

CU eyes future

Planned renovations call for an addition to Rigge and Criss Bldgs.

By Jim Clements
 Managing Editor

Editor's Note: This is the first of a two-part series on campus planning and development.

Creighton University officials know that when it comes to keeping students and faculty happy about parking, it can be an exact science.

That is why they are proposing to tear down four buildings near campus to make up for 270 parking spaces that would be lost due to planned renovations on campus.

The university hopes to remodel and build an addition to the Rigge Science, Criss II and Criss III buildings next fall. To do so, the faculty and staff parking lot just north of the Epley

Business Administration Building will be eliminated.

This spring the university plans to tear down four buildings near campus to make up for the lost parking spaces.

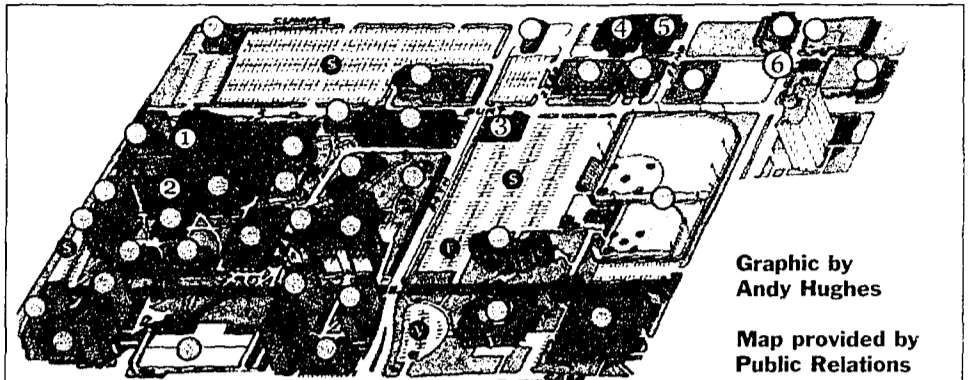
Improvements for the Rigge and Criss buildings are at the forefront of campus renovation plans.

"It is in dire need of renovations and it is old and obsolete," said Jim Willit, associate vice president for administration and director of facilities. "Laboratories and the heating and ventilating aspects of the building need to be brought up to present standards."

The Rev. Michael Morrison, S.J., university president, has made the improvements one of his top priorities as he prepares to leave office in June.

In Morrison's convocation speech Tuesday he talked about the university's desire to improve the science facilities.

"Our planning process is coming along quite nicely," Morrison said. "The top priority clearly is additional space



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Criss (1) and Rigge (2) will be joined with a new addition, eliminating the faculty parking lot north of the business building. The Mail Center (3), Jelinek Building (4), Purchasing (5) and Cramer Building (6) will be eliminated for more parking.

for science teaching and research."

Two obstacles stand in the way of the planned development: space and money. Before the university can begin renovations on Rigge, an addition must be built so that science students will have a place to study while the old building is remodeled.

"The desired date is to start in the fall making an addition to the building so that we can move out some people, do renovations on the existing facili-

tates and continue to operate the science programs," Willit said. "That's the biggest issue because we don't have any space to do renovations at this time."

Fund-raising for the project has not started because the Board of Directors has not yet approved the project, said Mike Leighton, vice president of University Relations.

The Board could make a decision when it meets in March.

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Creighton's modern-day founder



Photo By Jay Langhurst

Rev. Michael Morrison, S.J. speaks at the Omicron Delta Kappa awards ceremony in the Skutt Student Center Ballroom. To see a complete list of Founders Week award winners, visit the *Creightonian* online.

Lucretia Award recognizes student, staff at luncheon

By Joanne Drake
 Reporter

Bianca Gaskins, associate dean of the Creighton Law School, and Jennifer Troester, Arts & Sciences senior, are the 2000 recipients of the Mary Lucretia Award. A luncheon was held Thursday and included video coverage of each recipient and their involvements with Creighton and the community.

Dr. Rod Shkolnick, law instructor, said Gaskins exemplifies the meaning of a role model through her commitment to several law school committees.

"She is competent and capable as an administrator," Shkolnick said. "She does a great many things at the Law School for female law students and female faculty members."

Gaskins continues to be an active member of the Nebraska Bar Association, and fills the duty of advocate and mentor

for student, staff and colleagues. Gaskins received her law degree from Creighton University's Law School in 1976.

"I am pleased to receive this award," said Gaskins, who has served the University the past 22 years.

Jennifer Troester, a philosophy major, is an active member of her sorority and is the president of W.I.S.E. In the past, she has been involved in organizing events for the campus-wide program, Stopping Intimate Violence Week. This semester, Troester is offering her service in the Dominican Republic.

Lori Spanbauer, who works in Campus Ministry and nominated Troester, said she is deserving of the award.

"Jennifer is a very compassionate and committed person," Spanbauer said. "She is dedicated and goes above and beyond her responsibilities."

Game show to feature super showcases

By Jean Ortiz
 Reporter

The Rev. Bert Thelen, S.J., a.k.a. Rod Roddy, will be asking students to "come on down" and try their luck at pricing games such as Plinko, Punchout, Now and Then and Hole In One on Feb. 12.

Tickets are on sale for the 10th annual Price Is Right show, which is being held in Rigge Science room 120 at 8 p.m.

"This one is going to be big," said Shuaib Ahmed, Business Administration sophomore and Price is Right committee chair.

Though he was tight-lipped about the prizes, he said, "They are way better than last year. IRHG spent a lot of money this year."

Students and officials from Inter Residence Hall Government and Residence Life, co-sponsors of the event, have been preparing for the show for two months. They have spent much of the time collecting donated prizes



Lynch



Barker



Thelen



Roddy

and money to use for the show.

Wayne Young, Jr., assistant director of Residence Life, elaborated on the prizes.

"Some of the prizes have an outdoor theme," Young said. "There is also a trip for two." Young did not reveal the trip's destination.

In past shows, contestants have won prizes such as a cruise, mountain bikes, walk-man radios and tents.

Ahmed seemed pleased with this year's prizes for the showcase showdown.

"They aren't traditional," Ahmed said. "The showcases are going to be big."

Pat Lynch, the Greek Life Coordinator, will play Bob Barker for the show. Peers nominated Lynch after IRHG sent out word that it needed faculty nominations for the host.

Ahmed said the show serves many purposes, including a chance for students to

get involved with the faculty.

Tim Sully, assistant director of Residence Life, has been involved with the show since its first year.

"We wanted to provide an activity that didn't involve drinking and was fun at the same time," Sully said.

The scheduling of the show for a weekend evening was intentional on the part of IRHG and Residence Life.

"The show is a tradition at Creighton," Ahmed said.

Five hundred students will be admitted to the show.

Tickets are on sale for \$2 in advance and \$3 at the door. Tickets may be purchased through IRHG and Residence Life. The doors open at 7 p.m. Saturday.

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If approved as proposed, a 60,000- to 80,000-square-foot addition would connect the Rigge and the Criss buildings. Plans for the addition include offices and classrooms that would be used for both graduate and undergraduate students. The addition will not have laboratories but will have space available for faculty who work out of both Rigge and Criss buildings.

After the addition is completed, phase two would focus on bringing the 300,000-square-foot Rigge Science Building up to modern standards. Renovations would include improving air circulation in the labs and electrical services throughout the building.

"We would include all of the new technology that we put in any of our new classrooms," Willit said. "Everything would be state of the art."

Willit estimates that the project will cost between \$55 million to \$60 million.

In order to proceed with plans and still accommodate the need for parking,

Creighton has had to find additional spots on or near campus.

A tentative plan calls for the Mail Center (24th and Burt streets), the Maintenance/Engineering/Environmental Services Building (23rd and Cuming streets), the Purchasing/Receiving Building (22nd and Cuming streets) and the Cramer Building (21st and Cuming and Burt Streets) to be torn down for new parking.

The new parking lots would make up for the spaces lost under the construction plan. It would cost about \$3 million to tear down the buildings and create new spaces.

The new parking lots will force both students and faculty to park farther from campus. The university has three shuttle buses now and plans to add two new buses to accommodate the new parking lots.

Public Safety will be adding two new officers to its staff because of increased security concerns with a more widespread campus. Rick McAuliffe, director of public safety, said that his office plans to add emergency phones, cameras and increased lighting to ensure the safety of faculty and students.

Employees from the Mail Center and

Purchasing will move to the former Hilmer Printing building on 19th and California streets.

Maintenance/Engineering/Environmental Services will be moving to the recently purchased Omaha Area Food Bank building on 18th and Webster streets. The Cramer Building is being used for storage.

Students can expect to see some of the costs from the possible construction plans in the spring and fall.

"I would hope that with that increase we see something more than just a hunting license for a parking spot," Willit said. "So that if you pay for it you get a parking space."

Next week in part two of the series:

- How would a convention center arena affect Creighton?
- Will students see a soccer stadium near campus?
- Does Creighton have plans to purchase the Civic Auditorium from the city?

Weekend Weather Forecast

FRIDAY



Snow likely. High in the upper 20s.

SATURDAY



Partly cloudy. High in the upper 20s.

SUNDAY



Mostly cloudy. Slight chance of flurries. High in the mid to upper 30s.

Source: Creighton Atmospheric Science Society

School of Law offers mentor day for students

By Joanne Drake
Reporter

For college students, meeting one-on-one with a lawyer might suggest trouble rather than opportunity.

For the School of Law's Mentor Program, pairing students with lawyers gives first-year law students a chance to learn more about their future profession.

The 6-year-old Mentor Program is sponsoring a lunch Feb. 15 from 11:45 a.m. until 1:45 p.m. in the Skutt Student Center Ballroom that will bring together first-year law students and current law professionals.

"We will pair students with a law professional in the hopes to introduce the new law student to the legal system

without all the added stress," said Courtney Koziol, assistant dean of the School of Law. Koziol was responsible for planning the luncheon.

This lunch also allows Creighton alumni to give back to the university.

Later in the semester, law students are expected to meet again with their mentors, perhaps at their law offices or through a trip to court with the lawyers.

"It is a good idea," said Eric Kelderman, a second-year law student who attended last year's luncheon. "It gives you an opportunity to be exposed to things that you may not get to do during the summer."

Last year, the event drew 106 students and 106 law professionals, allowing every student to be matched one-on-one with a mentor, Koziol said.

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Campus Calendar

Friday, 11a.m. -1p.m.

The Native American Association is sponsoring an Indian Taco Sale in lower St. Johns.

Friday, 9p.m.

Friday Night Live, presented by the Program Board, will be held at Sokol Hall. Transportation from Deglman Circle and admission will be free to all Creighton students and their guests.

Saturday, 6:30p.m.

The 13th Annual International Banquet will be in the Skutt Student Center.

Saturday, 8:00p.m.

The 10th Annual Price is Right will be in Rigge Science, room 120.

Monday, 3:30-5:30p.m.

Creighton's first version of the "Vagina Monologues" will be in the Student Center East Ballroom.

Monday

Last day for filing applications for degrees to be conferred at the end of the semester.

Compiled by
Neelakshi Govind

Friday Night Live 80's Style!

When: Friday,
February 11th
Time: 9:00 p.m.
Where: Sokol Hall
(13th & Martha)



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**It's What's
Happening**

CU government implements changes

By Jennie Glaser
Reporter

Creighton's student government has opened a new chapter in its history. The organization reverted to its original name, the Creighton Students Union and is operating under a new structure approved last semester by the student body.

One of the changes made was the creation of a CSU Board of Directors consisting of the student presidents of all the schools and the CSU president. The board of directors held its first monthly meeting Feb. 6.

Representatives from every school except the College of Nursing attended the meeting, which took place at the

Allied School of Health Sciences and Pharmacy. The meetings of the Board of Directors will take place at a different school each month, and the dean of that school gives a short speech describing that particular school.

CSU President Ryan Zabrowski explained the new structure to the directors, most of whom were not previously involved with SBG.

School of Dentistry President Michael Cherubini, School of Pharmacy & Allied Health President Joy Morton and School of Medicine President Carolyn Wiemers each mentioned that there is no place on the western side of campus for students to lounge and congregate and buy food late at night, like

the Java Jay in McGloin.

Arts & Sciences Senate President Brandon Fitzsimmons talked about his organization's goal of increasing student-faculty interaction outside class and increasing funding for students to present research at conferences.

Student Bar Association President and Law School Representative Stephanie Steigleder said law students were concerned about night access to their building and the poor lighting around the building.

Business Administration Senior Kate Nelson, standing in for CUBAC president Ann Muenchrath, said business students were concerned with the location of the Career and Academic Planning Center

not being very accessible in its location in Brandeis Hall.

At the CSU meetings on Mondays, representatives split up into three ad hoc committees: Public Safety, Library Hours and College Town. Zabrowski talked individually with each group about the relevant issues brought up at the Board of Directors meeting. The committee members will find possible solutions for the problems.

Zabrowski, who worked to develop the new government structure during his previous term, said although no quick fixes have been found to the problems at the meeting, it helps to bring representatives from each school together to discuss problems.

Banquet celebrates culture of international students

By Katie Shanahan
Reporter

The 13th annual International Banquet will be Feb. 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the Skutt Student Center Ballroom.

Many of Creighton's 327 international students representing 62 countries have submitted recipes and will prepare dishes for the banquet.

"They are working very hard to organize the event," said Rose Begalla, international student/study abroad adviser.

About 15 countries will be represented during the banquet. The dishes at the event are from various countries, including Poland, Japan, Lebanon, Botswana and India.

Dancing, singing, poetry and a

parade of nations fill the night with entertainment.

The banquet, which was attended by an estimated 400 people last year, is open to non-International students as well.

Lila Dantas, Business Administration sophomore, said all students should attend because "everyone is international. It is relative."

"They can learn a lot about African, Asian and Latin American culture," said Tebagano Ntshole, an Arts & Sciences sophomore from Botswana who helped plan the banquet. "It's a chance for us to educate the Creighton community about our cultures and a chance for International students to learn about each others' cultures."

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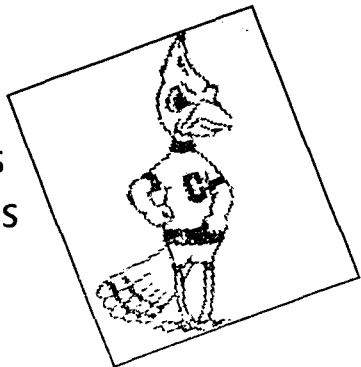
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The game show will take place in Rigge Science, room 120. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the show starts at 8 p.m.

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Shuaib Ahmed, Chair of The Price is Right

Creighton students flock to weekend dances

By Stephanie Kidd and Jenni Sund
Assistant Graphics Editor and Reporter

Creighton students were in the mood to boogie last weekend.

A record 900 students attended Friday's Arts & Sciences Senate winter semi-formal and 200 attended Saturday's Latino Dance.

"We were expecting about the same number as last year," Arts & Sciences Senate social chair Kate Schnurr said. About 650 students attended last year's dance, which was held at Scoular Ballroom.

Schnurr said there were a number of reasons the dance was not held at Scoular this year.

"The Creighton students were a little rowdy there last year," Schnurr said. "People did not really follow the rules."

Schnurr said guests at last year's dance smoked indoors and might have stolen alcohol from the bar, facts that made the staff at Skolar unwilling to allow Creighton to return.

"It worked out for the best, though," Schnurr said. The dance was instead held at Sokol Hall, which Schnurr said allowed for more guests.

"It didn't seem crowded because the dance floor there is much bigger," Schnurr said. She said the closed-off bar helped discourage minors from trying to drink.



Photo By Jay Langhurst

Amy Jensen, Nursing sophomore, dances the night away with Jason Lu, Arts & Sciences sophomore, at the Latin Dance Party Saturday evening in the student center ballroom.

Schnurr said this year the Senate hired more security guards to keep people from "getting too rowdy or breaking stuff." The guards also checked I.D.s and issued bracelets for those over the age of 21.

Some minors were drinking, Schnurr said.

"But I think it was more a case of older people

buying them drinks, not them buying themselves drinks," Schnurr said. She said a few underage students were asked by security guards to leave, after they were found holding drinks.

"Security kicked them out right away," Schnurr said. "I think that is really something that is unavoidable."

Saturday's boogiers danced the night away in the Skutt Student Center ballroom at the Creighton University Latino Student Association's Latin American dance and dinner.

Mike Keller, CULSA president, said the event was a success.

"I was very pleased to see good representation from Creighton, UNO and the Omaha community," Keller said. "I'm glad to see everyone had a good time."

Students were invited to eat a Mexican dinner of tortillas with a variety of toppings such as guacamole and chicken.

Some students said they came to enjoy the Latin dancing and music performed by Grupo Azteca, a Mariachi band. Other students said they came to celebrate.

"The important thing to remember is that CULSA is not just for Latino students," Keller said. "Anyone can join."

'Vagina Speak' addresses anti-violence issues

By Kamahria Hopkins
News Editor

The "V" in Valentine's Day now stands for vagina, anti-violence and victory. This year, instead of obsessing about whether you have a date, you can celebrate Valentine's Day by attending the "Vagina Monologues."

The "Vagina Monologues" is a collection of life experiences, facts and survey data-based on Eve Ensler's Obie award-winning play that takes a stand against rape, childhood sexual abuse, battery and genital mutilation.

Dr. Jeri Fogel, assistant professor of classics, said the monologues are important because they will create awareness.

"As a society, we tend to be kind of ignorant. People don't even like to say the word 'vagina,'" Fogel said. As a result of the play, "women will get respect."

Danielle Young, Arts & Sciences senior, said her feelings about the monologues have changed since she has been working on the project.

"I've realized that if women feel ashamed about their body parts, they feel ashamed about themselves," Young said. "It is important to take pride in your body."

The V-Day 2000 College Initiative is sponsored by Self Magazine, and participants include approximately 100 universities and colleges nationwide. The Women's Interdisciplinary Studies

Exchange, Amnesty International and The Student Arts Guild for Entertainers will hold Creighton's first version of the "Vagina Monologues" on Valentine's Day in the Student Center East Ballroom from 3:30-5:30 p.m.

The origin of the event is based on interviews and the one-woman play done by Eve Ensler. Ensler asked nearly 200 women to share their experiences and incorporated it into her act. The monologues range from rape as a weapon in Bosnia to a 13-year-old girl's initiation into sex. The survey included such questions as: "If your vagina were to get dressed up, what would it wear," and "If your vagina could speak, what two words would it say?"

In 1998, a benefit for anti-violence was held in New York. Big names such as Whoopi Goldberg, Susan Sarandon and Glenn Close performed at the event and a year later, colleges started holding similar shows.

Unlike other monologue performances, admission is free. Donations will be accepted and then given to a local shelter.

For more information about the monologues, visit the national website: www.feminist.com/vday/index.htm.

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Campus Voice

What are you doing for Valentine's Day?



Michael Collins
Arts & Sciences Senior

"Nothing. My fiancé and I decided not to do anything."



Emily Krovance
Nursing Junior

"My roommate and I are going out to eat."



Krista Phair
Arts & Sciences Sophomore

"Absolutely nothing."



Aldrin Sangalang
3rd-Year Dental Student

"I'm still playing the hard to get game."

'Real-loving' aim for Valentine's weekend



A View of You

By Rev. Larry Gillick, S.J.

Next Monday is our annual celebration of saying loving things to those whom we love and not saying much to those for whom we are glad that others love. It is Valentine's weekend, and my view of you is that there are many categories of you divided along various experiences of love.

There are those who are in love. There are those who were in love and are glad they are not anymore. There are those who were in love and are open to the experience again. There are those who might like it if the price is right, and those who are playing video games, and what can be better than that?

For all these groups, except the Nintendo inmates, I offer some "commandments" for enjoying, enduring and entrusting yourself to the experience which makes the world go round, if at times a little off-balanced.

The great prophet Moses handed over ten commandments which are still enforced and contain very good ideas with which I totally agree, their coming from God and all. I don't want to confuse them with my version, which are not "commandments," but "re-commandments." To those who are not in love and glad of the fact, and to those intimates-of-the-Internet, delete the following and return to your blank screen.

The Ten Re-Commandments

1. I re-command that you love yourself as God does, but do not love yourself as a god or goddess. This self-deification doesn't work very well because there are lots of others who have the same idea. This can lead to hard feelings and broken pedestals.

2. I re-command that you not bare false witness to your feelings. This practice of saying one thing and not doing something to accompany those words can get you in trouble and generally breaks hearts and sometimes bones.

3. I re-command that you keep holy the love-relationship. Love is a holy reality because it reflects God's life in our

own. Keeping love holy prevents possessiveness, exclusiveness, obsessiveness and "sex-you-all-ity." Holy means that it all is not just me and mine.

4. I re-command you allow for sacred space. Suspicion needs a certain distance, but so does love. Absence does make the heart grow more longingly. Intimacy is not smothering. Everything living needs room to grow. Too close can become too closed.

5. I re-command that you not kill, stifle or imprison. What those who love each other do best is share their beloved with those worthy of them. They love the other into being for others beyond them.

6. I re-command that you not handle things marked "fragile." Personalities are all marked "handle with care" and so should be held with sensitivity and reverence. Sexual expression of love has broken too many hearts, relationships and self-images.

7. I re-command that you not steal your heart nor steal another's. Love warms the heart of the other and brings life to it. Love doesn't take the heart from the other, but it gives it to them with love and gratitude. A loving heart is one of flesh.

8. I re-command that love be expressed in words, deeds and mutuality. Love should not be hidden behind gestures, nor mouthed by mere words. Do it with flowers, but say it and then flower the other all you wish. Love wants to hear and see and be heard and seen in a delighting exchange.

9. I re-command that you love beauty which is soul-deep. Billions of dollars are spent by beautifying the skin and exterior form. Love sees what cannot be fooled by masks, pretense or scam. Love seems to be injured by bandages and is healed by gentle applications of removers. Love is blind to the deceptive and X-ray-like to the soul.

10. I re-command that love celebrates all that is of life. One who loves much and many is more likely to love deeply. A lover is both particular and universal: loving all things in their unity and one thing or person in its uniqueness. Love then is not possessive of the one, but receptive to the all.

It is a good view of you these days of trying to love the all and love the one. It would be good to surprise someone this weekend with an act of outrageous love, like, well, me for one. Happy real-loving.



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Letters to the Editor

Sig Ep disputes article

I noticed that in the article "Behavior problems plague CU chapters," you felt it necessary to devote no less than eight paragraphs describing the violations of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity at Creighton. It is true, Sig Eps have had their infractions over the past few years like many other Greek organizations, but you unfairly devoted more space to their violations than any other organization. This, however, is not the main problem.

The major dispute I have with this "in-depth look" is that while you are quick to point out the flaws in Sigma Phi Epsilon, you devote no space to Sig Ep philanthropies. Sigma Phi Epsilon, through its two major philanthropy events, Hoops for Hope and Run With a Heart, has raised over \$40,000 in the past 12 years for both the Omaha Ronald McDonald House and the North

Omaha Boys and Girls Club. To permit such a glaring omission in your publication is both a disservice to Sigma Phi Epsilon and the Greek community and serves to discredit your newspaper.

George Smolinki
Arts & Sciences Senior

Columnist misses point

In his editorial "Son of God doesn't choose Super Bowl Favorites," Mr. R.M. Dunlay is right. Jesus Christ is not interested in who wins the Super Bowls.

However, Mr. Dunlay missed the point in his editorial. He cites Kurt Warner's praise of Jesus in the post game interview as being thankful that they won the game. Mr. Warner was certainly thanking God for the victory. I am certain he would have thanked him for defeat too.

Mr. Dunlay also failed to mention the fact that after Titan's linebacker Blaine Bishop went down with his neck

injury, it was the same Kurt Warner who kneeled beside Bishop while he was down and prayed to that same Son of God for him.

So God is not really interested in any game score but one: God: 1, Satan 0!
Steve Brace
Director of Student-Athlete Support Services

Greek life follows mission

I am writing in response to the Greek Life article, "Behavior problems plague CU chapters." I am upset with the way that this article presented the Greek life on this campus. The article did not accurately represent what the mission and goals are of Greek members on this campus. Only some mistakes of a few people and chapters were really brought forward and expressed in this article, when actually there is a lot more to Greek life here at Creighton.

Greek life follows the mission of the

university and the Jesuit values, while establishing a mission of its own to better direct the actions of all Greek letter members. The mission statement encourages student leaders to help guide Greek members in: life long friendships, respect of all individuals, healthy living and respect for self, involvement in service to fellow students, the university, and the community and striving for excellence in all endeavors. While there are a few people who do not embody these principles within the Greek system, the majority follow and strive to carry these out for the Greek system as a whole.

Ryan Dobbs
Interfraternity Council President

Snaps to Warner

As much as I would have to agree with sports editor R.M. Dunlay's assertion that indeed, the New York Knicks players may be the closest things to Satan's minions roaming the Earth, his article on Kurt Warner's Christianity was inaccurately skewed by a number of misguided assumptions.

In the post-game interview, his first thanks went out to his Lord and Savior up above. However, nowhere did I hear him attribute the Rams nail-biting victory to his faith in Jesus Christ. No one can assume what Kurt Warner was praising God for in his post-game interview. Perhaps it was because Titans strong safety Blaine Bishop ended up with only a sprained neck and not a broken one. Maybe he was thanking God for the perseverance to work his way from Hy-Vee stock boy to NFL most valuable player, even when the outlook seemed bleak. It could have been for the seemingly useless, but nonetheless God-given talent for throwing footballs, which has been parlayed into a multi-million dollar future. Or it might have just been for the invention of the retinal assault we call the electric-blue feather boa, so he could spot his wife at all times during the game. The fact of the matter is, we just don't know.

Secondly, the assertion that he was pushing his religious beliefs in the faces of onlookers is simply exaggerated. If his statement had continued, "and if you don't believe in Him, then you have a one-way ticket to Hell," I might be more inclined to agree that he was being pushy. I find it interesting that if one tries to get you to believe in God, they are being pushy, and you are a victim. Whereas, if one tries to get you to believe in something decidedly more politically correct, like homosexuality or tolerance, they are considered enlightened, and you are phobic. (I am not saying I believe, or don't believe in any of these things. I am just saying it is interesting).

Finally, the implication that the Georgia Dome fans cheered so loudly because he gave praise to Jesus is ridiculous. He could have been reciting a monologue from the latest episode of the MacNeil-Lehrer Hour, or advising them on how to make homemade potpourri per Martha Stewart and the crowd still would have gone nuts. Had he in fact praised Allah instead of Jesus as Mr. Dunlay suggested, we would not be having this debate because we would be too busy congratulating him on his courage to stand up for his beliefs, instead of criticizing him for being too pushy about them.

So to Kurt Warner I give snaps. Not only as the best passer in the NFL, but for being a stand-up guy in a sports world full of Rae Carruths (murder), Eugene Robinsons (solicitation) and Leroy Hoards (possession). Finally, I wholeheartedly agree with Mr. Dunlay's conclusion that God does not fix Super Bowls. For certainly He could find a way to get both the Viking and Packers to the big one, so Favre and his cheeseheads could be embarrassed in front of a world-wide audience and not just a Monday night one like this year.

Nicholas Johnson
Second-Year Medical Student

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'Scream' series continues in horror genre

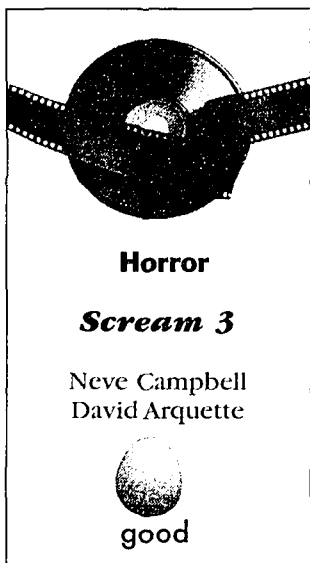
By Andy Hughes
Graphics Editor

When I heard the rumors that there was going to be a third installment of the *Scream* series, I felt both excited and weary.

I was hoping for a little more variety, and not just another rehash of the original movie. I think we get a little of both.

Scream 3 has the same old scenario as the other two. A masked killer stalks Sidney Prescott (Neve Campbell) while killing all her friends. There's the scene in the first 10 minutes of the movie that tries to get a scare and set the mood.

There's also the same old ending as well: Killer reveals himself or herself just in time for the survivors to blow him or her away. The good news is, the similarities stop about there.



What the *Scream* franchise is known for is its satire-like approach to the horror genre. The first two movies made fun of themselves in many ways. *Scream 3* lacks this quality.

Horror-wise, the movie is pretty good. There are a few genuine scares. The actual murder scenes are telegraphed pretty clearly.

For example, a someone-might-die-here mood is almost slapped on too thick — so thick that everyone

knows a character is going to bite it in the scene.

One strong point is the cast. Of course, there are the talented veteran characters of the series, Sidney Prescott,

Gale Weathers (Courteney Cox Arquette) and Dwight "Dewey" Riley (David Arquette).

A few of the new characters are a real treat. Jennifer Joley (Parker Posey) is definitely the best new character. She's incredibly funny in every scene she's in, and when teamed with Gale Weathers, they make a hilarious combination. Sarah Darling (Jenny McCarthy) is also a welcome addition, playing herself as a thirty-something actress.

However, some of the supporting cast is kind of a pain. Characters like Tyson Fox (Deon Richmond) and Roman Bridger (Scott Foley) are paper-thin. The audience never really gets to know the characters, so seeing them die is like swatting flies — there's really no remorse in seeing them go.

The characters have all grown up, moved out of Woodburro and are making a living on their own, making it more of a mature movie rather than a teen-flick.

Another deterrent from the original

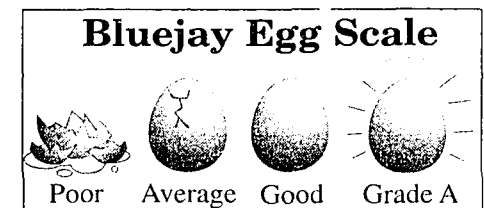
mood is the environment. The first two *Screams* had somewhat secluded locations — a small town and a college campus.

One other bonus this film offers is a number of funny cameos. Remember Jay (Jason Mewes) and Silent Bob (Kevin Smith) from *Mallrats*, *Dogma*, etc.? They make a hilarious, surprising cameo. Carrie Fisher also plays a small part as a bitter, washed-up, actress-turned-film-archive-librarian.

Scream 3 doesn't offer anything new to the genre.

If anything, it regresses to a mainstream horror flick, but is entertaining and forks out a good time.

You won't regret spending the cash for it.



Columnist praises city for coffee shop variety



Fresh on the scene

By Natalie Roxburgh
Entertainment Editor

As a native of Omaha, I have had to confront the big issue: Is there really anything to do in this city?

I've come to the conclusion that, in fact, there are places to be.

One of my favorite activities is to plop down at an area coffee shop with the books or a close friend on a Saturday

night.

It isn't necessary to go to Borders or Barnes and Noble, where a crowd nearly always awaits.

Omaha, notorious for its restaurant economy, is also building itself a decent reputation in coffee shops.

There are shops scattered all over the city, which make it feasible to find one to suit individual interests.

The downtown area is a coffee shop haven, creating an atmosphere for those that just don't like to go West.

One of my favorites is Stage Right Coffee and Tea Co., located at 16th and Harney. Unfortunately, this is every hip smoker's favorite coffee shop, having become the hangout for many college and high school patrons.

Stage Right, although ideal for talking, is not the place to prepare for the chemistry exam.

Often times, local bands show up and jam. In addition, this is one of the few coffee shops in the city that permit smoking, for those that are interested. Chai fans should give Stage Right a shot.

MJ Java Coffee Cafe, 1299 Farnam, is an improved, mature product of the coffee shop scene.

Although it has a very casual atmosphere, filled with bags of espresso beans and clumsy crates, M.J. Java is sophisticated and full of serious coffee-drinkers, intellectuals and the like.

Any Crane Coffee is worth visiting. Aside from the typical coffee-shop drinks, they serve a very refreshing

nutrient smoothie.

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Crane Coffees are located at 7772 Cass St., 3695 N 129 St. and 1209 S 119 St.

Sitting around at a coffee shop has become a revered activity in my life. I have bonded with people, discussing the meaning of life over coffee.

Omaha is endowed with multiple coffee shops, giving patrons a break from the dinner-and-a-movie routine or the monotony of being at home.

Omaha may not be the epitome of excitement, but at least there are places to sit and complain about it.



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Four soccer players make leap to MLS

By Kersten Flink
Copy Editor

The men's soccer team did not have its typical successful season, but it was still able to land four players in the Major League Soccer draft on Feb. 6 in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

This marks the first time in school history that more than one player has been selected in the same year. Creighton also holds the honor of having the most players selected, tied with UCLA, in this year's draft.

"I am thrilled that the professional coaches have recognized the talent level and had work of our senior players," said Head Coach Bret Simon.

Four-year defender starter David Wright was the first Bluejay to be selected in the draft. Going into the draft, Wright was named a top 12 draft pick by Soccer America, but was not selected until the third-round as the No. 25 pick to Miami. Wright was an All-American defender and was named the Missouri Valley Conference Player of the Year. A four-time first-team All-MVC pick, Wright was the anchor of the stingy Bluejay defense that pitched 11 shutouts in 1999.

Steve Bernal was the next Creighton

player to be selected in the draft. The selection came in the third round when Bernal went to Dallas as the No. 34 pick. Bernal was shocked and excited when he heard the news.

"I wasn't even watching the draft because I didn't think I was going to get chosen," Bernal said. "I was out coaching and my roommate had to call me on a cell phone to tell me I got drafted."

Bernal was a first-team All-MVC selection as a senior. One of the quickest Bluejays, Bernal teamed with Wright to lead a defense that finished 5-1-1 in regular season conference play. Bernal will leave for Dallas and begin a week-long try-out to officially make the roster.

"I am nervous," Bernal said. "But I feel so different now that I have been drafted. It's almost a relief because at least now I know I'm on my way."

All-American goalkeeper Tom Zawislak is already in Florida training with Kansas City, who picked him up in the fifth round. Zawislak owns Creighton's lowest career goals against average at 0.66 and holds the school and MVC records for the most single-season shutouts at 11. He finished his career with first-team All-MVC honors.



Photos by Jeremy Quigley

Midfielder Angel Rivillo (left) and defender Steve Bernal (right), both seniors, were selected in the Major League Soccer draft by the Dallas Burn on Feb. 6.

The final Bluejay selected in the draft was midfielder Angel Rivillo, who will join teammate Bernal in Dallas after earning the No. 70 pick in the final round. Rivillo plans to finish school before going to the MLS and will leave for Dallas in the summer.

"I was really excited about getting drafted, but I am going to finish school before I leave," Rivillo said. "I will be in contact with the coaches and updating them on what is going on. I will go down

there when I am finished."

Rivillo received second-team All-MVC honors as a senior. His eight assists as a senior tied for the team best and he ranked fourth on the team with 14 points.

Creighton's success in the draft is exciting for the program that will look to repeat history in next year's draft.

"Hopefully, it highlights that we are doing a good job of preparing players to play at the next level," Simon said.

Bluejays torch Flames on new turf



Photo by Jeremy Quigley

Junior utility player B.J. Weigel slides safely into home during Wednesday's 20-3 victory over the College of St. Mary. The game was the first played on the complex's new turf.

By R.M. Dunlay
Sports Editor

Creighton's softball team christened the team's newly renovated field with a pair of convincing victories over the College of St. Mary on Wednesday evening.

The Jays exploded on offense in both games of the double header, defeating the Flames 20-3 in the first game of the evening and 13-0 in the nightcap.

Renovations on the field were completed during the fall. The artificial turf was replaced and the field was re-sloped to combat drainage problems.

A new building housing batting cages and additional locker rooms was also erected.

"It's one of the nicest complexes in the Midwest," head coach Brent Vigness said.

"The infield is so nice. It's a lot better than the old complex," sophomore pitcher Shelli Mellegaard said. "We're lucky to have it."

Tennis gets taste of the Dirty Dozen

By Kersten Flink
Copy Editor

Jays

The women's tennis team was overmatched when facing Big 12 powerhouses Kansas and Kansas State on Feb. 5-6.

Last weekend marked the first match of the spring season, and the Bluejays opened with two of the toughest teams on this year's schedule. Kansas and Kansas State have perennially reached the NCAA tournament, and Creighton had its hands full trying to compete.

The team was shutout in both of its matches, but fought hard and walked away with good experience.

"The girls are going to have to work hard this year, but the tough schedule is great for recruiting and it will make the team more competitive," Head Coach Tom Lilly said.

The team premiered its only freshman Divya Bala at the No. 1 singles spot. Two or three women will compete for the spot throughout the season, but Bala got the first chance.

"I was really nervous about playing at the No. 1 spot, especially being the only freshman," Bala said. "It was a challenge, a lot of fun and my teammates are really supportive."

Bala faced KSU's only freshman who was just coming off a win against the No. 3 player in the nation. Bala was unable to come up with a win, but fought hard the entire hour-and-a-half match.

"Divya played very well, especially for her first dual meet of the season," Lilly said. "The KSU coach was very impressed with her play. She commented that Divya played better against its No. 1 player than most the players in the MVC."

The women return to action against another Big 12 competitor when they return to action against Nebraska Feb. 15. Nebraska poses another challenge for the Bluejays.

"We are hoping to win a match or two," Lilly said. "These hard matches are only going to make us better."

What's up next at home for the Jays



Sunday, Feb. 13, 2:05 p.m.

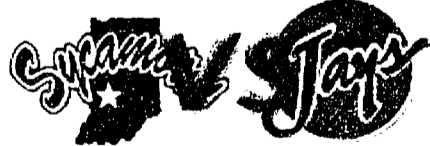
The Creighton men's basketball team will play the first of two games within 11 days against the Braves (11-11 overall, 7-4 in MVC play).

Last season the two teams split the season series, each winning at home.

A victory would catapult the Jays over Bradley into third place in the MVC.

Player to watch: Kyle Korver

Korver has been a solid player coming off the bench during his freshman campaign but has been a streaky shooter. His point totals the last four games were 6, 15, 9 and 23. After shooting 6-of-7 from the field against Illinois State, he followed with a 2-of-10 performance against Colorado State.



Wednesday, Feb. 16, 7:05 p.m.

The Creighton men will attempt to win at home against the Sycamores. The Bluejays fell to ISU at the Civic last year before evening the season series in Terre Haute.

Indiana State enters the game first in the MVC with a 10-2 conference record.

Player to watch: Livan Pyfrom

Though he's only averaging 3.3 points and 2.2 rebounds per game, Pyfrom has showed progress this season.

Despite losing his starting position to Alan Huss, Pyfrom's improved play gives the Jays a solid shot-blocking presence in the paint off the bench.

Pyfrom has also displayed the occasional ferocious dunk on offense.



Saturday, Jan. 29, 3:05 p.m.

The Creighton women's team last lost at home on Jan. 15. The team will be hard pressed to further the streak against the 15-5 Purple Aces.

The Bluejays had won eight straight contests against Evansville before dropping two of the team's three meetings last season. The game is the first meeting between the two teams since Evansville defeated Creighton in the MVC tournament final.

Player to watch: Angela Timmons

In addition to scoring a team-leading 15.5 points a game, Timmons is also leading the Jays in assists. Timmons has already dished out 76 on the year, three more than all of last season.