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Photo by Sara Jacobson

Students are pushed into the guardrail separating them from the stage at Spring Fling held last Friday in the Kiewit Fitness Center. Below Nick Hexum, lead singer of 311, pumps up the crowd as he belts out one of the many songs on the band's playlist.

Fans get 'all mixed up'

By Alexa Callin
COPY EDITOR

Students say they had a great time at Spring Fling, but many may not even remember it.

The event held last Friday by the Creighton Students Union Program Board may not only be remembered as the last Spring Fling ever, but as being a bit rowdier than usual.

"I probably only ran into a handful of people who had not made a conscious effort to become inebriated before the show," said Fernando Gutierrez, Business junior.

As in years past, Program Board posted expectations for concertgoers. Among those was a denial of admittance if students were perceived to be under the influence of alcohol or any controlled substances.

Many did not heed the warning



The department of student services was in charge of taking tickets and allowing people into the concert. As of press time, no one was available from student services for comment on student entrance to the concert.

Despite the reports that students' drunkenness was quite apparent, many students say that drinking and Spring Fling go hand

and yet still got past the doors.

"We aren't in charge of deciding who gets let into the concert," said Jay Skolaut, vice-president for programming.

in hand.

"It seems like people do the same thing every year," said Gutierrez. "Everyone looks forward to the event, and I think it's all in good fun."

The drinking may not have been all in good fun this year. Two 911 calls were made from the concert.

The Omaha Fire Department responded to the calls, one at 9:54 p.m. and the next at 10:08 p.m. Both were medical-related incidents.

Fire Battalion Chief Craig Schneider, said that the calls "were suspected to be alcohol related." Both people were transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

A report from Public Safety confirms at least one incident, listing one student who was transported to

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Victims of break-ins adding up

By Eric Strassburger
COPY EDITOR

A rash of crime has hit the campus as of late, with Public Safety reporting 16 break-ins Monday and an averted break-in Tuesday that resulted in an injury.

Rick McAuliffe, director of Public Safety, said 16 vehicles were broken into around 12:30 a.m. Seven victims reported no property missing while nine reported stolen CD's, stereos or other equipment.

"I can't recall having that many break-ins in a short period of time," McAuliffe said. "It's something of an anomaly."

In addition, a student confronted an individual who was breaking into his car around 9:45 p.m. Tuesday in the baseball lot. The individual then presented a screwdriver and knife. As the student was backing away, the individual threw a flashlight, hitting the student in the face. The individual then jumped into a car and drove away. Nothing was taken from the car but a window had been broken.

The Omaha Police Department also responded and is investigating.

McAuliffe said that Public Safety plans to spend more time patrolling the lots and working with the police auto theft unit.

McAuliffe noted that the recent crime wave has not been just at Creighton, but throughout Omaha.

Many students attribute the

A string of break-ins and an injured student this week have left many on campus concerned about property and the role of Public Safety

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Campus of the future starting to take shape

By Nic A. Prenger
ASSISTANT EDITOR

As the academic year draws to a close, campus construction is starting to heat up.

The construction of the new science complex is on schedule, said Jim Willet, executive director of Facilities Management. Willet said overall construction is 40 to 50 percent complete.

The science center is scheduled to be completed in December and occupied by January.

"This summer will be a very active time with a lot of visible changes," Willet said.

Walls and windows will begin going up in the near future.

Willet said the project is going well and is on budget without any major changes.

"There have been some minor

tweakings," Willet said.

A stairway from the ground level to the first level in the middle of the atrium has been taken out to make more space within the atrium, and the initial concept of having a first-floor café/grille has been changed to a grab-and-go type food service.

The two lecture halls found in the Criss buildings will also be getting remodeled, said Fran Reed, director of contract management and design services.

"The size of the lecture-halls is not the preferred teaching format," Reed said.

Seating in the halls will be scaled down from 225 to 161 people, and tables will be added to the fixed seating lecture halls.

Walsh Lecture Hall, in the Eppley Business Administration building, will also see changes in

the future.

The lecture hall has been closed since spring 2000 because of limited emergency exits, said Lennis Pederson, assistant vice president for administration and director of facilities management.

"The University's need for a lecture hall of that size is rather minimal," Pederson said. "The greater need, after talking with Dr. Barbara Braden [interim vice president for academic affairs], and Robert Pitts [dean of the College of Business Administration], would be to create offices in that space."

Pederson said that Walsh will remain offline until the university's master plan is complete.

"The process for the master plan has already begun,"

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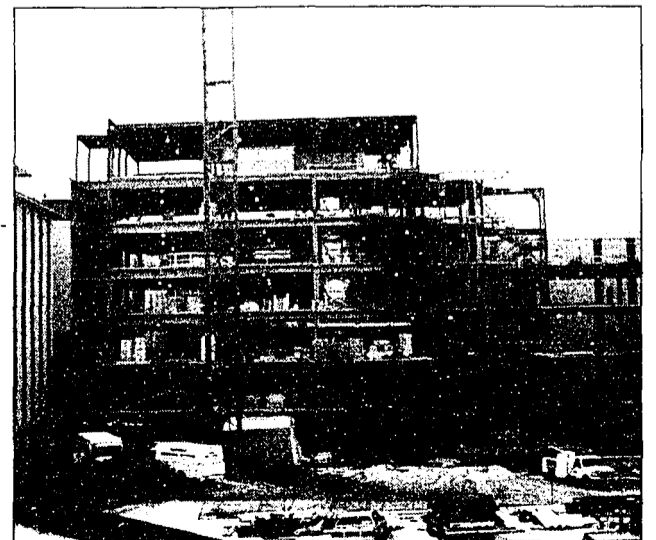


Photo by Tetona Dunlap

The main structure for the new science complex is nearly complete. In the next few months walls and windows will be added to the building, which is scheduled to be completed by December and inhabited by January 2003.

Facilities

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Pederson said. "It is a multifaceted planning session that is now in what might be called fact-finding. In a short while they will go in to a section of interviews where they will talk with selected departments' heads and folks on campus. Over the summer they will consolidate a plan and come up with some things. Come fall, they will come back to us as a larger university body and begin making presentations and talking about the plan."

Pederson said the master plan should be done by early winter.

One topic to be tackled by the master planning committee is the future of the Skinner Mall – specifically the historic brick pathway and streetcar rails.

"It's in everybody's goals to look at safe passages," Pederson said. "In my own opinion, I would not get rid of all the brick and all the rails; I like the historical significance." Pederson said it would be possible to design around the brick and rails.

The fate of another pedestrian pathway, Burt Street, also hangs in the

balance while the master plan is developed. Creighton has notified the city of Omaha that it would like to own the section of Burt that runs through campus, but has not determined what it would do with the land, if acquired.

"The university made it known years ago that we wanted Burt Street, and that hasn't changed," Pederson said. "There is no divine urgency to it at all and the master plan will help us learn what we want it for so we can do a better job of asking for it."

This year has also seen Creighton add sections of property to the east, laying the groundwork for future campus expansion and the construction of a soccer stadium.

Pederson said most of the land between campus and 17th Street has been purchased. The university is in the process of tearing down buildings.

University officials showed little concern that not all of the desired property east of campus has been acquired.

"If it is going bad, we just kind of bypass that right now," said Dan Josof, project manager in Facilities Management.

"There are a couple of pieces that we don't know, but it will happen," Pederson said. "Yes, its going well on our schedule and we are doing well with it."

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AROUND CAMPUS

- Total remodeling of the surgery area in St. Joseph
- Pediatrics conference room
- Remodeling the medical school dean's office
- Pathology reception area
- Remodeling the old TV studio to become the orthopedic research center
- Bookstore remodeling
- Construction of a state-of-the-art Catherization lab

Weekly Campus SAFETY Report

For more information or to report more information, contact Public Safety at 280-2104.

4/2/02 2:20 p.m. A staff member reported witnessing a hit-and-run traffic accident involving two vehicles parked near the Law School.

4/4/02 7:15 a.m. A faculty member reported the theft of computer equipment and software from an unsecured interior office.

2:00 p.m. A student reported that his vehicle sustained a dent on the rear panel while it was parked in a student lot.

4/5/02 12:05 p.m. A student reported that her laptop computer was missing.

10:00 p.m. A student attending the Spring Fling concert was transported to St. Joseph Hospital by rescue squad for treatment of alcohol consumption.

4/6/02 5:00 p.m. A student reported that someone entered her vehicle and rifled through her property. Nothing was taken.

4/8/02 12:42 a.m. A student witnessed two men running from the area as a car alarm sounded. A check of the lot revealed six vehicles had been broken into. Over the course of the day additional vehicle break-ins were reported elsewhere on campus, with the majority occurring at 23rd and

Cass streets and in the ball field parking lot. In all, 16 vehicles were involved. Seven victims reported no property missing, and nine reported stolen CDs, stereos, or other equipment. The rash of break-ins is under investigation.

2:11 a.m. A student reported receiving harassing telephone calls to his room.

8:45 a.m. A suspicious individual was reported in the Eppley building. The 39-year-old man was subsequently ban and barred and then escorted from campus.

6:25 p.m. A student reported hit and run damage to her vehicle.

8:00 p.m. A student reported that her vehicle sustained hit and run damage to the front bumper while it was parked in the lot.

Safety Tip of the Week

Authorities report that property crimes throughout Omaha have increased dramatically recently as a consequences of individuals and theft rings supporting methamphetamine habits. Take the usual precautions and be sure to leave valuable property visible inside your vehicle. Be quick to report any suspicious activity out in the lots.

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Car thefts

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incidents to poor security.

Bridget Bazal, Business junior, witnessed the incident Tuesday night and was the first to aid the injured student. When she called Public Safety right away, she said she was unimpressed with Public Safety's response and treatment of the incident.

"What scares me the most is the fact that it happened so close to 24th Street in a well-lit area," Bazal said. "It's so eerie that an drugged up individual like that could have that kind of access to campus."

In the meantime, McAuliffe is advising students to lock vehicles, keep valuables out of sight and be aware of suspicious individuals.

Spring Fling

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St. Joseph for treatment of alcohol consumption.

Officials from Creighton declined to comment on the incidents, citing student confidentiality.

Despite those problems, officials still say the concert was a success. Tickets sold out on March 28, eight days before the concert. Students who were waiting until the last minute to get tickets found themselves scrambling before the show.

All 2,850 of the tickets available were distributed. However, only 2,250 were taken at the door. The tickets not

used were attributed as no-shows.

"There was a lot of room left in the back of the fitness center; it wasn't full, which sucks," said Rachael Cavaleri, spring fling event coordinator.

About 150 of the tickets went to the bands that performed. "This year as opposed to previous years the bands actually used almost all of the tickets, which was nice," said Skolaut. In the past bands have not used the tickets, which meant there was empty space that could have been used for students.

Event organizers have still declared spring fling a success.

"It went great," Skolaut said. "It was the last one and we went out in style."

Based on data collected in 2001 from a survey of randomly selected Creighton students.

63% of Creighton University students have 0-4 drinks per week

(1 drink = 12 oz. beer = 4 oz. wine = 1 oz. liquor)

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Professor to make history elsewhere

By Paula Porzelt
NEWS EDITOR

After 18 years at Creighton, Dr. Bryan LeBeau has submitted his resignation in order to become dean of Arts & Sciences at the University of Missouri - Kansas City.

LeBeau's last day at Creighton is June 30 and he will begin his new job on July 1. Until then, he will continue acting as interim president of Creighton's graduate school.



LeBeau

Since 1983, LeBeau has been a professor of history, John C. Kenefick Chair in Humanities, founding director of the Creighton Center for the Study of Religion and Society, coordinator of American studies and chair of the History Department.

"It gives me the opportunity to do something new," LeBeau said. "I am looking forward to it."

LeBeau's wife, Chris LeBeau, also will be leaving the Creighton community. She has been employed at Creighton for the past 18 years, working in the Reinert Alumni Library as a research librarian and coordinator of electronic resources. She hopes to obtain a position at another academic library in the Kansas City area.

Although she said that she is ready for a new chapter in her life, after being at Creighton for 18 years, she will miss her friends and the Reinert Library.

LeBeau said that his wife will probably be missed more than he will.

LeBeau said he was offered to be a candidate for the dean of Arts & Sciences at Creighton twice in the past, but turned down the opportunity because he did not want to become the boss of his fellow professors and friends at Creighton.

"I'm not leaving because I am unhappy with Creighton," he said. "I've enjoyed every year I've been here."

He said he will miss the Jesuit nature of Creighton and the sense of community.

"Dr. LeBeau not only cares about students on an academic level, but also cares on a personal level," said Mike Dorsey, Arts & Sciences junior. "He takes the time to get to know his students."

LeBeau is the host and co-producer of the radio series "Talking History." LeBeau said that he will continue to work with KIOS 91.5 FM in the program's production.

"Bryan will be greatly missed at Creighton and we are sad to see him go," Barbara Braden, Ph.D., interim vice president for academic affairs at Creighton, said in a press release. "He has been given an excellent opportunity and I know he will do well at the University of Missouri."

Rowing Association denied CSU funding

By Nic A. Prenger
ASSISTANT EDITOR

You can call them anything you like - just don't call them "men."

The Creighton Rowing Association, Creighton's club crew team, has been denied funding for the fall 2002 semester by the Creighton Students Union.

Mike Potthoff, Arts & Sciences junior and president of CSU, said that funding was denied due to repeated violations of the University Handbook policy regarding selective recruitment.

Adam Runyan, Arts & Sciences junior and president of the Creighton Rowing Association, said that the denied funding amounted to nearly \$3,000.

Potthoff said the Rowing Association, which has 30 members including three females, violated policy when it called itself the "men's crew team" in the Yearbook, ads in the *Creightonian*, sweatshirts and other publications. The university student handbook forbids CSU from giving funds to student organizations that selectively recruit members.

Potthoff said the final straw came when the Creighton Rowing Association sent an invitation to alumni to come to a reception last Saturday. A postcard announcing the event twice referred to the association as the "men's crew team."

Potthoff called Runyan to tell him of the decision March 28.

"We understand the decision," Runyan said. "The problem is that nobody has asked our opinion. We haven't been given the chance to defend ourselves."

Runyan said the postcard was a mistake made in conjunction with Alumni Relations.

"People are going to refer to us as the men's crew team as long as there

is a women's team on campus," Runyan said.

The Creighton Rowing Association plans to appeal the decision to the Student Life and Policy Committee. They will also seek to change the selective funding rule, Runyan said.

Runyan also said the team plans to look into dividing the Rowing Association into two separate club teams, one men's and one women's. He said the women's team would be more recreation in nature, since the university does have a varsity women's team.

"We feel that an injustice has been done to us, and we will appeal on those grounds," Runyan said.

Potthoff said an appeal would have to go to the Student Life and Policy Committee, rather than CSU, because the rule in question is from the Student Handbook, not CSU bylaws.

"I just serve as a gatekeeper," Potthoff said. "My job is first to determine whether a group conforms with the University Handbook, and if it does I send it on to the finance committee."

If the appeal is unsuccessful, Potthoff said he looks forward to working with the team for a successful spring semester.

To counter the nearly \$3,000 loss, Runyan said they are looking at raising membership dues and beginning a fundraising campaign.

Runyan said the association will not seek financial help from alumni.



Runyan

Grab one for the road



Photo by Tetona Dunlap

Marie Ampuero, Arts & Sciences sophomore, checks out one of the books donated by the Rev. Ray Bucko, S.J., and members of the Native American Association in honor of the students in the Native American Association. A presentation was held Tuesday, March 26, to officially donate the books to the Reinert Memorial Library.

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Quick Hits

Survey helps to find fitness center future

The Campus Recreation and Kiewit Fitness Center 2002 Campus Assessment is being distributed throughout the Creighton community.

Wayne Morford, director of Campus Recreation, said that the survey will help determine the direction of Campus Recreation and any role it might play in campus expansion.

The surveys are being distributed in some campus mailboxes, at the Campus Recreation office in the Kiewit Fitness Center, and is available online at www.creighton.edu/CampusRecreation.

By Ryan Cohagan

Events planned for National Library Week

National Library Week, April 14-20, aims to show students there is more to their school library than they think.

National Library Week is sponsored by the American Library Association and is held at libraries across the country every April. The goals are to promote awareness of the valuable resources found in libraries, and have a little fun doing it.

The Reinert Memorial Library has two main events planned—a “best answer contest” and a photo gallery of campus personalities.

Jennifer Campbell, government documents librarian said, “We’d like to encourage students to come to the library and check out what we have.”

By Sara Lauck

Residents find a perfect match

By LaReesa Foy
REPORTER

Medical School seniors are breathing a little easier after finding out where they will be taking up residency.

The 2002 Match Up ceremony, held March 21, marks the end of a journey that began, when students began to research places for residency in the fall.

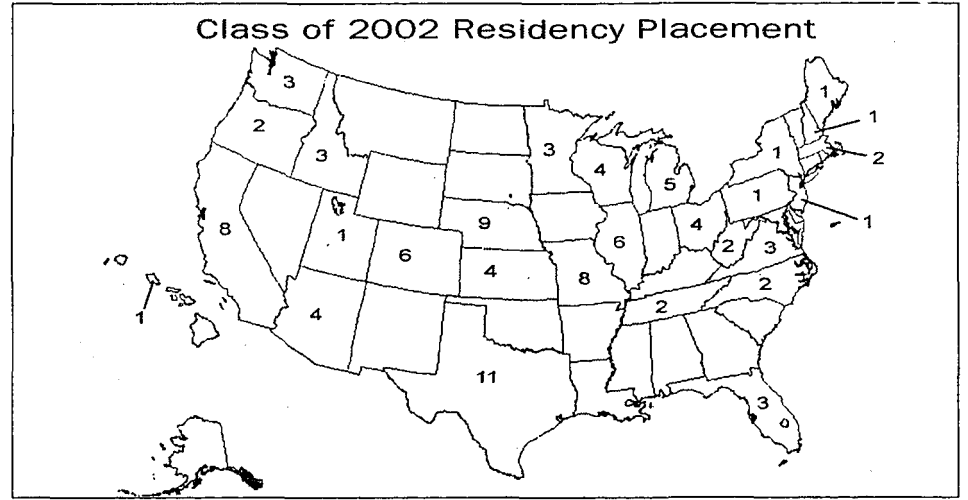
“The whole process is so huge that it is hard to know even where to begin to explain it,” said Grayson Guzman, medical student.

Applying for a residency is similar to applying to med school. The application includes transcripts, recommendations, personal statements and resumes.

The wait to find out placement can be agonizing.

“Everything is concentrated into one single day, or hour actually, rather than spread out over several months,” said Jason Caplan, medical student.

After the application and interview process students rank their top schools and the schools then select



Graphic by Cat Beaver

the students. A computer system then compiles the residency list.

Residency can bring a big change, with placement lasting from three to five years, depending on the specialty.

Couples' placements are revealed together, and most go to the same city and oftentimes the same program.

The graduating class for this Creighton Medical School is 108. Of that 108, 99 students received their number one choice.

Seniors have a hooding ceremony on Thursday May 16 and then graduation on Sunday May 19. Their residency will start on July first.

Forum focus aimed at Jesuit mission

By Melissa Hillebrand
COPY EDITOR

University economics was on the minds of those who attended a critical issues forum “Money and Mission” sponsored by the Center for the Study of Religion and Society.

Roger Bergman, director of the Justice and Peace Studies Program was moderator at the event held Wednesday. The panelists were Dr. Todd Salzman, associate professor of theology, Fred Nesler, budget director, Dr. Jos Welie, associate professor in the

Center for Health Policy and Ethics, and Edward Birmingham, professor in the law school.

Birmingham and Welie discussed the impact increased tuition has on attracting students and fulfilling Creighton's mission and principle of justice.

Salzman said students have a right to an affordable and a high quality education, while faculty, staff and administrators should be paid justly in a supportive work environment.

Nesler spoke about the steps the university takes in the budget process.

The concern that high tuition rates would discourage economically disadvantaged, yet worthy applicants, was discussed.

If members of the economically disadvantaged community are not applying to Creighton, it would be difficult for them to be represented now and in the future, Welie said.

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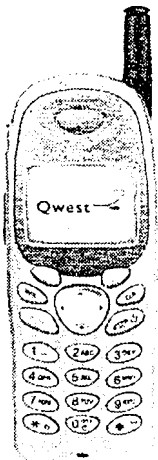
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Campus Voice

What can Creighton Public Safety do to improve vehicle safety on campus?



Kristin Pfeifer
Arts & Sciences Junior

"Be more aware of suspicious activity rather than giving out parking tickets."



Jonathan Badeen
Business Sophomore

"They can actually patrol the lots."



Mike Walsh
Arts & Sciences Junior

"Turn on the lights in the parking lots."



Karlyn Gardner
Nursing Freshman

"Monitor the area closer and give out less tickets."

Britney is not the only one who needs time



Senior speak

By Jean Ortiz
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

I feel like I'm stuck in a horrible Britney Spears song. Which one am I talked about, you may ask? I was thinking of the one where her life is in limbo somewhere between childhood and adulthood.

It's hard to believe that my educational career will be ending in a month. It makes me think about a lot of things. I feel as if I'm being forced to grow up, and part of me doesn't think I'm ready.

Somehow over the course of four years I was too busy pulling all-nighters and writing research papers to notice all those moments of time that passed me by. Somehow in that time, I changed and didn't quite notice. One minute I was watching MTV and the next, I had made the switch to VH1. Now I scoff at the juniors section in the department store. Did I actually shop there?

Of course, it's exciting to look to the future and try to imagine what sort of person I will become or what sort of opportunities lie ahead. At the same time it's somewhat depressing. What if I turn old and don't notice when it

happens? Will my life soon include listening to lite rock music, watching the Lifetime channel and eventually starting a (gulp) garden?

I've already "misplaced" my car in the parking lot at school earlier this year. Come on, don't laugh. You know you've done it too. Maybe it's a sign of what is to come.

Like most people, I'm uneasy with change. Part of me wishes that I could simply freeze this moment in time and forever procrastinate growing up. Another part of me wants to leap forward, skipping the entire messy transition.

No doubt I've learned a lot in the last four years, but it will never be enough to make me feel 100 percent confident in joining the real world.

I'm the kind of person who has to learn through doing, not so much through watching. Only through experience—both the good and the bad—

will I be able to gain the real knowledge needed to be not only successful, but also happy in life.

Throw in a course in health insurance selection 101 and intro to saving for retirement and maybe I'll be closer to being set.

Maybe I just need to step back and take each day as it comes. Looking at the whole picture is a bit frightening and overwhelming. It will be a slow, though hopefully steady process.

So Britney is right, I just need one thing—time.

"Will my life soon include listening to lite rock music, watching the Lifetime channel and eventually starting a (gulp) garden?"

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Letter to the Editor

Gay Straight Alliance responds to recent opposition by voicing its mission of diversity and inclusion

It has been no secret that the Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) has been an issue of controversy among students, faculty, staff, and administration over the past year.

Recently more vocal opposition to the organization has been observed relating to the existence of the group on a Catholic, Jesuit campus.

Let us assure you that this organization does correspond to the Creighton University Mission Statement.

As executive members of this organization, we do not ask that everyone support the GSA, but we do ask that you respect all people as citizens of humanity.

The Gay Straight Alliance supports diversity on this campus by embracing people of different race, ethnicity, religion, age, sexual orientation, or any other category that allows people to discriminate. We are promoting Creighton University as an inclusive place for all people.

The GSA falls in line with the

Creighton University Mission Statement. If it did not, we assure you that this organization, just as any organization on this campus, would not exist today.

As an example, our Mission Statement reads, "The group intends to address sexual identity within the Catholic, Jesuit tradition and to promote the Ignatius vision which affirms the goodness, worth and dignity of every person."

The GSA is working as a support system for all individuals. This alliance is something more than just a group for homosexuals. This organization is about the respect and acceptance of all God's children.

Respectfully submitted,

Gay Straight Alliance Executives,

- Kurtis Young**
- Kelly Reardon**
- Becky Chabot**
- Seth Herman**

Spring has arrived, now it's our time to show up



A View of You

By the Rev. Larry Gillick, S.J.
COLUMNIST

These early days of spring have been trying mightily to at least show up and begin to show off. Flowers, songs of birds, greening of grass, and warming of breezes are how spring declares her independence and generosity. I am waiting to have a view of spring soon.

I do have a good view of you this week though. One of the most devastating comments we can make about someone is that she or he is a "show-off." This usually means that this other person is so full of him or herself, that what they are doing is exclusive and encompasses nobody else, except as appreciators. What they are doing is less an expression of who they are, but rather using what they are doing to ask the observers to give them assistance in appreciating and accepting themselves.

Two persons are juggling; they both do the same tricks. One is showing up and the other is showing-off. The one showing-off is less in contact with entertaining me, but rather is asking me to inflate him or her. This juggler is using juggling and using me to pump up a pretense. It does take a while to discern which is which, but not real long.

Terrell Taylor was not showing-off in the second half of the game against

Florida; as is said, he showed up. If he were showing-off, it would mean he cared little for his mates, our school and ultimately, himself. Both these ways of behaving are interior attitudes, which play out where they can be seen. A "show-off" has a neediness deep inside them, which asks constantly for approval. They may appear confident, arrogant and self-possessed. This is the pretense.

A "show-up" takes what she or he has and kneads it. This is also a "kneadiness," but the meaning is that what the person has mixes and melds with the gifts of others, which enhance relationships and enjoyment. This sharing, this mixedness is meant to advance the team, the class, and the community and perhaps allow a personal display on the side.

Terrell was highlighted for his last second three-pointer, but he also brought the whole team back from a large deficit. Nobody would say he showed off and we are glad he showed-up.

My view of you this week has to do with how others of you have been present and accounted for. "Showing-uppity" is also a deep interior attitude in which you have such a confidence in your "shot" that you take it for the team, class and relationships of your lives. There is much of this going on these days when spring is trying so hard to share with us the beauty that is within her.

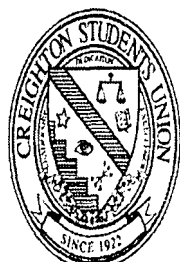
It is such a good view of you these days. Watch the baseball and softball teams. Enjoy the efforts and accomplishments of each other and see if you can find any off-showing around here. Report them immediately! Come on spring and strut your stuff!

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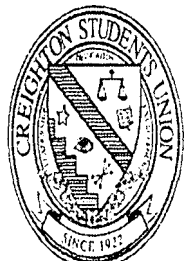
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Fling gets varied reviews from fans

By Sara Jacobson & Lori Stevenson
ENTERTAINMENT STAFF

The best way to describe reactions to last Friday's Spring Fling concert would be to use a quote from 311 themselves: "All mixed up."

The concert, which featured Grasshopper Takeover and Hoobastank along with 311, seemed to have a great turnout as far as numbers go. Students were outside the Kiewit Fitness Center as early as 6:30 p.m. waiting for the doors to open for the show at 8 p.m. However, responses after the show were as different as could be.

Arts & Sciences senior Chief Modikwa was one student who had mixed feelings about the show.

"311 was pretty good, I was impressed," he said. "But I did not care much for Hoobastank at all."

311 guitarist Tim Mahoney said that the band chose Hoobastank as their opening band after meeting them on a tour in Europe with mutual friends, the band Incubus.

"We get a lot of inspiration and influence from old reggae and hard rock stuff like Bob Marley and Bad Brains, but good bands that we play with every night like Hoobastank inspire us a lot, too," Mahoney said.

Local band Grasshopper Takeover, the first to hit the stage, seemed to get a response from only a handful of fans. Mahoney said that 311 decided to ask Grasshopper Takeover to play with them because they are old Omaha friends.

Hoobastank seemed to be well received by the crowd, especially when they began their hit song, "Crawling in the Dark." It was obvious, however, that the energy was building rapidly for the main band.

Mahoney said he was excited to play at Creighton because his parents met while they were students here.

When 311 hit the stage, the KFC was chaotic. The security were pushing back moshers and catching crowd surfers who came tumbling over the plywood barrier between the fans and the stage.

Students seemed to love the songs 311 played in the beginning such as "Beautiful Disaster." Mahoney said that with this tour, the band has actually been "diggin' in and playing a lot of older songs and stuff we haven't played in a while."

The band apparently changed its set list for the Creighton concert. By the middle of the show, the crowd got antsy when the band began playing songs with a more mellow beat off their new album, released in June 2001, "From Chaos."

With "From Chaos," Mahoney said that the band tried a new way of recording. They wrote the songs first, went on tour and played them to get a reaction from fans, and then went into the studio to record.

"We wanted to take the momentum and energy of playing on the road every night into the studio," Mahoney said. "I think we benefited from that a lot."

Arts & Sciences Junior Bob Phelps wanted more old songs at the Creighton show.

"I think they should have played more older, upbeat songs instead of the slower ones like, 'Champagne,'" Phelps said.

311 redeemed itself, however, by going back to the older songs such as "All Mixed Up" near the end of the show.

Mahoney said he thinks the band improves with every show they play together. "When we are out touring, communication amongst everyone as a band gets better and we really grow together."

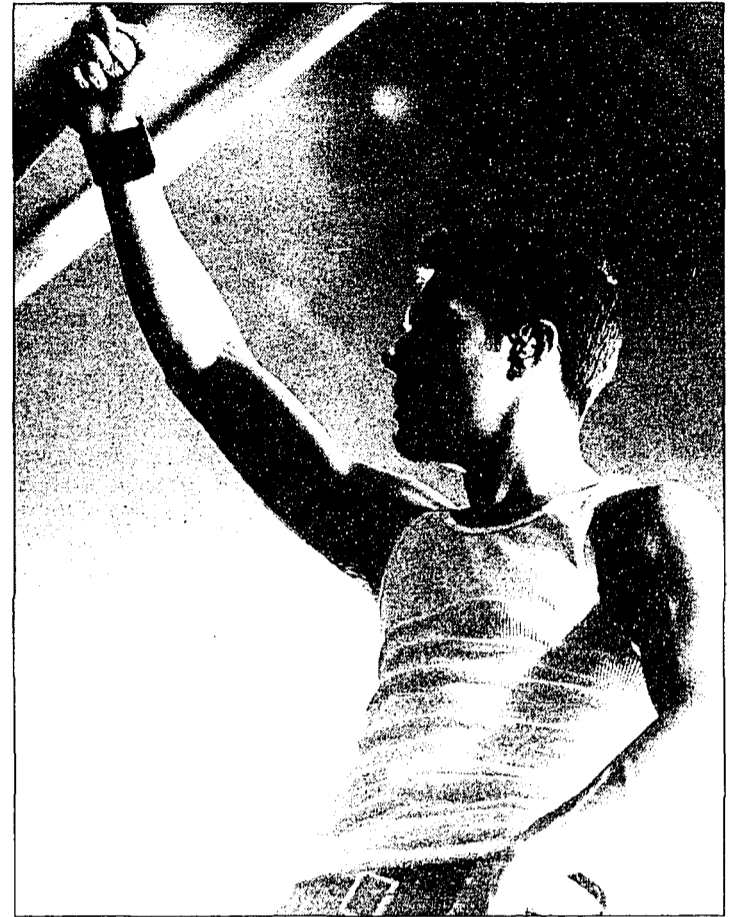


Photos by: Sara Jacobson

(Top) 311 guitarist Tim Mahoney works on a riff.

(Right) Lead singer Nick Hexum gets into a slow song.

(Above) The band: Mahoney, Hexum, S.A. Martinez, Chad Sexton, & P-Nut rock the KFC.



Mahoney said 311 doesn't hit Omaha on all its tours anymore because it has less fans here than surrounding cities like Kansas City. When asked whether 311 still considers itself an Omaha band, Mahoney said that he thinks of the band as gypsies and more of an American band than anything.

"We've got nothin' but love for Omaha," he said. I would never have wanted to grow up anywhere else, but its fun living in California, and the weather is better."

One thing that Mahoney will never let go of is La Casa pizza, which his parents bring frozen to California when they visit him.

"We've been fortunate enough to eat pizza in lots of remote parts of the world, but there's nothing that beats La Casa," he said.

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Professor digs into Israel's past

Out of the Blue

By Joy Kurtz

ASSISTANT PEOPLE EDITOR

In the summer Dr. Nicholae Roddy swaps his schoolbooks for a shovel.

Roddy is an assistant professor of theology at Creighton and director of the Bethsaida Excavation Project through the University of Nebraska at Omaha. The group digs off the north shore of the Sea of Galilee each year.

Roddy and other volunteers travel to Israel each summer to dig in the area that was once the "base of operations for Jesus." The site dates back to the Iron Age, 1000 B.C.E., and Roddy said that it has some of the most massive, monumental architecture and best preserved Iron Age gate and city wall anywhere in the region.

Roddy's most memorable experience while working on the project came on a June morning in 1997. One of the student volunteers uncovered a sacrificial altar stela, or engraved stone, dedicated to a Mesopotamia Moon God. The artifact is on display in the Israeli Museum in Jerusalem.

Roddy said that the goal of the excavation project every year is to learn as much about the site as possible. However, Roddy also enjoys watching student volunteers learn about themselves. His favorite part of the digs is "witnessing the transformation that occurs when student volunteers discover themselves beneath the layers of dirt and time," he said. Roddy said he believes that students learn a lot about



Courtesy: Nicholae Roddy

Dr. Nicholae Roddy travels to Israel during the summer to dig up artifacts that date back thousands of years. He is seen here (far right) in 1998 in front of the Bethsaida city gate.

their own humanity by uncovering artifacts.

Each year the Bethsaida project draws more than 300 volunteers. However, due to the violence in the area, the dig will be reduced to 50 volunteers this summer. This upcoming summer would be Roddy's seventh year with the project.

However, due to personal reasons, he will be taking a sabbatical.

Roddy's experiences in the project carry over to his teachings in the classroom. "The personal involvement, knowledge and experience derived from that allows me to be more effective

in the classroom and to speak firsthand about some of the things we read about in the Bible," he said.

Although Roddy's excavation project is through UNO, he said he actively supports and encourages students to participate in Creighton's own excavation project in Caesarea Maritima, Israel.

Dr. Ronald Simkins, associate professor of the theology department, is in charge of Creighton's excavation project. Although Creighton is not planning a trip this summer due to the violence in the region, he encourages any students who are interested in exploring archeology and learning about other cultures to sign up for a trip in the future.



Roddy

Name: Nicholae Roddy
Birthday: March 3
Hometown: Omaha, Neb.
Profession: Assistant professor of theology

Strangest Habit:
Watching "Mystery Science Theater" reruns.

Life Motto:
From Socrates: "It is better to die for the truth than to live a lie."

One word self-description:
Seeking.

Phobias or fears:
Spiders.

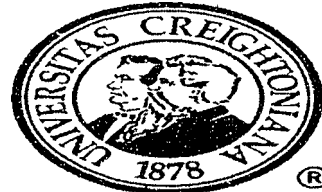
Happiest Memory:
Last night when I tucked my daughter into bed. It gets happier everyday.

Piece of advice your grandmother gave you:
To accept myself for who I am and to accept others.

"The personal involvement, knowledge and experience derived from that allows me to be more effective in the classroom."

Dr. Nicholae Roddy
Assistant Professor of Theology

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Sports **Shorts**

Men's soccer falls in spring exhibition match

The men's soccer team fell 3-1 to Major League Soccer's Kansas City Wizards in an exhibition match at Tranquility Park on April 5. The Bluejays fell behind 1-0 early before Mike Tranchilla's penalty kick at 23:33 tied the match.

However, the Bluejays couldn't produce any more offense. The Wizards outshot the Bluejays 14-5 in the contest. The exhibition match served as a fundraiser for the new soccer stadium.

Bluejay men's tennis wins despite injuries

Despite playing with only five players due to injury, the Creighton men's tennis team defeated Bradley 5-3 on April 5 before falling to Indiana State, 7-0. The team is 9-8 on the season and 2-3 in the Missouri Valley Conference. The Bluejays were forced to forfeit two matches because of injuries to Pierre-Marc Villeneuve, Ryan Polito and Nick Heiser.

Head coach Tom Lilly expects Villeneuve to return to the line-up this weekend against Southern Illinois and Evansville while Polito remains on the injured list. Saturday's matches against Southern Illinois begin at 11 a.m. at Tranquility Park and Sunday's matches against Evansville begin at 9 a.m. Rain would move the matches to the Hanscom Indoor Tennis Center.

Injuries force forfeits for CU women's tennis

The Creighton women's tennis team also battled injuries last weekend. Megan Kowal, Creighton's No. 1 singles player, missed competition due to a shoulder injury. Lauren Woodward and Kelly Kielbowicz both had to forfeit mid-set due to injuries as Creighton lost to Indiana State. Kielbowicz returned Saturday as the Bluejays swept Bradley, 7-0, and lost to Illinois State, 6-0.

The women return to the courts Saturday in Carbondale, Ill., where they play Southern Illinois and Northern Iowa. Matches are at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. The team then travels to Evansville Sunday to face the Aces. Matches begin at 8 a.m. The women are 9-8 on the season and 1-4 in the conference.

Women's golf prepares for conference tourney

The Creighton women's golf team looks to improve on its ninth-place finish at the Payne Stewart Memorial Tournament, held in Springfield, Mo. They return to action April 21-23 for the Missouri Valley Conference Championships, to be held in Normal, Ill. Last weekend's tournament saw the Bluejays shaving strokes off their scores and better shooting the second day of competition. The Bluejays shot a 355 the first day and a 350 the second to finish ninth.

Young crew pulling hard

Women's crew team rows well on home waters

By Nic Wilson
REPORTER

The women's crew team is anticipating more favorable results as it looks forward to the heart of its spring regatta schedule.

Fresh off a winter filled with afternoon weightlifting and power training, the team finally competed in its first regattas of the season.

On Sunday, the team played host to the Upper Midwest Collegiate Sprints regatta at Carter Lake.

Seniors Joy and Mary DoBrauc placed first in the Women's Pair with a time of 5:05.6.

The team also captured second-place finishes in the Varsity Eight and the Novice Four B.

The women placed third in the Novice Four A and finished fourth in the Varsity Four and Novice Eight.

Coach Dan Chipps was satisfied with his team's home regatta performance.

"We did well but we definitely know what we need to do to get faster for the conclusion of our season," Chipps said. "I was especial-



File photo

The women's crew team practices one foggy morning on Carter Lake. The team played host to the Upper Midwest Collegiate Sprints regatta held on April 7. This was the only home event for the Jays. The women travel for the next three weekends to St. Louis, Mo., Topeka, Kan. and Madison, Wis.

ly happy for the DoBraucs. They are the only seniors on the team."

Chipps said he believes his team is better prepared thanks to the help of Satoshi Ochi, Jennifer Yee and Jen Tamaye of Creighton's strength and conditioning program.

The team spent spring break in Austin, Texas, for training.

"We were on the water for four to five hours a day," sophomore Jaime Ammons said. "Everyone improved, especially the novices."

The team then traveled to Dallas and split a regatta with Southern Methodist, one of the tallest teams Creighton will face all sea-

son. Height can give a team an advantage due to the longer water strokes its rowers can take.

"We still have small numbers with 19 on the team, but we're getting bigger, faster and stronger," Chipps said. "It can only help us fulfill our goals as we head into our next regattas."

The team's focus now centers upon the April 14 regatta in St. Louis; the April 20 regatta in Topeka, Kan.; and the Midwest Rowing Championships in Madison, Wis., on April 27.

Chipps and his team are thankful for the nice weather early spring has brought.

He believes the optimal practice conditions will give the team an added edge as it prepares for its upcoming regattas.

"This time last year Carter Lake was still frozen," Chipps said. "This gives us a month and a half head start."

The underclassmen plan on doing their best to leave a lasting impression on the season.

"We are going into every regatta the rest of the season trying to get some medals for Joy and Mary," Ammons said. "They are the only seniors and we want to win it for them."

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Young staff keeps Bluejays winning

By Ashley Delisi

ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Creighton ended a nearly decade-long drought against in-state rival Nebraska in Omaha with an 8-3 win Tuesday.

The Bluejays used seven pitchers to throw off Nebraska's hitters to seal the win.

The win over 12th ranked Nebraska saw the Bluejay pitching staff give up three runs on six hits. The win was the fifth consecutive for the Bluejays.

Junior Mike Perkins, who started the game, threw a scoreless first inning.

Senior Prentice Loftstedt, freshman Jon

Gorden, senior Brian Koch, junior Matt Garland and sophomore Steve Grasley all saw action in the win.

Freshman Tony Roth and senior Scott Allen both homered for the Bluejays. Both now have four home runs this season.

Creighton's record improves to 15-11 overall and 2-0 against ranked teams. Creighton beat Notre Dame, a preseason nationally ranked team, on March 11.

"We went through quite a bunch of pitching this weekend but we can't go out and throw one of our top guys because we have a tough series coming up against Northern Iowa," head coach Jack Dahm said. "Our pitching depth isn't where we wanted it to be at the beginning of the year. Our guys have been doing a better job throwing strikes."

Dahm seems pretty confident in his pitchers thus far.

"I think some of our pitchers are making a lot of progress," Dahm said. "Steve Grasley has developed well, plus some of our younger guys have also clearly improved."

Sophomore Tom Oldham is the

team's No. 1 starter.

Freshman Matt Buckingham, Perkins and Grasley round out the pitching rotation.

Last year, Oldham had a 3-5 record and a 7.07 ERA. He started 10 games and had a season-best eight strike outs in eight innings.

This year Oldham has started eight games, struck out 47 batters and has a 3.72 ERA.

"You just have to realize that they have to hit your pitch," Oldham said. "With the team we have this year, it

takes a lot of pressure off me as a pitcher."

Buckingham, who has stepped up as the No. 2 starter, pitched one strike out and scattered six hits during the

Bluejays' first double-header game against Evansville on Saturday.

"Matt Buckingham has really done an outstanding job," Dahm said. "He had a very good fall, and he's beaten three of the best teams. He's a pleasant surprise and has a lot of poise."

Buckingham has pitched in 12 games, five as a starter and has pitched one complete game.

Buckingham gives credit to his coaches and fellow players for helping his transition from high school to Division I college pitching.

Perkins started at the mound and pitched three scoreless innings in the second game of last Saturday's double-header against Evansville.

As this young pitching staff matures, the Bluejays could have the potential to become a more powerful team in the Missouri Valley Conference.

"I don't see us being dominant, but I see us being a really good pitching staff," Dahm said. "It's a young pitching staff and we're excited about them for this year and next year."

"I don't see us being dominant, but I see us being a really good pitching staff."

Jack Dahm
Head Coach



(Top) Centerfielder Joe Pietro turns to lay down a bunt in recent conference action against Illinois State. In Creighton's 8-3 win over in-state rival Nebraska Tuesday, Pietro's triple in the seventh inning scored two runs and gave the Bluejays all the insurance runs they would need.

(Left) Creighton used seven pitchers in the game, including Matt Buckingham shown in action earlier in the season. Creighton's pitchers held the Huskers to just three runs on six hits. It was the first win over the Huskers in Omaha since 1993. The two teams will meet again in Lincoln Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. The Bluejays travel to Northern Iowa this weekend to take on the Panthers in Missouri Valley Conference play. Creighton is 8-5 in the conference.

Softball player's passion is for racing

Family's racetrack bond leads to love of playing in dirt

By Sam Herrera

REPORTER

The night that Creighton softball player DeAnn "Lefty" Kaster was born was not just an ordinary night—it was "race night."

To most families, being born on "race night" would mean nothing.

To the Kaster family it meant everything.

"Racing is in our family's blood," Kaster said. "I might as well have been born on a racetrack."

The Kaster racing family began with DeAnn's grandfather.

In an effort to keep his son out of trouble, Grandpa Kaster would make Kaster's father go work on race cars at night.

This work eventually sparked a passion in her father that led him to build his own race car. He has been racing since he was 17.

As a young child, Kaster cared little about playing with dolls, brushing her hair, or doing other things traditionally thought of as typical of little girls.



Photo courtesy of DeAnn Kaster
Kaster, center, with her father Buz Kaster and the trophy presenters after a win at the I-35 Speedway. Kaster races in an IMCA Modified.

Instead, she spent her time with her father and the rest of his racing buddies, quickly learning her way around a race car.

"I learned how to change a car tire when I was 5 years old," DeAnn said. "I was always walking around covered in grease, freaking my mom out constantly."

At seven, Kaster could be found running around the pit area of a racetrack.

"I was street smart and I knew my way around a pit," Kaster said. "I was safer around those cars than most older people. When they changed the pit age rule to 17, I was crushed."

When she wasn't hanging out with the boys talking about firewalls and engine blocks, Kaster was giving in to her

second passion in life: softball.

"If I wasn't playing in the dirt at the racetrack, then I was playing in the dirt at the ball field," Kaster said. "As I got older, I started to take softball more seriously."

Being one of three girls born to a racing family, Kaster believed that she had a better chance of success on a

softball field then in the cab of a race car.

"I knew that softball was going to pay my way through school and racing wouldn't," Kaster said. "I figured I could get dirty either way."

Although she left behind a career in auto racing, she took to the field her experiences that helped her become the player she is today.

"My dad is a great competitor and I get all of my competitiveness and morals from him," Kaster said. "I've tried to model myself after him."

For Kaster, racing has been a constant part of her family.

Whether it be her placing on her father's race shields, or her mom keeping times, racing has been an event that has brought them together.

"I think racing is so family oriented," Kaster said. "It's the one athletic event that the whole family can participate in, and that's why I love it so much."

With Kaster's father planning to end his career soon, there is still hope for the Kaster family to continue racing.

Angela, the youngest daughter in the Kaster family, will soon take up the sport, continuing the legacy of this family bonded by sports.