the unborn." What about the other side of the abortion issue? Are we just going to ignore it and pretend it doesn't exist?

I recently called the Student Activities office and asked if a pro-choice group could exist on campus. The person I spoke with told me she had yet to hear of any interest from students to start this sort of group. She also was unsure if the

WELCOME TO WHEREVER YOU ARE

Michelle Cadwell

university would sanction this kind of group.

Admissions counselors are frequently asked, by both parents and prospective students, about pro-choice groups on campus. They are told these groups cannot be sanctioned by the University because they are in conflict with the Jesuit mission.

This completely goes against what we are told is the basis of the Jesuit mission. Where is tolerance and understanding in the denial of equal representation? How does hearing only one side of a highly controversial debate educate you on the issue? You are not forming your own opinion, you are being told what to believe without any reasons to not do so.

It is essential to have a pro-choice group on campus to inform students of the different facets of the abortion issue. It has a lot more to do with the rights of the unborn and is more political than religious.

It doesn't state anywhere in Creighton's admissions materials that the only side of an issue taught is the one confirmed by the Pope.

Regardless of how you feel about abortion, you should be able to hear the other side. If you think it is wrong, then you can use the opportunity to debate a pro-choice advocate, maintaining your position.

Capital punishment advocates, for example, say the death penalty is a deterrent to violent crimes like murder. With capital punishment, recidivism is nil and tax payers are saved a huge chunk of money by getting rid of the convict.

On the other hand, opponents of capital punishment argue that it defies the rehabilitative process of the justice system and is not a deterrent to any violent crimes. They also say that executing a prisoner does not cut costs, due to the long appellate process granted to death row inmates. Who is right?

Without knowing both sides of the issue, you really don't know the issue.

I'm a liberal, feminist, pro-choice, anti-capital punishment, Democratic Party voting citizen of the United States of America. I am not afraid to argue my beliefs and stand up for what I feel is just and essential in our society. I know why the Republican Party wants to cut welfare programs and affirmative action. I read the pro-life propaganda and understand the essence of conservative values. I may not agree with a single aspect of them, but I know what fuels their flames.

If you claim to be conservative, you should learn everything about being liberal. Pro-choice advocates should know the pro-life platform as well as they know their own. Don't just assume the truth of everything you are told in class, in the news and by your peers. We so easily take what people tell us to be the ultimate truth. Don't perpetuate the myth that Generation X doesn't care, because I know we do!

Read, ask, learn and know all you can. There is an abundance of information in the world that could make you a better person and have a broader outlook on life. Just go find it.

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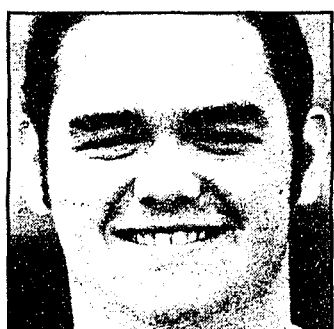
THE FORUM How health conscious are Creighton students?



Katie Keane

Freshman, Arts & Sciences

"I don't think students are health conscious because they eat what's available, and what's available isn't very healthy."



Jason Lowry

Freshman, Arts & Sciences

"I notice a lot of students take advantage of the salad bar at the dining hall. I'd like to see healthier fast food places, like Blimpie."



Holli Elliott

Sophomore, Arts & Sciences

"I think a lot of people are physically fit, but whether they're mentally fit -- that's another question."



Jehjoong Kim

Exchange Student

"Most students go to bed late and get up late. Many students know they need to exercise, but they never do."

PHOTOS BY JASON BASH

Andrew Howes
Editor-in-Chief

For six days there was a sharp pain in the left side of my chest. This is where my heart is located. I was worried.

The pain began on a Wednesday morning. When I woke up, it was there. I usually sleep on my couch, which probably isn't the best thing for my body, so I figured that the pain was a result of the position I had slept in.

I went home to South Dakota that night for Easter break, however, and the pain was still strong. I slept in my bed, hoping that a comfortable night's sleep would make the pain go away.

The next morning, it was still there. Over the next few days, the pain lingered in my chest. On Friday night, I ate Mexican food for dinner. Later that night, the pain worsened and, at age 21,

I thought I was on the verge of a heart attack.

I felt better after lying down for awhile — "better" meaning I no longer feared cardiac arrest — but I was still worried. Not worried enough to go to the emergency room, but my fear of doctors is another story altogether.

The next day I told my parents about the pain. They were concerned but didn't think it was a serious heart problem because I'm young and our family has no history of heart disease.

My dad did suggest that I see our family doctor and get an x-ray on Monday, though. Over the weekend, the pain lessened but was still noticeable.

On Monday, I went to see the doctor. After a long wait with my shirt off, the doctor appeared and began asking questions about my condition.

"No, it doesn't hurt when I exercise. It actually feels better."

"No, I don't have any pain or tingling feelings in my arms or legs." "Yes, I have a slight shortness of breath when I exhale."

He then asked the most important question of all: "How much pop do you drink each day?"

"Uh, about two big ones," I lied, visualizing with my hands my definition of "big."

"You mean two 16-ouncers?" he asked.

"As a student with several classes and two jobs, it's been a challenge to develop a more healthy lifestyle, but I've done it."

"No, I mean two 32 ouncers," I said. This was also a lie.

The doctor went on to tell me that the pain in my chest came from years of drinking too much pop. He recommended that I cut my soda intake in half, then cut that intake in half and so on.

What I experienced over that six-day period scared me enough to convince me to change not only the amount of pop I drink but the food I eat and the amount of time I spend exercising as well.

As a student with several classes and two jobs, it's been a challenge to develop a more healthy lifestyle, but I've done it. And I feel better.

For those students whose life revolves around the fast food industry, I can relate.

But I also have these words of advice: Get fit (before your chest hurts, too).

Features and Entertainment

Six Bands Celebrate Earth Day

Rose Bryan

Reporter

Despite the grey forecast, the sun was shining over the Kiewit Mall at 8 a. m. Monday when Ecology Now! members arrived to begin preparations for the Earth Day celebration.

By 12:30 p.m., the lawn was crawling with students who didn't seem to mind the delay for sound check. Playing frisbee and hacky sack, people wandered on and off the field between classes all day.

On a campus where one is lucky to catch the faint sound of a dorm room stereo turned up in a ninth story window on a nice day, a canopied stage and sound

"We should have something like this every Friday."

-Lindsey Kesel
Arts & Sciences sophomore

system across from the library is unexpected.

"We should have something like this every Friday," said Lindsey Kesel, Arts & Sciences sophomore.

By 5 p.m. hundreds of people had gathered to listen to the band Jeremy Taylor, who made a recording of their performance.

Band member and Arts & Sciences sophomore Brad McTighe described the event as having "good atmosphere, the kind of thing Creighton needs to get people to hang out with each other."

SIGMA TAU DELTA SPONSORS POETRY READING TUESDAY



PHOTO BY MATTHEW P. D'AGOSTINO

English professor Dr. Robert Churchill reads one of his poems at Tuesday's poetry reading at Thirteenth Street Coffee Company. Sigma Tau Delta, Creighton's English honor society, sponsored the readings which commemorated Shakespeare's birthday.

Other performances came from bands Strange Pleasures, Truman Sparks, B. Borden & MoJoPo, Six Speed Universe and Chris and Cory Weber from Honeywagon.

According to Business school sophomore Matt Garlick, who listened to the festivities from his booth on the mall, the event was "something long overdue." Business ethics students prepared presentations for Earth Day highlighting environmentally conscious yet profitable businesses.

Students were exposed to a variety of ideas and opinions between bands. Speakers included Tom Foster, owner of McFoster's Natural Kind Cafe, Bill Dunn of the Natural Law Party, Chris Parrichini of N.O.R.M.L., Kathy Stevens, owner of Smile-A-While and member of Earth Day Omaha and Jeff Wertheim also of Earth Day Omaha.

President of Ecology Now! Ann Beck said members consider the day a success, however she said, "We would like to have more variety next year—something for everybody."

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CU This Weekend

Spring Music Festival—presented by the Department of Fine and Performing Arts on Sunday at 4 p.m. in the Main Lobby on the Main Floor of the Lied Education Center for the Arts. There is no admission charge.

Spring Collection Fashion Show—featuring designs by Tommy Hilffiger, Ralph Lauren and many more. Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in the Black Box Theater in the Lied Center. A \$2 donation is suggested.

Juried Art Exhibit—a reception for the gallery opening will be held in the lower level of St. John's tonight from 7 to 9 p.m. Admission is free.

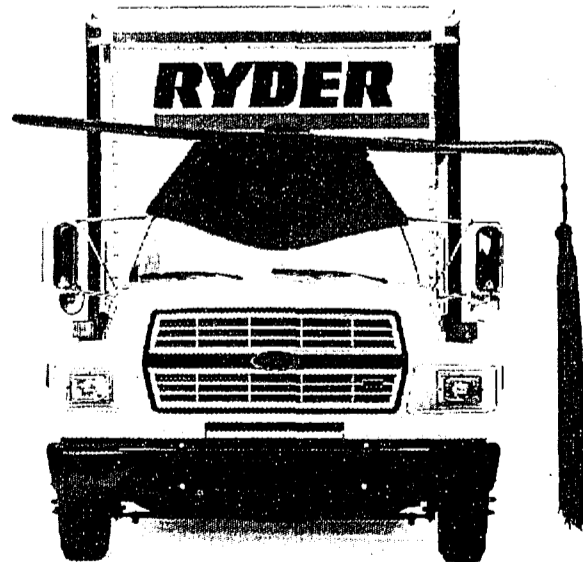
Fine Art Alumni Exhibit—a reception for the exhibit will be held May 1 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Main Lobby of the Lied Center. Admission is free.

New Voices—the semi-annual presentation of poetry and fiction by creative writing students from Creighton and UNO is May 2 at 7:30 p.m. in room 105 of the Skutt Student Center. Admission is free.

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Features and Entertainment

Spring Collection Fashion Show Set for Saturday



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Sophomore Lisa Parikh poses during the final dress rehearsal for Saturday's fashion show. The show starts at 7:30 p.m. in the Lied Education Center for the Arts. Tickets are available ahead of time or at the door. A \$2 donation is suggested.

Ann Griner
Entertainment Editor

It all started last semester in Fr. Flecky's photography studio class. Junior Marlon Wright and senior Tan Pham found they had a common interest—fashion photography.

However, since Creighton isn't exactly a hotbed of fashion trends, they didn't have a chance to try it out.

So instead of waiting around for an opportunity to fall into their laps, they set out to stage their own fashion show.

After nearly five months of planning, Wright and Pham will present Creighton's first fashion show at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in the Black Box Theater of the Lied Education Center for the Arts.

The process of staging the fashion show wasn't just a matter of slapping some over-priced clothes on a few attractive people and herding them around a stage. Wright said they began the planning process in early February.

After choosing a date and finding a location for the show, Wright and Pham had to find a sponsor to provide the clothes.

"We chose Von Maur because they have a little bit of everything," said Wright. "We thought about places like the Gap, Banana Republic and Eddie Bauer, but Von Maur had the best variety of clothing by lots of major designers."

"The whole university has donated time and money."

- Tan Pham
Coordinator, Spring Collection Fashion Show

Pham said that Von Maur was very cooperative, although there was a lot of legal red tape to get through. Von Maur is providing nearly \$15,000 worth of clothes for the show.

In early April, Pham and Wright held a model search for the show. Although the turnout was not as large as expected, Pham said they were pleased with the models.

"We emphasize diversity among our models," said Pham. "We have men and women of all different nationalities."

Rehearsals started immediately after models were selected. The entire show was choreographed and set to music.

Funding has mostly been through donations from alumni and various departments on campus. Pham and Wright have also relied on people donating their time and talents.

The models, technical designers and backstage crew are all working free of charge.

"This show isn't just put on by two students," Pham said. "The whole university has donated time and money. It's a campus-wide project."

Pham cited extensive contributions by the Fine and Performing Arts Department, Alumni Relations and Multicultural Affairs Department.

Pham and Wright both have hopes of turning the fashion show into an annual event.

"We've set up the channels of communication," said Wright, "so anyone who wants to do this in the future won't have quite so tough a time as we did. We've created a system to make it easier."

A \$2 donation is requested from those attending the show. Pham and Wright plan to leave the earnings in a fund for future students wishing to do something similar.

"It's not that we necessarily want them to do a fashion show," said Wright. "It's just so that the next time a student wants to start a project like this, he'll have a little money to work with."

"We learned so much doing this, that we want others to have the same opportunity," Pham said. "It won't be much money—just enough to get them started. That way, it will be easy—but not too easy."

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Sports

CU Basketball Recruiting Tries To Build On Recent Success

Cliff Brunt
Reporter

After the Creighton University basketball program produced arguably its most successful recruiting class in recent memory, Dana Altman and his staff went into the off-season looking to add the final pieces to the puzzle with two scholarships available.

Two seasons ago, in Altman's first year as head coach, Creighton was 7-19. This past season, with the 1995 recruiting class in place, the Bluejays went 14-14. Despite the improvement, there is no player on the roster taller than 6'9", or a player that weighs more than 235 pounds. Because of that, Creighton was out-rebounded by an average of two per game and committed 69 more fouls than the opposition last season.

One of the two available spots has been filled by Milwaukee native Ben Walker, who was named the top guard and the third-best college prospect in Wisconsin by the *Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel*. The other slot has not been filled yet. Altman is aware that critics believe a true center is the missing piece.

"Size is something we're always trying to get," Altman said. "Unfortunately, there isn't a lot of it out there. We're still talking to a number of players," Altman said. "We'd like some size, but if we can't get it, we'll just take the best player available."

Creighton's off-season has not been spent rebuilding. It has been spent building on the positives of the previous year. What made last season's improvement so dramatic was that seven of the 13 players were new. Creighton's top three scorers this past season, Rodney Buford, Edward St. Fleur and Chuckie Johnson, were not at Creighton last year. Buford, a freshman, was Creighton's leading scorer (14.5 points per game) and

claimed both the Missouri Valley Conference "Newcomer of the Year" and "Freshman of the Year" awards. Creighton had lost seven players from

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- Dana Altman
Head Basketball Coach

the 1994-95 season for various reasons. Altman replaced them with freshmen Buford, Chris Chestnut, Kevin Mungin and Lamont Scott, who red-shirted this season, and brought the three junior college transfers, St. Fleur, Johnson and Loudermilk to the program.

Altman took those players and implemented them into his system. When Altman coached at Kansas State University from 1990-94, his teams were known for making few mistakes, playing suffocating defense, having good speed and quickness, controlling the game and versatility.

His philosophy did not change for the recruits: the style came first. "That had pretty much been our philosophy for a number of years," Altman said. "Our recruiting effort put a real emphasis on athleticism," Altman said.

That formula has led him to success in the past. In four years as head coach Kansas State University, he led the Wildcats to the National Invitational Tournament (NIT) and NCAA Tournaments.

Altman, by percentage, has used junior college transfers more than any coach in recent Creighton history. He credits his years as a junior college player and coach as the reason for recruiting them. There were five junior college players on the roster this past season, and the three he recruited were key in the

turnaround. St. Fleur started all 29 games at point guard, Johnson started 24 and Loudermilk started 20 of the 26 games he played in.

The freshman class combined with the junior college players to give Creighton a new look. The high impact of the freshmen was not a surprise to Altman.

"I knew they were talented," Altman said. "Rodney had a great year, and Kevin and Chris made some strides. I wasn't surprised, but I was glad they stepped up and contributed. The freshmen we brought in are athletes who need to improve their skills and defense."

So, how was he able to sell Creighton to players like Buford, Loudermilk and Johnson, who admittedly knew nothing about Creighton before recruiting started last season?

"Last year, we sold an opportunity to play," Altman said. "Omaha's a great city, Creighton's a great school and we play in a great conference," Altman said. "We need to get the Civic Auditorium fixed, and once we do that, we'll have great facilities."

Because of his experience and connections, Altman had an edge on recruiting.

"A friend of my AAU coach knew him," Buford said. "He said he was alright."

"My junior college coach played for Altman at Kansas State," Loudermilk said. "The program is similar to the program I came from. Also, Creighton has a good academic program."

Altman said that Milwaukee, along with Chicago, St. Louis and Kansas City are cities his staff keeps an eye on.

"We want to target cities that are fairly close or are a short plane ride away," Altman said. "Those cities, plus Omaha are areas we are watching very closely."

Altman, the Nebraska native, has

already surpassed his predecessors in in-state recruiting success, and has made a commitment to continue looking for in-state players. Altman's efforts to recruit in-state produced Kevin Mungin, a freshman forward from Papillion. He could be very important in future recruiting endeavors in-state.

"It's been a long time since we had anyone on scholarship from the state of Nebraska," Altman said. "Kevin's important. He needs to be successful to show people that this is a place to go. He's very athletic and very quick off his feet. He has the chance to be a very good player."

With Altman's recent recruiting

"I knew the freshman were talented...they need to improve their skills"

- Coach Altman

success, the final addition to the team is likely to be an impact player. After making it to St. Louis for the Missouri Valley Conference tournament for the first time since the 1991-1992 season, Creighton's players are hungry for more success.

"We want to take it to another level," Loudermilk said. "We've got the players to do it. We could play for the conference championship if we work hard."

Altman was careful in assessing his team's potential for next season. This was due to the fact that Creighton's schedule for the upcoming season is not yet completed.

"Our goal is to improve, and whether or not that improvement shows up in the record book is uncertain. I hope that'll turn into wins. We want to be better a year from now than we are today."

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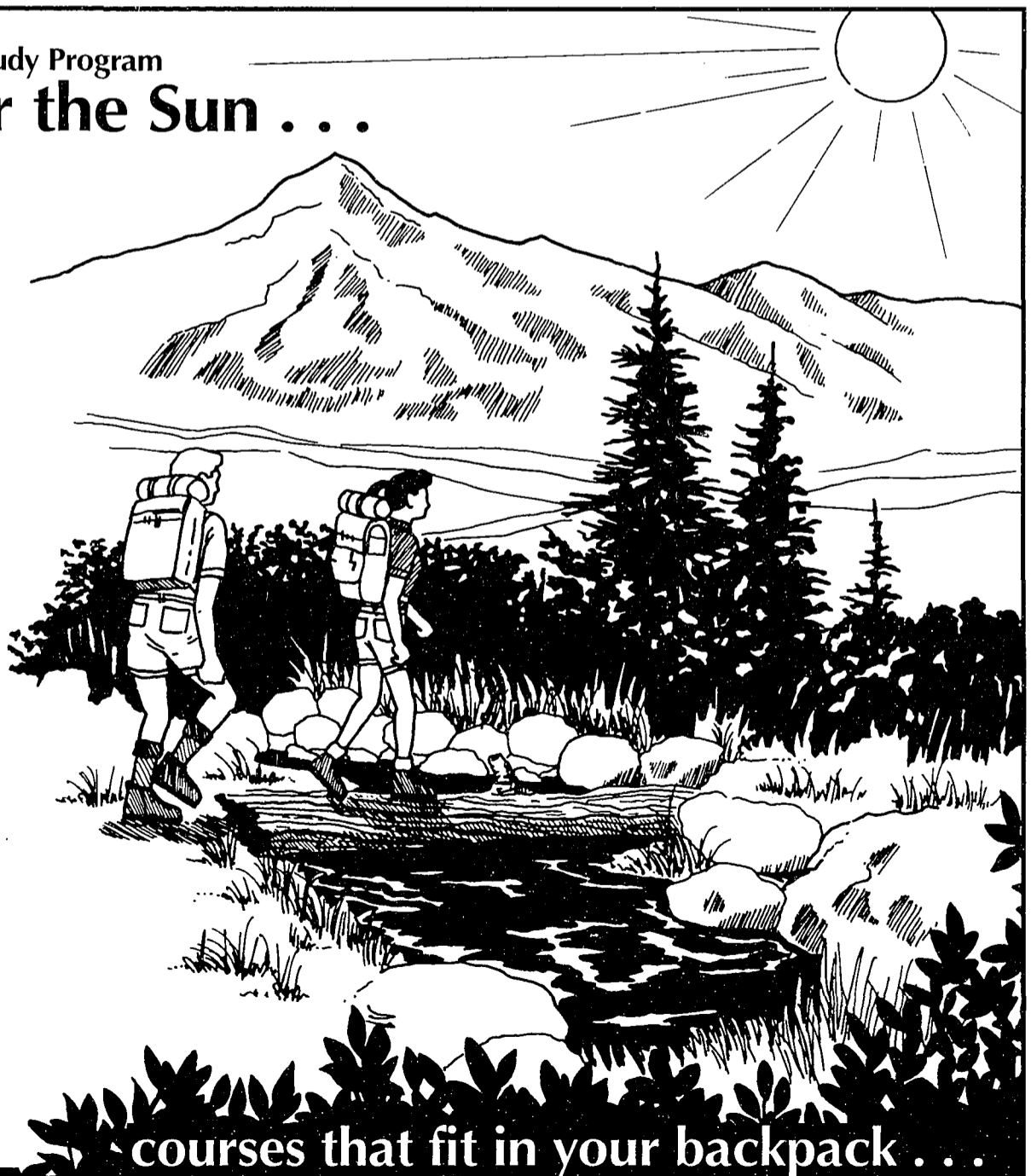
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Sports

Bluejays Take Step Back in Loss, Wichita State Headed to Town

Creighton baseball had some down years in the past. Creighton baseball had some rebuilding years in the past. I don't remember seeing any Creighton baseball team so down and so rebuilding that they could only muster up three runs against Wayne State.

The Bluejays came off a pretty decent weekend series against Illinois State. They won two out of the four games. They were hitting the ball pretty well. Dylan Geller picked up his first win in almost two years. They put themselves in a pretty good position as far as making the conference tournament. Then the mighty Wayne State Wildcats came to town.

If you played for the Bluejays, what kind of response would you have? Uh, uh, we're looking ahead to Wichita State. Uh, uh, it was really windy. Uh, uh, Randy Johnson was pitching for Wayne State. Well, whatever.

How damaging was this loss to Wayne State? It was a confidence crusher. It was a momentum killer. It's not the kind of thing you want to have happen to you three days before you play the number three team in the nation.

Gene Stephenson brings his national powerhouse Wichita State Shockers to Omaha this weekend, and the Jays are in serious trouble. But, instead of looking at this weekend series as an execution waiting to happen, the Jays should look at it as an opportunity.

First, it is an opportunity for the Jays to solidify a bid in the conference tournament. Getting a bid in the conference tournament will at least give them a chance at making a regional. This is better than no chance, which is what they would have should they not go to the tournament.

Secondly, it is an opportunity to save Jack Dahm's job. Rumor has it, this is purely rumor (I have not been able to

confirm any of this), that Dahm is on the hot seat. Dahm taking a series from Wichita State would be equivalent to Danny Nee winning the NIT. Beating the Shockers can absolutely make a season,

STACKING THE DECK

Dan Bratetic

and possibly turn it around.

Should Creighton fail to make the conference tournament, will Jack Dahm be fired? How should I know. I'm just a columnist. Should he? That's a tough call.

Before you say, 'uh, baseball sucks, fire the coach,' there are a couple of things to consider.

First of all, Dahm has a pretty good recruiting class for next year. It is headed by Doug Johnston, a pitcher from Millard South. This kid has been pitching in front of big league scouts since the middle of last year. He will be an immediate impact next season.

Second of all, the Jays are a young team. The core of this team is made up of mostly freshmen and sophomores. Granted, this is not any excuse when it comes to losing to Wayne State.

Going to be fired or not going to be fired. Dahm and the Bluejays have to play one of the best teams in the country this weekend. The world of athletics is all about overcoming adversity, and to win this series, the Bluejays are going to have to climb over mountain. The only problem is, from where they are standing, the Jays can't even see the top.

Student Survives Boston Marathon

Carrie Critchfield

Assistant Editor

Ann Marie Metzner, like many runners, had a hard time sleeping the night before the big race. She was anxious. This was not just any meet. Metzner, who is an Arts & Sciences sophomore, was about to join the more than 38,000 runners competing in the 100th Boston Marathon April 15.

To some, running 26 miles against some of the world's most die hard runners is a feat in itself. The race is physically and mentally draining. But the crucial minutes before and after this world-famous race can incite even more exhaustion.

Metzner woke up early that day — 5 a.m. She showered, ate a banana, a bagel and two bowls of Honey Bunches of Oats.

She boarded the 7 a.m. bus out of a Boston suburb and two hours later arrived at Athlete's Village in Hopkinton, Mass., the starting point of the race. Here she stood in line for the porta-potty, ate a Power Bar, downed a granola bar, checked in her bag stuffed full of extra clothes, a spare pair of shoes and books, and waited for more than two hours.

Just 30 minutes before the race, Metzner was called to line up. She was exhausted. It had already been a long morning, and she didn't know anybody there. So what is going through the mind of this Creighton runner before her race of a lifetime?

"I wish I had time to take a nap," said Metzner. "It was a long, exhausting morning. I was tired before I started."

Metzner, who has been running since grade school, qualified for the race with a time of 3:25:00. She had been training hard, stocking up on carbohydrates and doing everything a seasoned, avid runner would do before tackling such an event. She had a pasta dinner the night before. She wore her Omaha Riverfront Marathon T-shirt. It was a fairly nice day in Boston: 50 degrees and no real strong wind.

But Metzner said she knew she wouldn't run her "personal best"

"I had some trouble keeping myself healthy before the race," Metzner said.

"My training was really hard and I wasn't able to maintain my weight and eat enough. I was a little worried about having the energy to finish."

She did. And along the way Metzner saw some interesting characters.

One couple ran the first 13 miles of the race, stopped off at Wellesley College, got married and then finished the marathon. The bride wore a tennis skirt decorated in lace and a garter belt with wedding rings attached. The groom wore shorts and a black turtle neck decorated with puffy paints to look like a tuxedo.

Another character ran the entire race backward.

"He had his body totally painted in all different colors and ran down the



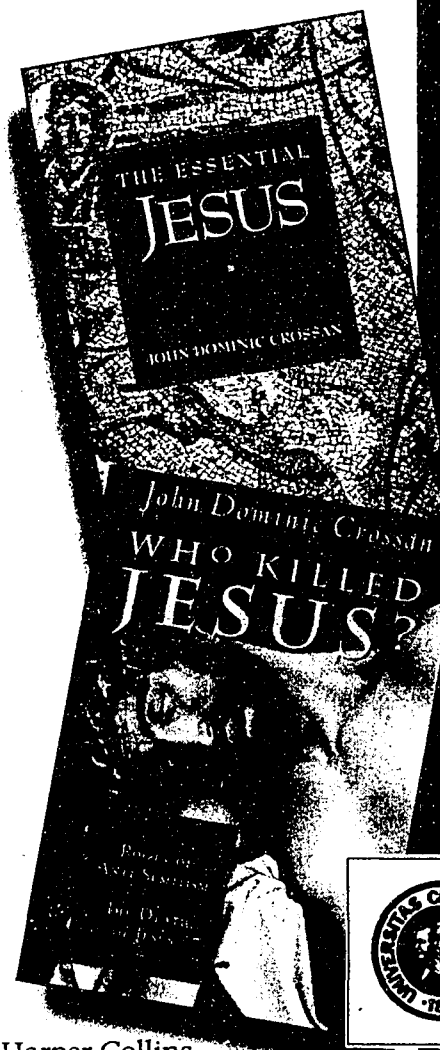
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Ann Marie Metzner, Arts & Sciences sophomore, survived the Boston Marathon April 15.

middle of the road," Metzner said. This eccentric, inverted individual also wore a rearview mirror attached to his head.

"Most people were just trying to run it just to enjoy it," Metzner said. "Crowds lined up for 26 miles — not a break in the crowd. They cheered us on the whole way."


Metzner finished the race in under four hours and said she just wanted to be with her family.

"I'll continue to run marathons until I die."



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Profile

Creightonian's Weekly Alumni Profile

CU Alum Empowers, Counsels Unwed Mothers

Carrie Critchfield

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The 12-year-old girl's face is hidden by the hood of her bulky San Francisco 49'ers Starter jacket. Sitting on the soft pastel couch, she is passive, solemn as two police officers question her about why she ran away.

"You can stay here and take care of your business," said an officer, "or you can go to a place where you'll have more restrictions."

She closes her eyes. Sunlight sifts through the thin lace curtain and illuminates the air around her. It's as though she is a dark, misplaced figure in the sea of purity that exemplifies the atmosphere at the Nebraska Children's Home Society, a place for unwed pregnant mothers to go for temporary shelter and support.

According to the home's Pregnancy and Relinquishment Counselor Karen Swartz, who graduated from Creighton in 1969 with a sociology degree, the girl had run away from the shelter twice. She wanted to get pregnant because she thought it would make her ailing mother well.

"The kids we get are really difficult kids with multiple, multiple problems," Swartz said.

Swartz has worked at the home for six years and has pulled many girls



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Karen Swartz, who graduated from CU in 1969, works for Nebraska Children's Home Society as a counselor for unwed mothers.

through the turmoil and emotional tangles of unexpected pregnancy. She refers to them as her "girls," treats them as her own but after a full day of dealing with these confused and distraught women she is not drained. She accepts the fact that these girls have found themselves in awful predicaments, but she doesn't let it get to her.

These that come to the home all have one thing in common: They are pregnant and trying to make a decision about what to do. Swartz's job: to empower them to do what is best for the baby.

An unwed 12-year-old is suddenly faced with the reality of being pregnant with twins. An unwed 42-year-old endures an unwanted and unexpected pregnancy and attempts to keep it from

her two college-age kids. One woman working in a beef-packing plant "just can't do it anymore." And with three children — ages 5, 7 and 9 — she is faced with the temptation of giving her children up to a more stable life. Another mother sobs as she turned over her 18-month-old Down Syndrome baby to Swartz.

Obviously this career choice can be trying on one's emotional sanity, but Swartz is tough. Perhaps this is due to her six years of combined experience at Child Protective Services and Douglas County Social Services.

"I worked with abused and battered kids, and I was emotionally exhausted," Swartz said. "I didn't have anything left to give to my family."

As a caseworker for Child Protective Services, Swartz said the most gruesome, disturbing abuse that she saw inflicted on a child was in the case of a 17-month-old baby girl. The mother's boyfriend molested the baby girl and "terribly damaged the child physically," Swartz said. "I really got burned out."

As the 12-year-old sits on the couch waiting for a solution, or at least some good advice, from Swartz, the savage details of the molested baby linger in the air. It is something Swartz will never forget.

"When you walk through an experience like this, you carry it with you all your life."

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