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Message from the University President

Keeping Creighton Affordable

We enthusiastically begin another academic year full of gratitude and hope, tempered with a cautious eye toward shifting economic and political realities.

Our students this year were greeted to a campus in bloom. Not only are our grounds bursting with a magnificent kaleidoscope of colors, but our well-tended eastward expansion continues to bear fruit.

Students and alumni returning for reunions got their first look at the new Harper Center for Student Life and Learning; you can read more about it in this issue. Suffice to say, it, indeed, is a signature facility in our historic campus growth.

Through our commitment to strategic planning, we are realizing a bold vision for the University. In this issue, we take a look back at some of the major campus improvements over the last several years. It has truly been an amazing journey, one that has been shared by so many.

Our sights have been squarely set on what's best for our students. We are dedicated to creating an environment that provides support; facilitates collaboration and community; and encourages academic, social and spiritual growth.

This fall, we welcomed the second-largest freshman class in Creighton's history — some 986 students strong. We are blessed with a class that has top-notch academic credentials, and we continue to make great strides in attracting a more diverse student population.

I am also pleased that Creighton was once again ranked No. 1 among Midwest master's universities in *U.S. News & World Report's* annual "America's Best Colleges" rankings. Equally significant, I believe, was recognition in two other *U.S. News* categories.

We were called out as a "school to watch" by peer experts for our innovation and vision, and we received the No. 1 "great school, great price" spot in the Midwest. This latter designation refers to students receiving the best return on their tuition investment.

One of our challenges as we look ahead is to make sure that Creighton University continues to attract the best and brightest students regardless of their economic status.

As college expenses outpace family income growth, affordability has become a major focus in higher education and Congress. As a member of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities' executive committee and chair of the public policy committee, my colleagues and I grapple with ways to increase student access to affordable higher education. Being private and independent, we face constant competition from state-funded universities to attract talented students.

My interest in these issues goes deeper, as they speak to Creighton's very core. I have faith in the power of education to transform and improve the future of families for generations to come. This is especially true of a Jesuit, Catholic education, where we develop and empower students to reach their fullest potential to examine, engage and change the world.

Creighton surpasses many universities in enrolling talented lower-income students. We have a higher percentage of undergraduates in the lowest income group than other Jesuit or top private universities.

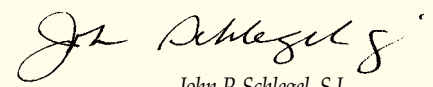
This year's incoming freshman class illustrates what we are achieving at Creighton. The academic profile of the class places us among the top five private universities in the Midwest with undergraduate enrollments above 4,000. It also ranks Creighton among the top eight Catholic universities in the nation, out of 220.

Twenty-four percent of our freshmen are the first in their families to attend college. We have increased our ethnic diversity in this class, with 24 percent being students of color. This is very much in keeping with the spirit of our founders and the driving philosophy behind our Jesuit, Catholic mission.

While we have experienced significant endowment growth, we lag behind our peers. It is a priority of mine to significantly increase our scholarship endowment to guarantee that Creighton is affordable for low- and middle-income families.

Creighton must provide adequate financial aid, not only to fulfill our mission, but also because demographers forecast that the number of higher-need students will grow over the next decade. By increasing our endowment, we will ensure that these students will experience a Jesuit, Catholic environment, where knowledge is augmented with the call to serve God and others.

May God continue to bless you.



John P. Schlegel, S.J.
President



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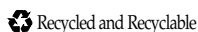
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Creighton University Magazine's Purpose

Creighton University Magazine, like the University itself, is committed to excellence and dedicated to the pursuit of truth in all its forms. The magazine will be comprehensive in nature. It will support the University's mission of education through thoughtful and compelling feature articles on a variety of topics. It will feature the brightest, the most stimulating, the most inspirational thinking that Creighton offers. The magazine also will promote Creighton, and its Jesuit, Catholic identity, to a broad public and serve as a vital link between the University and its constituents. The magazine will be guided by the core values of Creighton: the inalienable worth of each individual, respect for all of God's creation, a special concern for the poor, and the promotion of justice.



Photo by Dave Weaver

Magis Teachers Commissioned

A commissioning Mass was held at St. John's Church this summer for the 19 students enrolled in Creighton's Magis Catholic Teacher Corps. Magis is a two-year program centered on community living, academic coursework and Ignatian Spirituality that prepares and supports highly motivated, faith-filled teachers to serve in under-resourced Catholic schools. The Magis students are pictured with, center from left, Bishop Blase Cupich of Rapid City, S.D., Omaha Archbishop Elden Curtiss, and Bishop William Dendinger of Grand Island, Neb.

Creighton Remembers Frs. Egan, Flanagan, Lubbers

Creighton said goodbye to a pair of Jesuits this past summer whose tenure at Creighton totaled more than 80 years: the Rev. Lawrence Flanagan and the Rev. Leland "Lee" Lubbers.

The University also lost the Rev. James A. (Jim) Egan, whose journey as a Jesuit took him to Uganda as a pastor to priests.

Fr. Egan

Fr. Egan died in Omaha on Oct. 2. He was 73. A Jesuit for 55 years and a native Nebraskan, Fr. Egan taught English and theology in a variety of settings before settling on pastoral work. From 1999 to 2006, he lived and worked in Uganda, where he ministered to priests in the 19 dioceses of the country.

Fr. Flanagan

Ordained in 1952, Fr. Flanagan came to Creighton in 1954 to teach theology. Apart from one year of study at the Institut Catholique de Paris in France, the Jesuit priest remained at Creighton, teaching and guiding hundreds of students in theology.



Fr. Egan



Fr. Flanagan



Fr. Lubbers

At one time, he also chaired the department.

Retiring from teaching in 1990, Fr. Flanagan continued his pastoral presence and priestly ministry up until a few weeks before his death on June 29, at the age of 91.

Fr. Lubbers

Often sporting a colorful ski-hat against the Midwest's icy winters, Fr. Lubbers was almost an instant fixture on the Creighton campus from the moment he arrived in the mid-1960s. Ordained a priest in 1959, Fr. Lubbers established the fine arts department at Creighton upon his arrival in 1964. But perhaps the Creighton artist/priest is best known as the founder of the SCOLA (Satellite Communications for Learning) network — which broadcasts television programming from around the world.

Fr. Lubbers died on June 27. He was 80 years old.

Read more online at creightonmagazine.org.

Rankings Recognize Creighton's Academics, Value, Vision

For the sixth year in a row, Creighton University is No. 1 in *U.S. News & World Report* magazine's rankings of Midwest master's universities. It is the 11th time in 13 years that Creighton University has ranked No. 1 in *U.S. News & World Report's* "America's Best Colleges" edition.

Creighton was also recognized as No. 1 in the Midwest region in the category "Great Schools, Great Prices" for giving students the



providing a quality learning and living environment for students in the Jesuit tradition, preparing them to be the next generation of leaders of the world."

The *U.S. News* ranking category, Universities-Master's, reflects the scope of academic offerings, including a full range of undergraduate and master's-level programs, and in Creighton's case, doctoral programs. The criteria are academic reputation, graduation and retention rates, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources and alumni giving.

In addition to the *U.S. News* ranking, Creighton is once again listed in the *Princeton Review's* 2009 annual college guide as one of the nation's top 368 colleges and universities. Creighton has been recognized in the guide for several years.

The review features comments from more than 120,000 students and a two-page profile on each school. Creighton's ratings for its academic quality, admissions selectivity, quality of financial aid and fire safety all improved. New this year is a "green rating" based on the schools' environmentally related practices, policies and course offerings. Creighton received a rating of 89 out of 99.

Only about 15 percent of the more than 3,500 colleges and universities nationwide, plus two Canadian colleges, were chosen for the book.

Creighton was recognized as No. 1 in the Midwest region in the category "Great Schools, Great Prices" for giving students the best return on their tuition investment.

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In a new category of "Schools to Watch," peer experts identified schools that are innovative and focused on the future and continuous improvement. Creighton ranked No. 4 in the Midwest.

"It is important to keep rankings in perspective because they are a tool that is used by the public. But they only tell part of the story," said Creighton President the Rev. John P. Schlegel, S.J. "Creighton's focus is on

New Book Celebrates Creighton's Spiritual Roots

When Creighton students came to campus this fall, a small book mysteriously appeared among their "Welcome to Creighton" items.

Well, maybe not so mysteriously.

The Union of Minds and Hearts: Celebrating the Spiritual Roots of Creighton University, An Introduction for Newcomers is the brainchild of Creighton Director of Campus Ministry and biblical theologian Laura Weber, Ph.D.

A collection of essays by 20 Creighton Jesuits and lay partners, *The Union of Minds and Hearts* is meant to fit easily into a backpack or briefcase, but not to stay unopened.

The anthology, Weber says, offers a concise introduction to Creighton's founding vision, a brief recounting of the life and educational endeavors of St. Ignatius of Loyola, an exploration of Ignatian spirituality as it applies to the University context, and a celebration of Ignatius' quest to "find God in all things," along with his motto, "Ad majorem Dei gloriam" or "for the greater glory of God."

To order the book, contact the Creighton Bookstore at 402.280.2796.



Creighton Enrollment Sets Record at 7,051

For the first time in Creighton University's history, enrollment has passed the 7,000 mark, with 7,051 undergraduate, graduate and professional students. The previous record was set last fall, at 6,992.

This year's freshman class' academic profile places Creighton among the top five private universities in the Midwest with undergraduate enrollments greater than 4,000, and in the top eight Catholic universities in the nation.

Here is a look at the freshman class of 2008-2009:

986 second-largest incoming class ever (989 is the record, in 1979).

41% ranked in the top 10 percent of their high school graduating classes; 12 percent ranked No. 1 or 2 in high school.

20% scored in the top 3 percent of the nation on the ACT or SAT.

48% scored in the top 10 percent of the nation on the ACT or SAT.

24% first generation of their families to attend college.

28% have close relatives who attended Creighton.

24% students of color.

65 come from Hawaii. Creighton enrolls more Hawaiians than any university in the East, South or Midwest.

85% involved in service or church organizations.

71% members of the National Honor Society in high school.

50% involved in theater or music, while 32 percent were active in school publications.

New Biology Professor Creates Buzz with Beekeeping Past

These days, for Carol Fassbinder-Orth, Ph.D., an assistant professor in Creighton University's biology department who specializes in avian diseases, it's all about the birds. But for most of her life it's been about the bees.

By her own testimony, she was stung "thousands of times" growing up on Fassbinder Apiaries, her father's bee farm in Elgin, Iowa. A town of 700 people in the northeast corner of the state surrounded by wooded areas and founded largely by Swiss immigrants, Elgin today bills itself as "The Little Switzerland of Iowa."

It was to this remote refuge that Fassbinder-Orth's father headed in 1976, leaving behind life as an electrical engineer in Des Moines for a house in Elgin with no running water.

Now, as then, Robert Fassbinder pursues the beekeeper life, producing a river of honey for commercial processors. He could not have known, 27 years ago, that his newborn daughter would become an expert on bees, winning international awards even as a high school student for her work on diseases that plague probably the world's most important insect.

Fassbinder-Orth remembers sitting on a blanket or romping in the woods as a 3-year-old while her father maintained his 1,700 "colonies" housing millions of bees. By the age of 5, she was helping to carry her dad's honey boxes.

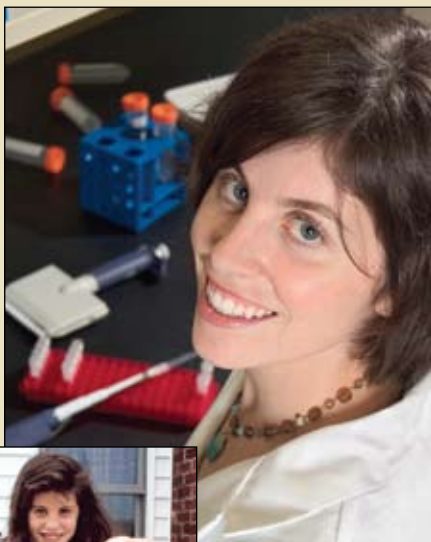
Her home was a bee-friendly environment, she recalled. While most of us have memories of protective mothers lashing out at bees with a fly swatter, her memories are different.

"Oh, no," she said. "We wouldn't try to kill the bee. It was more of an effort to get them to fly outside."

The bee sting was as familiar to Fassbinder-Orth as a grazed knee is to most kids.

"I was never afraid of bees," she recalled. "I got stung thousands of times, sometimes 10 or 12 times in a single day."

As she advanced through childhood and adolescence, she donned the beekeeper's veil and gloves and began a fascination with the natural world that saw her earn a Ph.D. in zoology from the University of Wisconsin just this year, 2008. She arrived at Creighton July 1 and was still arranging her office in late July even as she taught courses in animal physiology and the ecology of zoonotic



Carol Fassbinder-Orth in her biology lab at Creighton and, at left, as a 9-year-old holding a frame of bees.

Photo by Brandon McKenna, BA '95

diseases (diseases that animals pass to humans).

In a city of 700 people, where Fassbinder-Orth's high school graduating class was just over 30 students, she soon drew the eye of faculty members at Iowa State University. A rare talent, Fassbinder-Orth's research successes as a high school student — she won several local, state and national awards — led to further success as an undergraduate student. All told, her prizes totaled approximately \$80,000, fully financing her undergraduate education.

An Iowa State University press release in October 2000 noted her receipt of a Grand Prize in the Worldwide Young Researchers for the Environment contest. She competed with 143 student scientists from 73 nations for one of five grand prizes.

She received the award for developing a natural alternative to chemicals for ridding honeybees of the parasitic varroa mite, which clings to the bees and would be — in terms of size, she said — the equivalent of a squirrel clinging to a human.

"Carol's primary motivation is to help the world's beekeepers protect their bees from the devastating effects of the parasitic varroa mite," the university proudly noted.

Married now, with two small children, Fassbinder-Orth lives in a residential neighborhood in Council Bluffs, Iowa, where any attempt at beekeeping would probably stir, it might be said, a swarm of opposition.

Heaney, Zielinski Fill Interim Posts

Robert Heaney, BS'47, MD'51, and Cecile Zielinski, MD'71, were named interim vice president for health sciences and dean of the



Heaney



Zielinski

School of Medicine, respectively, this summer at Creighton. Both positions were left vacant with the departure of Cam Enarson, M.D., in July. Search committees have been formed to fill both positions.

Heaney was named to the John A. Creighton University Professor endowed chair in 1984 and served as Creighton's first vice president for health sciences from 1971-1984. Heaney is internationally known for his landmark work in the field of osteoporosis and human calcium physiology.

Zielinski, who most recently served as associate dean for graduate medical education at Creighton, is a recipient of the St. Ignatius Award presented by Creighton's Degelman Center for Ignatian Spirituality.

Grewcock Named to Creighton Board

Joining Creighton University's Board of Directors this October is Bruce Grewcock,



Grewcock

president and CEO of Peter Kiewit Sons', Inc.

With headquarters in Omaha, Grewcock leads a company that was named the most admired engineering/construction company in 2007 by *Fortune*.

Kiewit is the fifth-largest general contractor in the U.S. and is a top-10 producer of coal. The firm had revenues in 2007 of about \$6.2 billion.

Grewcock joined Kiewit in 1982 as a chief engineer. Following a series of promotions, he was named president and chief operating officer of Kiewit Corporation in 2000 and became chief executive officer in 2005.

OT Distance-Learning Program Launched in Alaska

In August, Creighton launched a distance-learning program aimed at addressing a critical shortage of occupational therapists in Alaska.

Creighton is partnering with the University of Alaska at Anchorage (UAA) to educate and train occupational therapy students through this first-of-its-kind pilot program. Eight students are participating in the inaugural class.

"If successful, it could serve as a national model for addressing shortages of health care professionals in Alaska as well as other rural and underserved areas in the United States and worldwide," said J. Chris Bradberry, Pharm.D., dean of the Creighton School of Pharmacy and Health Professions.

"This program fits with our Jesuit mission of reaching out beyond our campus borders to serve communities in need," said Creighton President the Rev. John P. Schlegel, S.J. "In addition, it taps into Creighton's excellence in health sciences education, while building on our tradition of seeking partnerships to address major health care issues."

The students met for the first time on Aug. 11, on the UAA campus, to begin their nine-semester journey to doctoral degrees in occupational therapy. They won't set foot on the Creighton campus until graduation day.

Classes, lectures and coursework are available online to students at their preferred times and locations.

Creighton Recognized for Philanthropic Achievements

The Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) recognized Creighton University with a 2008 Educational Fundraising Award.

The University received an Overall Performance award, which honors superior higher education fundraising programs across the country as selected by a panel of peers. Institutions do not apply for the award; consideration is based on three years of data submitted. Only 37 institutions received this award from a field of more than 4,000.

This is the third year that Creighton has received national recognition for its philanthropic efforts. In 2007, the University was one of only 30 institutions of higher learning to receive the CASE Overall Performance award. Creighton was also recognized by the *Chronicle of Philanthropy* as one of the top 400 nonprofit organizations based upon ability to attract private support. The University reached the list for the first time (ranking 351) for its performance in 2006 from a field of more than 300,000 nonprofits.

"This award is a testament to the generosity of our donors and their understanding of our vision and clear sense of purpose for Creighton University," said

the Rev. John P. Schlegel, S.J., University president. "We are building a culture of philanthropy to enable us to continue to transform the University to serve the needs of our students and patients alike."

Creighton University launched its most ambitious fundraising initiative in the University's history in December 2005 with

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Creighton President

a goal of raising \$350 million. The *WILLING TO LEAD CAMPAIGN* has raised more than \$330 million to date.

"This recognition is an indicator that building relationships and connecting alumni and Creighton's friends with the great things the University is doing leads to success," said Lisa Calvert, who is responsible for advancement as Creighton University's vice president for University Relations.

CASE is the largest international association of educational institutions, serving more than 3,200 universities, colleges, schools and related organizations in 46 countries.

Pipeline to Success Gets \$1 Million-Plus Boost

The Office of Health Sciences' Multicultural and Community Affairs at Creighton has received a \$1.05 million, three-year grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration.

"This award will allow Creighton University to continue to serve underrepresented (populations) and minorities in the Omaha community," said Sade Kosoko-Lasaki, M.D., Creighton associate vice president for health sciences, multicultural and community affairs.

Thanks to the grant, Kosoko-Lasaki said, Creighton will continue to "shepherd economically and/or educationally

disadvantaged young people" through educational activities designed to help them prepare for careers in medicine, dentistry, nursing, pharmacy and other health professions.

The grant will help fund Creighton's Pipeline to Success program. The program offers a preprofessional program targeting students in the sixth through 12th grades and a Saturday Academy that focuses on 11th graders.

Pipeline to Success supports the core values of Creighton University — service to others, the importance of family life, the inalienable worth of each individual and an appreciation of ethnic and cultural diversity.



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Medical Students Reach Out Through Project CURA

When it came to choosing between the Creighton University School of Medicine and four or five other schools, the promise of a trip to a developing nation helped seal the deal for Christopher Aldrich of Spokane, Wash. Aldrich led a group of nine fellow first-year medical students on a health service trip to Ghana this past summer as part of Creighton Medical School United in Relief Assistance, known as Project CURA. Read more about Project CURA online at creightonmagazine.org.

Welcome to the Harper Center: Creighton's New Front Door

The Mike and Josie Harper Center for Student Life and Learning is Creighton University's 21st century landmark and signature east-campus anchor.



Photo by Bob Ervin

Filled with light and bursting with energy. These are the descriptions most frequently applied to the Mike and Josie Harper Center for Student Life and Learning.

The open, natural lighting that graces the Harper Center infuses the energy that permeates the building. Creighton University's newest landmark and east-campus anchor is now the front door to the campus for current and prospective students and their families, alumni, members of the greater Omaha community, and all other visitors. It is a key component of Creighton's award-winning campus master plan.

The looks on students' faces as they enter the building for the first time fluctuate between astonishment and enthusiasm.

"It's amazing," said 19-year-old

Jacob Brown, after his initial visit to Harper. The sophomore from Council Bluffs, Iowa, who is majoring in exercise science, added, "Everything is centralized. You have so many things in one building and everything is brand new. It's really exciting."

The 245,000-square-foot Harper Center is modeled upon a new integrative concept in university student centers and is distinctive in the Midwest. The four-level flagship structure brings together traditional and innovative academic services — such as high-tech classrooms, a state-of-the-art multi-purpose auditorium and Creighton's Ratio Studiorum program for freshmen and sophomores — with student-life services, including admissions, financial aid, health and counseling, volunteer programs, a



Photo by Joel Koyama/Opus Construction



The south facade of the Harper Center at dusk ... The Harper Center is home to 16 academic and student services offices, 25 classrooms and meeting rooms, five retail venues, five student lounge areas, a boardroom and a ballroom.

fitness center and more.

In addition to the auditorium and fitness and health centers, the Harper Center contains 16 academic and student services offices, 25 classrooms and meeting rooms, five retail venues, five student lounge areas, a boardroom and a ballroom. A central atrium spans all four floors, and the grand staircase on the south is bordered by a four-story window that illuminates the whole building. The lower level features a stunning "Missouri River Encounter" larger-than-life graphic that winds its way across at least 80 feet of wall space, featuring the photographs of acclaimed Creighton photographer the Rev. Don Doll, S.J.

The Harper Center is a tribute to Creighton's partnerships with alumni, friends and business leaders who

share the University's vision to fulfill its mission with strategic purpose. It was made possible through an initial gift from an anonymous donor and augmented by the generosity of the Harper Family Foundation and other Creighton benefactors. The Harper Center is named for Charles "Mike" Harper and his late wife, Josie.

As Creighton President the Rev. John P. Schlegel, S.J., said at the Harper dedication on Sept. 5, "Today we celebrate the end result of a rewarding partnership between Creighton University and outstanding individuals. This building symbolizes Creighton's promise to students, both current and future, that we will provide an excellent academic education combined with extraordinary opportunities for spiritual, physical and social growth."

Fr. Schlegel said that whenever Creighton has sought "to reach higher and to push the educational envelope, we have always found willing partners to help us achieve our goals. Indeed, we know we cannot reach them alone. But, together, I am convinced we can accomplish them all."

Vice President for Academic Affairs Patrick Borchers noted the benefits of the Harper Center to faculty and the educational process. "This beautiful center offers opportunities to bring together different classes for combined sessions with professors and guest speakers. It is also a wonderful venue for the cross-disciplinary learning and socialization that is a necessity in a modern university."

Borchers said people often associate their educational experiences with

particular places. "These places become singular markers of a community, with particular memories and associations that weave themselves into our lives. In that sense, the Harper Center will be an outstanding marker for our Creighton community, one that our students will find sustains a sense of place and time."

Vice President of Student Services John Cernech, Ph.D., helped oversee the Harper Center from start to finish, one of the most ambitious projects he has undertaken in his 25 years at the University. "For the first time in Creighton's history, all of the key services supporting students are together under one roof," Cernech said. "It is the first impression prospective students and their parents will have of Creighton and one of the last impressions graduates take with them as they leave."

There is more to the Harper Center than meets the eye, however, as the facility is also a showcase "green" building. The Harper Center exceeds environmental standards in its construction, architecture and operations. From land clearing and excavation to foundation work, framing and insulation, and even the drywall, painting, exterior finishing and roofing phases, the center meets new campus mandates for resource efficiency and waste reduction.

The Harper Center also meets another objective: being a good neighbor to the wider community. Omaha is undergoing a renaissance of its downtown, riverfront and northern urban areas, which surround the Creighton campus. Many of the facilities in the Harper Center are open not only to Creighton alumni, but to community, business and professional groups for meetings, conferences and social events.

According to Fr. Schlegel, the Harper Center's genesis was in a carefully prepared campus master plan that was "based on our strategic goals and in conjunction with the burgeoning redevelopment of the north Omaha and riverfront areas. Creighton is a dynamic component of downtown Omaha and a vital resource for its businesses and community organizations."



Creighton President the Rev. John P. Schlegel, S.J., shares a light moment with Mike Harper during the building's dedication on Sept. 5. To Harper's left is his sister, Carol Lyman, and Creighton Vice President for University Ministry the Rev. Andy Alexander, S.J.

Benefactor

The Mike and Josie Harper Center for Student

The Harper Center bears the names of Charles M. "Mike" and Joan F. "Josie" Bruggema Harper, whose philanthropic gifts and civic engagement have dramatically enriched Creighton, Omaha and the surrounding region.

Mike Harper is a former chairman and chief executive officer of ConAgra Foods, Inc., and RJR-Nabisco, and an *emeritus* member of Creighton's Board of Directors. The Harper Center is a tribute to his beloved late wife, Josie, a loving mother and ardent supporter of family, education and health care. Mrs. Harper earned a nursing degree and used her skills to care for her family. The Josie Harper Nursing Scholarship at Creighton also honors her memory.

As ConAgra CEO, Mr. Harper provided the initiative to revitalize downtown Omaha and partnered with government officials to enhance the business climate across Nebraska. Creighton conferred on him an honorary degree in 1995, to recognize his corporate and civic contributions.

A gift from the Harper Family Foundation supports the Harper Center in its role as a "front door" to Creighton University. Foundation trustees include Mr. Harper, his children and their spouses: Carolyn Harper, Dr. Charles M. Harper Jr., Chris Murphy and Elizabeth Harper Murphy, Dr. Halbert Wengatz and Kathleen Harper Wengatz. Mary Bastron Harper, a former trustee, earned a Creighton School of Law degree. The president of the Harper Family Foundation is Mary Robbins.

- Watch an online video tribute to Josie Harper at: www.creightonmagazine.org/josieharper.
- Watch the video of the Sept. 5 dedication at: www.creightonmagazine.org/harperdedication.



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Life and Learning



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The above portrait of Mike and Josie Harper hangs in the foyer of the Harper Center.

Harper Center Goes Green

As Creighton President the Rev. John P. Schlegel, S.J., is fond of saying, Creighton's colors are blue and white, but it must become more green. The Mike and Josie Harper Center for Student Life and Learning takes a giant step in that direction, as the campus' most sustainable building.

Here are some of the ways in which the Harper Center meets environmental standards beyond Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) guidelines:

- High-performance glass facades maximize use of natural sunlight
- Special window glazing in main public corridors allows natural daylight from the atria to penetrate farther into the building's office suite spaces
- Use of natural materials, such as wood and stone, bought from suppliers in the region to reduce fuel consumption
- The heating and cooling system, which is divided into specialized sections, makes it possible to turn off the air in certain areas of the building
- Use of campus steam and chilled water for building heating and cooling
- White roofing materials reduce heat absorption
- Occupancy sensors in offices, classrooms and meeting rooms shut off lights and reduce air flow in rooms not in use
- Extensive use of high-efficiency lighting
- Carpets made from recycled materials
- Hard surface flooring in the main public areas reduces airborne particles and dust
- Recycled rubber flooring in FitNest fitness center
- Bathroom fixtures designed to reduce water consumption
- Use of "green" cleaning supplies
- Outdoor bike racks encourage bicycling
- Brew Jay coffee shop uses sustainable and recyclable paper products

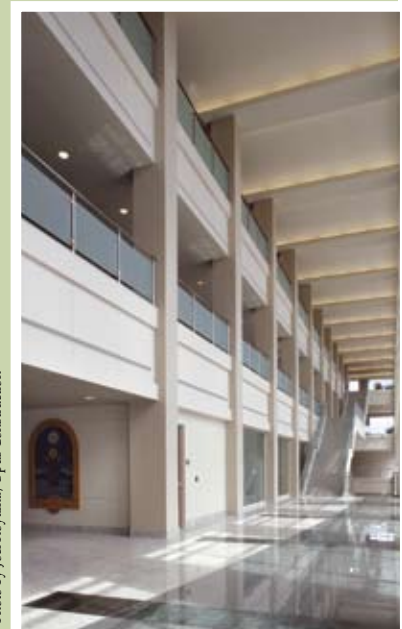


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Benefactor

Fitzgerald Boardroom

The Fitzgerald family's interest in Creighton University spans three generations. Today, William "Bill," BSBA'59, and Barb Fitzgerald's generous investments in the University have supported every



Photo by Andrew Marinkovich

Barb and Bill Fitzgerald

facet of Creighton, including presidential priorities, the Integrated Science Center and Bluejay athletics.

Mr. Fitzgerald, former chairman and chief executive officer of Commercial Federal Bank, now Bank of the West, began his banking career more than 55 years ago, while still a student. He earned a Creighton bachelor of science degree in business administration in finance.

Mr. Fitzgerald has been chair of the Creighton University Board of Directors for the past nine years and has served on the Board since 1973. During his chairmanship, the University received the largest gift in its history. His Creighton service includes membership on the *WILLING TO LEAD CAMPAIGN* Steering Committee.

The Fitzgeralds received the Wisconsin Province of the Society of Jesus Ignatian Leadership Award from the Jesuit Council of Omaha. Both are active in countless greater Omaha charities, and Mrs. Fitzgerald served as a member of Creighton's *WILLING TO LEAD* Honorary Inaugural Campaign Celebration Committee.

Benefactor

Hixson-Lied Auditorium

Creighton University has enjoyed several generous donations from the Lied Foundation Trust, built on the legacy of the late Ernst F. Lied, a former Omaha resident, Las Vegas entrepreneur and real estate developer. Lied established the trust in 1972 to honor his parents, Ernst M. and Ida Lied, naming Christina Hixson, his associate for more than 40 years, the sole trustee.

Significant investments have been made by the trust to activities that make a difference in people's lives at Creighton University. These investments include:

- The Creighton University Hixson-Lied Science Building, standing as an award-winning architectural and educational model of the future of science education.

- The Creighton University Lied Education Center for the Arts, where students focus on fine arts education and the community benefits from outstanding performances and beautiful art.

- A perpetually endowed scholarship fund focused to help first-generation students attend the Creighton University College of Business.

- The Hixson-Lied Auditorium in the Creighton University Mike and Josie Harper Center.

Operating one of the largest foundations in Nevada, Ms. Hixson has designated gifts to projects in several states. With a special fondness



Benefactor

Mutual of Omaha Center for Health and Counseling

The goal of the Mutual of Omaha Foundation is to help people improve their overall quality of life. The foundation's gift to Creighton affirms that mission by focusing on the well-being of Creighton students. The Mutual of Omaha Center for Health and Counseling combines student health services, which is committed to promoting health, and counseling, which guides students toward practical help and treatment to handle the daily challenges of life and encourages their personal growth and development.

Founder C.C. Criss, a young Creighton medical student who graduated in 1912, and his wife, Mabel, began the company in 1910. Their foundation has made multiple gifts in support of education and research at Creighton. In 1962, Creighton conferred on Mrs. Criss an honorary degree and, in 1963, she received the title of foundress of the University and of the Wisconsin Province of the Society of Jesus, to which Creighton belongs.

V.J. Skutt, chairman and executive for 33 years with Mutual and a Creighton 1923 School of Law graduate, along with his wife, Angela, also has supported the University's mission. The V.J. and Angela Skutt Student Center bears their names.

Leaders today, including Daniel Neary, Mutual of Omaha chairman and chief executive officer and a director on Creighton's Board, and Christine Johnson, president of the Mutual of Omaha Foundation, continue the tradition.

Benefactor

The Venteicher Mall



Photo by Andrew Marinkovich

The Hixson-Lied Auditorium in the Harper Center.

for young people, she demonstrates a commitment to invest foundation resources in projects that rely on a Lied Foundation Trust pacesetter gift.



Photo by Jim Fackler

Enhancing each student's academic and learning environment has long been a priority for the Venteicher family. For example, in 2004, they established the Venteicher Scholarship at Creighton University School of Law to assist second- and third-year students who display high ethical standards and professionalism but did not receive scholarship aid upon entering law school. Whether providing funds for scholarships, supporting athletics or enhancing the eastward expansion of campus, that commitment is visually captured by a brick mall pathway that links major portions of campus and extends from Morrison Stadium to 20th Street along California Street.



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Susan and George Venteicher

For more than 25 years, the Venteichers have developed well over 3.5 million square feet of commercial space, residential subdivisions and industrial space in Nebraska, Iowa and Arizona.

A 1962 graduate of the Creighton University School of Law, George Venteicher served as assistant attorney general of the state of Nebraska from 1964 to 1967. After leaving that office, he developed a highly regarded and successful private real estate law practice in Omaha. He also became a real estate investor in his own right and was soon involved in numerous real estate partnerships and corporations. His wife, Susan, is a passionate advocate for education and is a driving force of the couple's involvement in supporting students.

Benefactor

Peter Kiewit Foundation

Peter Kiewit made his first significant contribution to Creighton University in 1965 when he made a gift of \$1 million to name a dormitory to honor his mother. He also contributed \$4 million in 1975 to create the Kiewit Physical Fitness Center.

Kiewit, a native Omahan, developed strong friendships with the Rev. H.W. Linn Jr., S.J., and the Rev. Carl Reinert, S.J., former Creighton presidents.

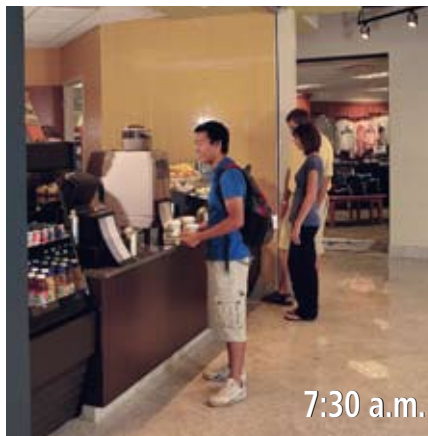
The private foundation Kiewit created has made grants totaling nearly \$28 million to Creighton since his death in 1979, in addition to the two earlier grants. Most recently, the foundation committed a grant to the *WILLING TO LEAD CAMPAIGN* of \$15 million to acquire property for the east-campus expansion.

Lyn Ziegenbein, JD'77, currently serves as executive director of the Peter Kiewit Foundation.

A Day at the Harper

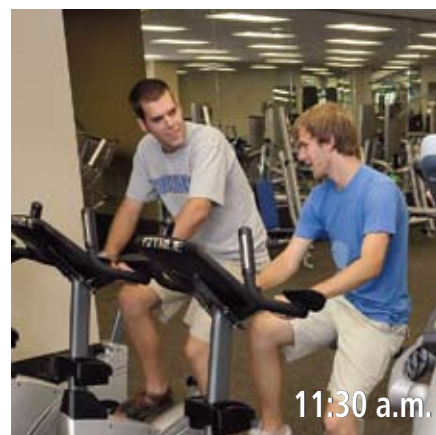
While the possibilities are limitless, a typical day in the Harper Center for a current student might look something like this:

7:30 a.m. Stop by the **Brew Jay** to grab coffee, fruit and a bagel for breakfast before heading off to an 8 a.m. class.



10 a.m. Back at the Harper Center for a class, which is meeting in one of the **high-tech tiered classrooms**.

11 a.m. Purchase a textbook in the **Creighton University Bookstore**; go up one level to the **FanAttic** to buy a new Creighton sweatshirt for the big game.



11:30 a.m. Work out in the **FitNest** fitness center.

12:30 p.m. Meet friends for lunch at **Billy Blues Alumni Grill**.

2:15 p.m. Drop by the **Creighton Career Center** for an appointment to discuss resume tips and an internship application.



4 p.m. Meet up with a friend from Spain at the **Office of International Programs**.

8 p.m. Stop by **The Bird Feeder** convenience store for fortifying snacks before heading home to the residence hall for a night of study.

Center



11 a.m.



12:30 p.m.



8 p.m.

Photos by Jim Fackler



One of the distinguishing features of the Harper Center is the south atrium, with its grand staircase and its floor-to-ceiling windows supplying plenty of natural light.



Photos by Mike Keveter

The Werner Institute team with benefactor Gail Werner-Robertson, BA'84, JD'88 ... from left, Ran Kuttner, assistant professor of conflict resolution; Anat Cabili, program manager of the Public Issues Collaboration; Brad Ashford, JD'74, senior fellow and chair of the Public Issues Collaboration; Jackie Font-Guzmán, associate director and assistant professor in the Werner Institute; Werner-Robertson; Bryan Hanson, assistant director; and Arthur Pearlstein, professor of law and director.

No Dispute

By Ozzie Nogg

Werner Institute Fills Major Role in the Burgeoning Field of Conflict Resolution

The United States is often called the most litigious society in the world. **Arthur Pearlstein**, professor of law and director of Creighton University School of Law's **Werner Institute for Negotiation and Dispute Resolution**, favors a change in course.

"Today's law students and lawyers have to understand that most disputes are not resolved in court," Pearlstein said. "Of all the civil cases filed in federal courts across the country, fewer than 2 percent go to trial. Going to court is a win-lose situation. Like war, it's completely adversarial. Relationships get seriously damaged. Today, clients are demanding cost-effective, efficient ways of handling disputes, and that translates to alternative dispute resolution — ADR."

This is an area in which Creighton's Werner Institute has earned a national and worldwide reputation just three years after its official launch.

Among the impressive achievements already racked up by the Institute:

- In 2005, Werner introduced the Program on Health Care Collaboration and Conflict Resolution, the first university-based program designed to integrate health care issues with the practice of dispute resolution.
- In 2006, the Institute launched an interdisciplinary graduate program that, in two short years, has become one of the largest and most highly regarded in the nation.
- In 2007, the U.S. Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service tapped Werner to help develop a program aimed at bringing state-of-the-art dispute resolution systems to the American workplace in order to reduce conflict and

boost employee morale and productivity.

- In 2008, the Institute hosted two international conferences (see story at the bottom of Pages 18 and 19) and is working on several global initiatives, including collaborative efforts with Creighton's prestigious Asian World Center.

"When I came here three years ago, the program was a blank slate,"

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Pearlstein said. "We basically started from scratch, designed a curriculum and got it approved. We just finished our second academic year and are going into our third year of the graduate program with 100 students — which far exceeds expectations."

In the area of dispute resolution, Creighton law school is now ranked No. 12 in the country among the

nearly 200 law schools offering dispute resolution classes, putting it ahead of institutions such as Stanford University.

"The recognition is nice," Pearlstein said, "but I don't like to make too much of rankings. The big story is how much we've accomplished in such a short time."

Established with a \$4 million gift from C.L. Werner and his daughter, Creighton alumna and University Board member Gail Werner-Robertson, BA'84, JD'88, the Werner Institute for Negotiation and Dispute Resolution is currently the most richly endowed program of its kind in the United States. It offers a unique, interdisciplinary program leading to master's degrees and graduate certificates and attracts students from a variety of fields as well as mid-career professionals seeking career enhancement. The Werner Institute aims to be a leader in advancing the field of conflict resolution while training a new generation of practitioners and scholars who will be responsive to the real, and often unacknowledged, needs of those in conflict.

Alternative dispute resolution has, in recent years, gained widespread acceptance among the general public and the legal profession as an alternative to litigation, and Pearlstein is a leading proponent. Prior to heading the Werner Institute, he served as general counsel and director of ADR and International Programs at the Federal Mediation and Conciliation

Service in Washington, D.C.

Pearlstein is also an attorney with nearly 20 years of business and employment cases under his belt, and acutely aware of the high costs — in both time and money — of going to court. “I represented a lot of businesses,” he explained, “and I became more and more aware of how wasteful and counterproductive our litigation system can be, and how desperately we need to find alternatives that will have a positive impact on competitiveness, productivity and workplace morale.

“There are tremendous opportunities in ADR,” he continued, “and Creighton is poised to assume a leadership role in developing cutting-edge initiatives in alternative dispute resolution, working with the courts, with the bar and with a variety of businesses and organizations in Nebraska and surrounding states, as well as nationally and globally.”

To advance that goal, the Werner Institute created the Public Issues Collaboration initiative — PIC — the mission of which is to foster collaborative decision-making that

helps avert costly, prolonged and unproductive disputes in public arenas. Brad Ashford, JD’74 — an attorney, business leader, Nebraska state senator and senior fellow in the Werner Institute — serves as PIC chair.

Pearlstein considers Ashford uniquely qualified for the job.

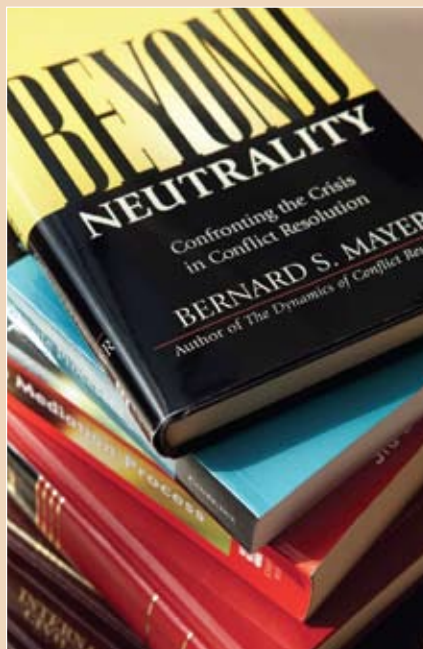


Photo by Mike Kleveter

“Brad is a giant of creative thinking and collaborative approaches who builds bridges between individuals and groups with widely divergent agendas.”

From its inception, the Werner Institute has had the benefit of a team of experts, and Pearlstein is quick to acknowledge their contributions. “While setting up the Institute in 2005, I depended on Professor Ron Volkmer, Professor Larry Teply and Professor Ed Birmingham — Creighton law school faculty members and authorities on mediation and negotiation. Their help was and is invaluable.”

Pearlstein also cites Jacqueline Font-Guzmán, Werner associate director and assistant professor on the conflict-resolution faculty. “We hired Jackie in the middle of our first year, and she’s turned out to be a superstar. She’s a great mentor to students and a terrific manager. Her total comfort with other cultures and ability to engage with people in all walks of life have opened many doors. I don’t know how we would have done what we’ve done without her. She is a delight.” The Institute is also privileged to have

Werner Institute Hosts Conference on Health Care and Alternative Dispute Resolution

The American health care industry shows signs of ailing, according to many media and other accounts. There are concerns that hospitals are understaffed and the quality of patient care has slipped. Reports of costly billing errors and malpractice suits are on the rise. One suggested remedy? The application of collaborative techniques to help professionals from medicine and law, along with patients, consumer advocates and

policymakers, give up their “Us vs. Them” mentality and find new ways of working together.

To that end, the Werner Institute for Negotiation and Dispute Resolution hosted an international conference this past June aimed at shifting the culture of health care from conflict, mistrust and avoidance, to collaborative engagement — the process of working together and not just side-by-side. Forum attendees learned techniques that foster improved communication and teamwork in an effort to create safer patient care, healthier workplaces, humane legal practices and compassionate healing environments.

According to Werner Institute Assistant Director Bryan Hanson, “The health care conference allowed the Werner Institute to showcase its expertise in the application of conflict management principles into health

care settings. This is critical, because one of the major accrediting boards for health care systems is making it a standard to include conflict management programs in their day-to-day operations.”

ADR proponents maintain that litigation provides few of the results clients in disputes are seeking, such as an apology, change of behavior, a chance to tell their story, improved relationships, reconciliation or forgiveness. Money damages are not an adequate substitute. This is particularly true in health care disputes where emotions often run high.

The Werner Institute’s Program on Health Care Collaboration and Conflict Resolution is the first university-based program designed to integrate emerging health care issues with the practice of ADR. Pearlstein tapped Creighton alumna Debra Gerardi, BS’84, BSN’87, JD’92, a leading pioneer

Bernie Mayer, Ph.D., widely viewed as an icon in the world of conflict resolution, as a resident professor. "Bernie is one of the top names in ADR," Pearlstein said. "Having him join our faculty was a great coup for us."

"Conflict happens," Pearlstein continued. "Effective and meaningful resolution of conflict, all too often, does not. As we look around our world — from fighting in the Middle East, to labor strikes, to divorce — we find conflicts that persist despite the painful costs and despite the fact that there may be a variety of possible resolutions that would leave the parties better off. Conflict resolution is about better outcomes, the need to listen to, understand, and engage differing positions."

A perfect example is the Omaha Public Schools litigation dust up, which saw Omaha and other districts suing Nebraska for funding. "People weren't communicating," Pearlstein said. "The only ones talking were the lawyers and the media." Through the Werner Institute, Pearlstein facilitated a dialogue between School

Superintendent John Mackiel and Nebraska State Sen. Ron Raikes.

"They were perceived as enemies, but both men were public-service minded, and each had his own concerns about the needs of the schools and the needs of the state. In the dialogue we facilitated, they set aside their egos and engaged productively." The discussions eventually led to the Legislature passing a law that distributed funds more equitably and saved Nebraska millions of dollars. "That outcome," Pearlstein said, "is a huge success story."

With parties in conflict increasingly using professional negotiation and dispute resolution to settle their differences, some predict that ADR will be among the fastest-growing professions in the early decades of this century. Creighton's Werner Institute stands ready to help develop the next generation of practitioners, trained to improve how people work together and balance the needs of diverse groups within ever-changing environments. With an interdisciplinary foundation and

a focus on collaboration and open inquiry, the Institute's mission is consistent with Creighton's tradition of social justice, responsible leadership and professional distinction. "The Werner program benefits from Creighton's name and its network," Pearlstein said. "This is a big plus."

According to University officials, the Institute is an important step in Creighton's future and attests to the momentum within the law school and the entire University. "Gail Werner-Robertson has been an inspiration from the beginning," Pearlstein said. "Without her, there would be no Institute. Her father always told her to dream big, and she's inspired me to dream big, too. Thanks to the generosity of the Werner family, we've had the resources to follow through. Now we're on our way to being one of the top conflict resolution centers in the world."

About the author: Nogg is a freelance writer in Omaha.



Gerardi



Mayer

in the field, to oversee the launch of the program. Drawing from a community of practitioners and educators, the Institute provides professional development programs, academic courses, clinical training, research and dialogue, aimed to build productive relationships that do not become adversarial or contentious in the midst of illness or injury.

The International Conference on Chaos, Complexity and Conflict — another forum hosted by the Werner Institute this past summer — was the

first of its kind to marry the application of chaos theory and studies of complexity and emergence to conflict resolution. When describing the two conferences, Bernie Mayer, Werner faculty member, said, "These meetings brought together practitioners, researchers and theorists in a creative dialogue that looked at issues on the cutting edge of both conflict theory and conflict practice."

"Werner is more than just a graduate program," Mayer continued. "It combines a commitment to furthering practice, education and theory building. We also are committed to teaching people the very best about conflict intervention generally, and to helping them develop a specific, substantive area of expertise as well. Furthermore, we operate not as a set of individual practitioners but as a team within a dynamic, collegial framework."

Hanson considers the Werner Institute to be both an academic program that breaks new ground in the education of future conflict resolution professionals, as well as a service provider to the Omaha community in areas of dispute resolution system design, deliberation services and organizational assessment. "The Institute is very blessed to have some of the most well-known experts in the field of conflict resolution as core and adjunct faculty," he said. "We provide a practical based curriculum in our master of science degree program that provides concrete skills for our graduates, allowing them to develop a strong foundation of experience before entering the field."

"The Werner Institute," added Mayer, "is creative, innovative, solid, grounded in practice but committed to exploring and challenging the frontiers of conflict theory. It is also fun."

Vaccine Wars: Public Health vs. Private Fears

By Pamela Adams Vaughn

Hannah Poling was an interactive, playful and communicative toddler when she received five childhood vaccinations at 19 months of age.

Two days later, she was described as lethargic, irritable and feverish, and, by day 10, she had developed a rash. Her situation deteriorated from there, and, in 2001, she was diagnosed with a developmental disorder with some features similar to autism spectrum disorders.

Hannah's parents asserted that their daughter, now 9, had developed autism after receiving the vaccines.

But more testing showed that Hannah suffered from an underlying, genetic disorder in her mitochondria, which can produce symptoms like autism.

The Polings, who live in Georgia, sought redress for their daughter's illness from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under the Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (VICP) — and won. (People who claim vaccine injury and seek redress from VICP need only provide a biologically plausible explanation, rather than prove by a preponderance of scientific evidence that the vaccine caused harm.)

In March of this year, the Polings went public with their case, adding fuel to the already smoldering fire in some people's minds that vaccines can trigger autism in children.

This and other stories in the media have produced some very tangible public concerns about a possible vaccine-autism link, as well as a sense of distrust about the government and vaccination policy in general. Interestingly, this phenomenon is not just limited to the United States, but is mirrored in some European countries, as well.

The *New York Times* reported in June that, although "study after study has failed to show any link between vaccines and autism ... many parents of autistic children are convinced that vaccines — usually given around the time autism becomes apparent — are to blame."

And the result of this kind of reasoning? Some segments of the public are choosing not to vaccinate.

Indeed, some public health experts in the United States believe that recent outbreaks of measles (the highest rate in seven years), pertussis (whooping cough), mumps and other vaccine-preventable diseases are worrisome signs of disease resurgence, as parents forego or delay vaccinations for their children — and risk the public's health in the bargain.

Enter two Creighton experts, Archana Chatterjee, M.D., and Linda Ohri, Pharm.D. Both are active locally, regionally and nationally on immunization issues, with the two serving as key speakers at a major immunization conference in Omaha this past summer. Chatterjee is an expert consultant to metro Omaha's Immunization Task Force, as well as



Photo by Brandon McKenna, BA'95

Linda Ohri, Pharm.D., left, and Archana Chatterjee, M.D., nationally recognized experts on immunization issues, pose with children at Creighton's James R. Russell Child Development Center. Both have served on Omaha's Immunization Task Force — Chatterjee is a past chair and Ohri is the current chair.

past chair, and Ohri is current chair of the group.

These two Creighton professionals have spent years in health care practice. They've seen up-close what vaccine preventable diseases can do. Both have cared for many patients who have suffered from acute infections or their chronic complications, among them, influenza; meningitis due to HiB, pneumococcal and meningococcal infections; whooping cough, tetanus and others.

Chatterjee's own brother, who never received any vaccinations because their mother did not believe in them, suffers from autism.

Both Chatterjee and Ohri know their patients' suffering — and the human scourge of these vaccine-preventable diseases.

Chatterjee, chief of the Division of Pediatric Infectious Diseases and professor of pediatrics at Creighton, believes that the current vaccine controversy may be showing that vaccines, in some ways, are "victims of their own success," having eradicated terrible diseases of which people now

have little memory or experience.

The Creighton physician points out that in 1900, for example, half of all children born in the U.S. died by 5 years of age of today's vaccine-preventable diseases.

By contrast, in 2000, vaccines were available in the U.S. against 21 infectious diseases. Smallpox has been eradicated worldwide and polio from most of the world. Measles, which took three-quarters of a million lives worldwide as recently as

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2000, declined 68 percent to 242,000 deaths in 2006, because of massive immunization programs in developing countries. In the U.S. alone, deaths from seven other vaccine-preventable diseases are near zero.

"Millions of lives have been saved, life expectancy has increased, quality of life is enhanced and a huge burden of suffering and disability has been eliminated," Chatterjee adds.

Still, with this success comes forgetfulness, and diseases such as measles or polio seem so remote a possibility in developed nations that some people will opt for not vaccinating their children against these forgotten killers.

Add any suggestion that the vaccines themselves also may pose a risk to their children's health, and the public starts to opt out of vaccinations, even at the risk of breaking the law. All children in the U.S. are required to be properly immunized before attending school, but two forms of exemption have been standard: the medical exemption, offered in each state, and the religious exemption, offered in

48 states. But as of July 9, 2008, 21 states also have passed legislation that gives parents the choice to refuse immunizations for their children on purely philosophical (personal opinion) grounds, while still gaining school admission.

This phenomenon of refusing vaccinations for philosophical reasons has occurred recently on both sides of the Atlantic, as skepticism has grown about compulsory immunizations. In fact, a large measles outbreak this past winter in the U.S. was traced to unvaccinated Americans traveling to and from Switzerland and bringing measles back with them, only to start outbreaks in their own communities. (Switzerland has a decided population of vaccine protesters.)

Chatterjee and Ohri, associate professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice, are of the same mind: The best guide for wading through controversies like these is knowledge.

And that's where knowing about immunizations and how they work — as well as the rigorous process of testing and perfecting them — is crucial to public understanding. This knowledge also helps separate the facts about vaccines from the very real heartbreak that parents, like the Polings, suffer when their children succumb to unexplained illnesses.

Vaccines work by teaching the body to fight the disease for which the vaccine has been developed.

But, instead of introducing actual infectious “germs” into the body to

stimulate the body's own defenses, the vaccine introduces either weakened-live (non-infectious) or purified-killed immunity stimulating parts of the disease agent (antigens). These substances trigger an immune response in the body in the form of antibodies to fight the real disease. These antibodies will remain with the person and protect them for some time, often for life, against the disease.

If enough people in a human population are vaccinated against a disease, it will be hard even during an outbreak for that disease to spread. For example, if Person A comes down with the disease and exposes Person B who is immune to the disease due to vaccination, Person B will not expose Person C, even if Person C is not vaccinated. This is “herd immunity,” whereby a largely vaccinated population can provide indirect protection to a certain number of individuals who, for health reasons (such as immune disorders or organ transplants), are not able to be immunized directly.

This is also why refusing immunization threatens herd immunity and can enable the disease to get a foothold in the larger community.

Ohri and Chatterjee point out that long before a vaccine is licensed, it must go through a lengthy pre-licensure trial, first in the laboratory, then in animals and, finally, in clinical trials with humans.

The pre-licensure human studies themselves encompass three phases. Here, vaccines are tested on thousands

of people, with common reactions identified. In fact, the number of required subjects in vaccine trials is typically much larger than the number required in other drug trials.

All phases of vaccine testing must be successfully completed before the vaccine may be licensed and allowed on the market. Creighton, in fact, is a regular participant in national trials in a variety of stages for many medications, including vaccines.

The pair offer the following facts to help people steer through today's vaccine controversies, which seem to be cropping up as terrible diseases like diphtheria, polio, (hard) measles and whooping cough fade from public memory.

Vaccines and autism

Some immunization opponents link the MMR vaccine (measles, mumps and rubella) or thimerosal-containing vaccines with an increased incidence of autism. Many scientific studies have failed to prove this association.

This MMR “link” was first pushed forward in England in 1998 by British physician Andrew Wakefield, whose research was published in, and later retracted by, the medical journal *Lancet*. Later, that research was shown to have been funded — and Wakefield heavily reimbursed — by a group of parents suing the makers of the MMR vaccine. Following this discovery, 11 of the 13 physicians co-authoring the original article retracted their support for Wakefield's research, but not until the U.K. was faced with plummeting MMR vaccinations and a resurgence of the three diseases.

Later claims linked autism with thimerosal, an ethyl mercury-containing preservative used since the 1930s to keep vaccine supplies from contamination. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), there is no convincing scientific evidence of harm caused by the low doses of thimerosal in vaccines, except for minor reactions like redness and swelling at the injection site.

However, the CDC notes, in July



Read More Online

For more information about vaccines and common misconceptions, and for a complete listing of recommended immunization schedules for children and adults, go to www.cdc.gov/vaccines.

More information on immunizations can also be found through the American Academy of Pediatrics: www.aap.org/healthtopics/immunizations.cfm

and the American Academy of Family Physicians: www.aafp.org/online/en/home/clinical/immunizationres.html

The Power of Vaccines

Vaccines have literally transformed the landscape of medicine over the course of the 20th century. Before vaccines, parents in the United States could expect that every year:

■ Polio would paralyze 10,000 children.



AP Photo

■ Rubella (German measles) would cause birth defects and mental retardation in as many as 20,000 newborns.

■ Measles would infect about 4 million children, killing 3,000.



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■ Diphtheria would be one of the most common causes of death in school-age children.

■ Pertussis (whooping cough) would kill thousands of infants.

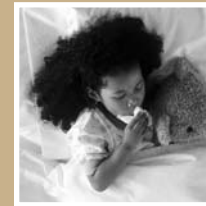


Photo by Corbis

■ A bacterium called Haemophilus influenzae type b (HiB) would cause meningitis in 15,000 children, leaving many with permanent brain damage.

From Children's Hospital of Philadelphia website: chop.edu

1999, the Public Health Service agencies, the American Academy of Pediatrics and vaccine manufacturers agreed that thimerosal should be reduced or eliminated in vaccines as a precautionary measure. The World Health Organization, on the other hand, has not removed thimerosal from its vaccines.

And, although the U.S. government's Vaccine Injury Compensation Program awarded the Polings compensation for their daughter's illness, a scientific review by the Institute of Medicine concluded that "the evidence favors rejection of a causal relationship between thimerosal-containing vaccines and autism."

So, why does the government recommend that certain vulnerable groups not eat mercury-containing fish, but previously had not restricted thimerosal/mercury-containing vaccines?

Methyl mercury, not ethyl mercury, is the form of mercury found to accumulate in some fish, and it is classified as an environmental contaminant with one source being burning coal. Because of methyl mercury's presence in our food chain, its long half-life and its tendency to be stored in the body rather than

eliminated from the gut, the government has limited the amounts of seafood and fish to be consumed by certain vulnerable members of the public.

Ethyl mercury, on the other hand, is much less toxic than methyl mercury, is quite rapidly eliminated from the body and has been removed from all vaccines routinely administered to children over the last decade. It should be noted that rates of autism have continued to rise in the U.S. despite this removal of thimerosal (containing ethyl mercury) from childhood vaccines.

Kids getting too many shots

Another issue voiced by vaccine opponents concerns the number of vaccinations that children are given today, a recommendation of 11 in the first six years of life. A child's system, they argue, simply cannot tolerate the introduction of so many disease antigens in the timeframe for giving the vaccines.

But Ohri argues that "a child picking up a dropped 'binky' (pacifier) and putting it back in her mouth is exposing herself to many more antigens (germs) than are present in all childhood immunizations.

"The human body is structured to

respond to many different antigens simultaneously," she adds, including those introduced by scheduled immunizations.

What vaccine precautions should people be aware of?

Ohri points out that there are real precautions for people who should not be getting vaccinated with specified vaccines; these include people with immune system problems. Cancer patients and those taking immune suppressive drugs belong on this list of people who generally should not receive live vaccines except under careful management, Ohri cautions.

However, these individuals, Ohri says, often have an increased need for killed vaccines against diseases they are at high risk of developing — flu, for example. An inactivated flu shot would be appropriate for this group to receive.

Finally, no one who has previously shown a severe allergic reaction to a vaccination should receive another, Ohri says, except under care of an allergy specialist. Individual vaccines may have other precautions that will be discussed by the patient's health care provider.

New Graduate Programs Open at Creighton This Fall

This year, a growing number of students — especially adults and working professionals — are plugging into Creighton from work, home or an Internet café, as the newest online offerings opened in the Graduate School this fall.

Plenty of schools have courses and programs online, but Creighton's take a different twist: Many of them are interdisciplinary, as well, meaning they've been designed to cut across the usual boundaries between colleges and departments at Creighton. In doing so, they put together some unique offerings that meet the needs of a fast-paced and growing market, too.

Take one set of new offerings, in the field of dispute resolution. Here, the general program housed in the School of Law reaches across disciplines that include business, international relations, communications, health care and education.

Another program opened this fall in business, specifically in securities analysis.

In addition, a Master of Arts in ministry is set to open online in January. This online program will provide opportunities for individuals working in parish ministry, particularly in rural parishes, to obtain a master's degree.

Other programs in the preliminary planning stages include an online master's degree program in health care ethics, a master's program in environmental sustainability, and a doctor of education (or EDD) in leadership studies.

Many of these, too, will bridge interdisciplinary lines to offer highly marketable degrees.

Another example of this new, made-to-order online offering, says

Graduate Dean Gail Jensen, Ph.D., is a professional science master's program. A recent National Research Council report is encouraging universities to create programs that will build the needed technical and scientific workforce. These programs bridge universities with industry, matching the best of both worlds. Managers are looking for graduates who have the communication and other business skills of the traditional MBA, but have focused their attention on finding solutions through the rigors of science. Creighton is currently exploring a master's degree with a core in science, which puts problem-solving and seeking solutions front and center.

So students, particularly busy adults and those holding down careers, can access Creighton's programs online thanks to some smart program design — and a simple click of a mouse.

These newest graduate programs not only meet the needs of a growing market for Creighton — the adult and/or professional on the go — but also allow the University to grow without substantially increasing costs on infrastructure, a prudent move in difficult economic times.

Creighton, ranked fifth "most wired college" in the United States, has offered distance learning programs since 2001, when the first online doctor of pharmacy program in the country opened here.

Many of the new 2008 offerings are also hybrid in nature, in that, while

offering a largely online curriculum, they require some time on campus from the student, as well. This minimal presence seems to confirm students' ties to the program — and the University — while providing plenty of flexibility in a busy schedule.

Last year, Creighton President the Rev. John P. Schlegel, S.J., established a blue-ribbon committee at Creighton to examine the University's potential for growth.

Under the direction of Jensen, the Graduate Education Task Force sought new initiatives that "furthered Creighton's reputation for academic excellence and that capitalized on Creighton's identity as Jesuit and Catholic."

Among the new initiatives the committee recommended? Building distance learning was one of several suggestions, especially those programs that can match a market need with a prospective student. The new programs that opened this fall at Creighton are designed to do just that.

In the growth of Creighton's distance learning and cross-disciplinary programs Jensen sees something very much in keeping with Jesuit traditions, despite the span of centuries and the obviously differing technologies. And that she calls building on the "Jesuit tradition of reaching out beyond our borders ... and meeting the needs of those not being served" — or those who have started down one road in their careers and may need to build a bridge to another.

Jensen reminds us, too, that one of Ignatius' original companions once said that Jesuits must always have "one foot in the air" — ready at a moment's notice to be sent where the need is greatest."

"Our new graduate programs seem to fit that description," Jensen says with a smile.

The new online-based dispute



resolution program and its specializations are offered through Creighton's Werner Institute for Negotiation and Dispute Resolution, housed in the School of Law.

The programs in negotiation and dispute resolution include the core program, plus four specializations that concentrate the master's degree in several different fields:

Master's Degree in Negotiation and Dispute Resolution

Negotiation and dispute resolution is rapidly becoming a vital component of successful businesses and critical relationships. Unique among programs of its kind, Creighton's online graduate program is taught by leading experts and focuses on innovation and the next stage in the evolution of the conflict resolution field with particular attention to career and professional development.

Organizational/Transactional Negotiation and Dispute Resolution Specialization

This concentration prepares people to lead at a new quantum level of conflict resolution. It provides a strong foundation in the dynamics of resolving disputes, developing leadership and organizational behavior, exploring business and societal ethics, and working with managerial economics, helping the graduate foster an organizational environment in which people thrive.

International Negotiation and Conflict Resolution Specialization

Moving toward a more productively interactive global community will be the work of the 21st century. The Creighton curriculum seeks to encourage dialogue about conflicts

and the possible responses to them in focusing on areas such as international business operations; ethnic conflict, nationalism and democracy; international business transactions; and post civil war peace-building and reconstruction.

Health Care Collaboration and Conflict Resolution Specialization

Creighton's health care collaboration and conflict resolution specialization focuses on developing partnerships and aligning interests in a vital industry. The stakes are high — life and death, large amounts of money, big institutions and reputations. Creighton's leading-edge curriculum focuses on vital areas unique to the health care atmosphere. The graduate in this specialty will be more than ready to take on a critical role in health care conflict resolution.

Educational Collaboration and Conflict Resolution Specialization

Conflicts in our schools arise from a discordance of needs, drives, wishes, and/or demands among students, faculty, administrators, parents and surrounding communities. The response to these situations transforms them into either competitive, destructive experiences, or constructive challenges offering opportunities for growth. This concentration prepares the student to play a leadership role in this important area.

Online Master of Security Analysis and Portfolio Management

For people considering Chartered Financial Analyst® (CFA) exam

preparation, this enterprising master's program examines such themes as the income-generating ability of securities, forecasts of trends in the stock and bond markets, equity and quantitative analysis, application of modern portfolio theory, analysis of active and passive investment strategies, and measurement of portfolio performance. Creighton is one of a few schools in the world that can simultaneously prepare students for all three levels of the CFA exam while they earn an online Master of Security Analysis and Portfolio Management.

All faculty teaching in the program have their CFA charter. The director of the program is Randy Jorgensen, Ph.D.



"I have been excited by the possibilities of distance/e-learning as an innovative approach for working professionals," said Fr. Schlegel.

"Our infrastructure is ready; a market of learners is waiting for Creighton; so let's build our values-centered Creighton education online."

Geared especially for adult learners, the programs are offered in eight-week terms, enabling multiple entry points for students during the year.

For people who'd like to learn more about Creighton's new online/distance learning programs and other interdisciplinary offerings, they may call the Graduate School at 402.280.2870 or go to the following website: creighton.edu/gradschool.

Alumni Achievement

This fall, Creighton University bestowed Alumni Merit Awards upon outstanding graduates of the College of Arts and Sciences, College of Business, Graduate School, School of Medicine, School of Nursing and School of Pharmacy and Health Professions.

Beth Katz received the 2008 College of Arts and Sciences Alumni Merit Award in recognition of her tireless promotion of inter-religious understanding and for acting as a role model for a life lived fully in the service of peace and justice.

After earning her degree from Creighton, Katz went on to earn dual master's degrees in public policy and social work from the University of Michigan. She then returned to Omaha with a burning desire to organize and facilitate much-needed religious dialogue, especially between Muslims and Jews.

Founder and executive director of Project Interfaith, Katz works to develop interfaith programs and activities to educate community members about religious diversity. More than 2,100 people of different faiths and backgrounds have been educated in Project Interfaith programs, including educators and non-profit groups who teach diversity to more than 7,500 students.



Beth Katz, BS'00 • College of Arts and Sciences



Thomas Nichting exudes the quiet confidence of a successful business leader — one who commands the respect of customers, employees and fellow CEOs. Much of his success can be attributed to his broad-based experience and acumen embracing all aspects of his business.

As president and CEO for Prairie Interactive Messaging — a wholly owned subsidiary company of CSG Systems, Inc. — Nichting oversees all aspects of Prairie's business operations, focused on delivering unified, interactive messaging solutions that manage customer interactions.

Nichting was selected as a member of the Young Presidents' Organization, comprised of more than 20,000 business leaders in 100 countries. He is on the board of directors of First Westroads Bank and is chairman of CUES (Christian Urban Education Services) in support of Sacred Heart School. Nichting also commits his time to Creighton University and currently serves on the Executive Advisory Council for Creighton's College of Business and as a reunion committee member for the Class of 1983.

Thomas Nichting, BSBA'83 • College of Business

Beth Fink's successful career as an educator is distinguished by her advance from teacher to assistant principal to the principal of the most diverse Millard (Neb.) District middle school—all by the age of 30.

Fink is a thorough administrator, an inspiring colleague, an optimistic innovator and a courageous advocate for at-risk students who threaten to fall through the cracks of the educational system. She is a mentor for students and teachers alike.

She has secured grants and authored papers on raising reading achievement, the need for student advocates and the problem of bullies in schools. She has translated student assessment data into improved instructional processes and increased achievement for her middle school students.

She serves as a member of the program advisory committees for both educational administration and secondary education at Creighton University, and is a frequent guest presenter in graduate program courses.



Beth Balkus Fink, MS'02 • Graduate School



Kenneth Noller, the Louis E. Phaneuf Professor and chair of obstetrics and gynecology at Tufts University School of Medicine, was recognized by the School of Medicine for his contributions to women's health and his passionate dedication to his profession.

Early in his career, Noller became an advocate for women's health — as a researcher, clinician and teacher. In the 1970s, he and his colleagues determined that women who took diethylstilbestrol (DES) during pregnancy to prevent miscarriage exposed their daughters and themselves to increased health risks, including cancer. He continues that important research. Today, he is also the principal investigator for a major national study to find a better early-detection test for women at risk of ovarian cancer.

During his career, Noller has been involved in numerous professional associations, including a term as president of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

Kenneth Noller, MD'70 • School of Medicine

Elizabeth Mohar Buschkemper is at her best when she is making life-saving decisions. Now a family nurse practitioner, Buschkemper has honed her considerable skills in patient assessment and management. Her desire to help the world's most vulnerable people get the health care they need has taken her from the Amazon Basin and mountain villages of South America to rural clinics and hospitals in Africa, the Central Highlands of New Guinea, Central America and the Caribbean. She has taught health, first aid and trauma care in isolated jungle settings, assisted U.S. surgical teams to perform multiple surgeries, and helped pilots improve air evacuation procedures.

At the One World Community Health Center in South Omaha, she assesses and manages treatment for patients in the Acute Care Clinic — children and adults who are predominantly Hispanic immigrants with low income and no health insurance. Buschkemper's dedication to providing health care to many who would not otherwise receive it makes her truly a woman for others.



Elizabeth (Betsy) Mohar Buschkemper, BSN'78 • School of Nursing



Nelly Amelia Nigro has earned the Creighton University School of Pharmacy and Health Professions 2008 Alumni Merit Award.

Nigro received her bachelor of pharmacy degree from Creighton in 1945. Following her retirement, she attended the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA), where she earned a Master in Public Health degree in 1991. From 1955 to 1986, she served as a pharmacist with the UCLA hospital and clinics, assisting in the opening of the UCLA Medical Center in 1955. She was a research assistant at UCLA School of Public Health, 1991-94.

Nigro serves on the health/nutrition and emergency preparedness committees of the Council of Aging, city of Los Angeles Department of Aging. The city of Los Angeles, the American Tinnitus Association and the California State Board of Pharmacy have recognized Nigro's professional and volunteer activities with certificates of appreciation.

Nelly Nigro, BSPha'45 • School of Pharmacy and Health Professions

Message from the Campaign Chair

Autumn Energy

Fall is a great time of year at Creighton University. The campus is picturesque as the autumn sunlight graces the multicolored blooms embellishing the malls, sidewalks and open areas. And the energy that permeates the air is infectious. Students are enthusiastically settling into their classes and study habits, making new friends and getting to know their professors.

This season is special at Creighton for another reason: It is the time alumni of the University's schools and colleges return to campus for their reunion weekends. This year, more than 2,000 people attended the reunions, and another 262 alumni volunteered to help with all the activities.

Seeing these former Creighton students — a little older, a little wiser — reconnect with their alma mater is enjoyable,

especially now, when there is so much for everyone to notice and experience. When I talk to alumni, it is the magnitude of Creighton's ongoing transformation that amazes them the most.

The campus has undergone more than \$200 million in structural improvements and additions, thanks to the generous support of friends and alumni for

Creighton's visionary *WILLING TO LEAD CAMPAIGN*. The new buildings will provide Creighton students a lasting connection with the University.

This historic campaign has generated great interest and enthusiasm. Thousands of alumni and friends have already participated, seizing the opportunity to move Creighton in the right direction for tomorrow.

Alumni often express their feelings of gratitude toward the University for the educational and formative experiences they received as students. Many express appreciation for the financial assistance they



received, and they want to offer a similar hand to current students. Others convey that they want to help their college or school meet critical objectives.

The generous support for the campaign has been essential in helping Creighton provide the highest quality Jesuit education. And make no mistake: ALL sizes of gifts are important and help move the institution forward.

Your gifts allow the University to excel in innumerable ways, including bringing world-class professors to campus, upgrading technology and laboratories, and providing seed money for faculty members to initiate extraordinary educational programs.

Thank you for your support of the *WILLING TO LEAD CAMPAIGN*, and for all you do for Creighton University.

Bruce Rohde, BSBA'71, JD'73
Campaign Steering Committee Chair

For more information on the *WILLING TO LEAD CAMPAIGN*, call the Office of Development at 402.280.2740, or visit creighton.edu/development.

Message from Estate and Trust Services

The Charitable Gift Annuity: Part of Your Overall Plan?

Have you ever considered building a legacy at Creighton through an estate gift? If so, perhaps you thought of following the Creighton family's lead by naming the University as a beneficiary of your estate. However, would you like also to receive lifetime benefits from the gift that will fund your future legacy? If you replied "yes," the charitable gift annuity is worthy of your consideration.

Dating back to 1843, a charitable

gift annuity is a time-tested method that demonstrates your commitment to the University's future and exemplifies your belief in the Jesuit-inspired credo of "service to others." With a charitable gift annuity as part of your overall financial and estate plan, you can create your legacy and enhance Creighton's endowment for the mission, students and programs at the University while securing significant income and tax benefits for yourself.

The charitable gift annuity is a gift plan that operates in a fashion similar to a bequest through your will or trust because your legacy gift is not funded until your lifetime annuity ends. However, charitable gift annuities offer you immediate benefits, including a reliable stream of income for life and a current charitable contribution deduction for a portion



of the amount you donate. Additionally, a significant portion of your annuity payments may be tax free; a gift annuity funded in today's low-interest rates will provide you with a higher amount of tax-free income when compared with higher interest rates.

One of the gift annuity's best features is its simplicity. A gift annuity is a contract between you and Creighton. In exchange for your irrevocable contribution, the University agrees to pay you, or you and another person you designate, a fixed sum annually for life. Payments are made quarterly and deposited directly into your bank account. The annuity payment rate and charitable deduction are based on the age of each beneficiary on the date the annuity is funded. The annual payments and charitable deduction increase with the age of the annuitant. (An additional state income tax credit is available for Nebraska residents.)

Charitable gift annuities can be funded at Creighton with a gift of as little as \$10,000, and

Curry Honors Parents with Gift

College of Business alumnus J. Patrick "Pat" Curry, BSBA'78, was pleased that he had found a way to honor his parents and help Creighton University at the same time. He didn't know that his gift of an endowed scholarship in his parents' names would bring joy to what would be his mother's final days of life.

"I had a strong desire to provide something meaningful to Creighton, the College of Business and the Department of Accounting," Curry said. "My Creighton education has played an invaluable role in my career in public accounting."

Curry, audit partner with Deloitte & Touche LLP and professional practice director for the firm's New York Audit Practice, presented his parents with the Donald and Dolores Curry Endowed Scholarship at a family brunch held just over a year ago. The event celebrated his mother's 74th birthday, and his parents were thrilled with the gift.

Not long after the family celebration, Dolores' health declined, and she passed

away about a month later. "Three days before her death, she read me the letter that they received from Fr. Schlegel about the scholarship when I spoke with her by telephone. She was very excited and humbled by receiving that letter," Curry said.

The Curry family has strong ties to



Pat Curry, center, with his parents Donald and Dolores Curry.

Creighton University, starting with Donald Curry, BSC'51, who still lives in the family's hometown of Massena, Iowa. Besides Pat, other family members who attended the University include his brother Tony, BSBA'81, MPA'83, and his sister Mary K. Curry Morrow, BA'88.

"Creighton has always been our first love, as far as charities," Donald Curry said,

adding that he and his wife were very pleased with the scholarship because they had always valued the importance of a good education.

The scholarship has been designated for a student majoring in accounting who also has a financial need. "Since Creighton is attracting students who fit this designation, students who often are the first generation of their families to attend college, this made sense to me," Pat Curry said.

Curry's gift of \$50,000 to endow the scholarship was in addition to a \$20,000 gift to a fund for faculty development in the accounting department.

"The fact that Pat wanted to do this to help future Creighton University accounting students speaks volumes about his generosity," said Director of Philanthropy Rich McCormick. "It also speaks to the education he received at Creighton and the impact the University had upon him, his life and his career."

Scholarship endowment is one of the priorities of the *WILLING TO LEAD CAMPAIGN*. For more information about the campaign, call the Office of Development at 402.280.2740, or visit creighton.edu/development.

there is no limit to the amount you may establish. Annuities can be funded with cash, appreciated stock or mutual funds and, in some cases, highly marketable real estate. Table 1 at right displays sample benefits from an immediate charitable gift annuity.

If you do not need immediate additional income, but would like to plan for a future income source, you may consider a deferred gift annuity with Creighton. Like a conventional gift annuity, you receive an immediate charitable income tax contribution deduction for your current irrevocable gift, but you delay annual payments until a specified future date. The longer you delay payments, the greater your charitable deduction and the higher your annual payment. Table 2 at right displays sample benefits from a deferred charitable gift annuity.

If you have ever considered including Creighton in your estate, please contact the Office of Estate and Trust Services for further

Table 1

Immediate Charitable Gift Annuity							
1-Life				2-Lives			
Age	Amount	Annuity Rate	Deduction	Ages	Amount	Annuity Rate	Deduction
60	\$10,000	5.5%	\$2,827.00	60-60	\$10,000	5.2%	\$1,873.70
70	\$10,000	6.1%	\$3,988.00	70-70	\$10,000	5.6%	\$3,051.80
80	\$10,000	7.6%	\$4,961.10	80-80	\$10,000	6.6%	\$4,201.80

information on how to receive the benefits available to you from a gift annuity with Creighton University. You may reach us at 402.280.1143 or 800.334.8794, or giftplanning@creighton.edu. We will be glad to illustrate these benefits in a personalized no-obligation proposal for you. You also can learn more about charitable gift annuities at giftplanning.creighton.edu.

Steve Scholer, JD'79

Director of Estate & Trust Services

Table 2

Deferred Charitable Gift Annuity			
Age	Amount	Annuity Rate	Deduction
45 deferred to 75	\$10,000	26.8%	\$5,877.10
55 deferred to 75	\$10,000	16.9%	\$5,880.20
65 deferred to 75	\$10,000	10.6%	\$5,603.60

Alumni Items

46 Michael J. Scott, MD, Seattle, has been named Coach of the Year by the United States Olympic Committee. He is also a member of the USA Table Tennis Hall of Fame and was the team physician for the United States and Ireland table tennis teams in the 2008 World Championship in Guangzhou, China.

49 James E. Koller, BS'47, BS, Rochester, N.Y., has received an honorary doctor of science degree from Alfred State College in Alfred, N.Y.

55 † John W. Barnes, MD, Omaha, received the Health and Medicine Excellence Award during Alegent Health Community Memorial Hospital Medical Services Foundation's annual Byways of Excellence Awards Dinner.

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ONLINE ALUMNI NEWS

Writing and Healing

"Writing. Cancer. Learning. Healing ..." writes alumna **Connie (Kostel) Spittler, BS'55**. "From that difficult time emerged a book that framed my philosophy of life." Spittler is the author of *The Desert Eternal*, *Words and Images*, a new book of 13 nature essays illustrated with 120 color photographs by photographer/husband and Creighton alumnus **Bob Spittler, BS'56**. Read more online on Spittler's Jay2Jay page.

 alumni.creighton.edu/jay2jay/cspittler

56 William V. Prych, MD, Rock Springs, Wyo., was honored for his 49 years of service to the community by Memorial Hospital of Sweetwater County in Rock Springs, Wyo. A healing garden at the hospital entrance was dedicated in his honor.

62 John G. Manesis, MD, Fargo, N.D., has released his second poetry book, *Other Candle Lights*. It is available at seaburnbooks.com or amazon.com.

63 Thomas F. Dowd, BSBA'61, JD, Omaha, has been elected

chairman of the board at Metropolitan Utilities District in Omaha.

65 Edward J. York, BA'62, MA, Goldsboro, N.C., was inducted into the Technical High School Hall of Fame in Omaha. York is a youth mentor and Meals on Wheels volunteer.

67 Michael J. O'Rourke, ARTS, Minneapolis, has been appointed to the board of directors at BNCCORP, Inc.

68 Hon. Phrasel L. Shelton, JD, Long Beach, Calif., the second African-American graduate of the Creighton University School of Law, received the Judge Elizabeth D. Pittman Award for 2008. The Pittman Award recognizes those alumni who possess the excellence, perseverance and dedication that made Pittman a role model as the first African-American graduate of Creighton University School of Law and the first African American judge in Nebraska.

69 Emmet B. Keffe, MD, Mill Valley, Calif., has been named vice president and chief medical officer of Romark Laboratories in Sausalito, Calif., and professor of medicine *emeritus* at Stanford University Medical Center. **Peter A. Neenan, BA,** Ballston Spa, N.Y., has been named director of research and statistics at the New York State Department of Labor in Albany, N.Y.

70 K. Bridget Brosnihan, MS, Winston-Salem, N.C., has received the Irvine Page-Alva Bradley Lifetime Achievement Award from the Council for High Blood Pressure Research of the American Heart Association. **David V. Modeer, BS,** Tucson, Ariz., has been named director of the Water Services Department of Phoenix. **James J. O'Boyle, BS,** Phoenix, has earned the Certified Medical-Surgical Registered Nurse credential from the Medical-Surgical Nursing Certification Board. **Robert E. White, DDS,** Alamogordo, N.M., has retired from his dental practice. **Rosann Shellenberg Whiting, BA,** Dedham, Mass., has completed her second master's degree from the University of Notre Dame through the ACE Leadership Program and has been named president of Ursuline Academy in Dedham.

71 Robert G. Spanheimer, BS, Lake Bluff, Ill., has been named senior medical director at Takeda Global Research & Development Center, Inc., in Deerfield, Ill. As senior medical director, his focus is on development activities expanding Takeda's diabetes product portfolio.

73 † Jon L. Narmi, MBA, Council Bluffs, Iowa, has

received the 2008 Community Pride Award by *The Daily Nonpareil* in Council Bluffs.

76 Charles S. Caulkins, JD, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., has been named a "Super Lawyer" by *Florida Super Lawyer* magazine for his work in labor and employment law. **David N. Petruska, BA,** Tucson, Ariz., won first place for feature headline writing in the 2007 Arizona Press Club awards. **Joseph M. Steffen, BS'74, MS,** Louisville, Ky., was honored for distinguished service at the University of Louisville.

77 Brian L. Campbell, JD, Clive, Iowa, has joined the law firm of Whitfield & Eddy, P.L.C., in Des Moines, Iowa, as a member attorney.

78 Susan M. Dunn, BSN, Denver, has been named president of the Association of Organ Procurement Organizations (AOPO) for the 2008-2009 term. **Paul F. Gill, MA,** Pittsburgh, has joined Pittsburgh Public School district as chief operations officer. **Stephen P. Marsh, BA,** St. Louis, has been promoted to chairman and chief executive officer of Enterprise Bank & Trust, a subsidiary of Financial Services Corporation in St. Louis. He was previously president and senior loan officer. **Leo "Lee" A. Mayhan, II, BSBA'69, MBA,** Bellevue, Neb., has received the ConAgra Excellence in Teaching Award as an adjunct faculty member at Metropolitan Community College.

79 Paul J. Marquard, BSPhy, Casper, Wyo., a physics and engineering instructor at Casper College, was recognized as master distance educator for 2008 at Casper College.

80 John Filippi, BS'76, DDS, Omaha, has been appointed to the board of governors for the American Board of Forensic Odontology. He was also recognized for his dedication and performance of duty as a team member of the Region

Seven Disaster Mortuary Operational Response Team by the National Disaster Medical System.

81 Robert J. Glow, BA, Omaha, has joined Children's Hospital in Omaha as executive director of the new pediatric practice entity. **John J. McDonald Jr., JD,** Mendota Heights, Minn., has been appointed to the Minnesota Commission on Judicial Selection by Minnesota governor Tim Pawlenty. **Gary J. Ostrow, BSBA'79, JD,** Sharon, Mass., has been named senior vice president and director of corporate taxation at Liberty Mutual Insurance Company in Boston.

82 Dean E. Roth, BSBA, Des Moines, Iowa, has been named vice president of U.S. Bank Private Client Group's trust team in Des Moines.

83 James D. Dati, Esq., JD, Bonita Springs, Fla., has been appointed to the city of Bonita Springs Charter Review Committee. **Angela F. Turner Epps, JD,** Lonoke, Ark., has been named associate dean for academic affairs of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock Bowen Law School. **Jon A. Jacobsen, BSBA,** Treynor, Iowa, has been named senior vice president of trust and investment at Treynor State Bank in Council Bluffs, Iowa, and has been elected president of the Council Bluffs Estate Planning Council. **Anthony F. Rupp, BA'79, JD,** Overland Park, Kan., has received the Earl O'Connor Civility Award from the Johnson County Bar Association in Kansas for demonstrating civility in his practice.

84 Paul D. Christensen, BSBA, Whitefish Bay, Wis., was elected the municipal judge of Whitefish Bay. **Raymond S. McGaugh, BA'76, JD,** River Forest, Ill., was inducted into the Technical High School Hall of Fame in Omaha. He belongs to many professional organizations, serves on several boards and is a volunteer basketball coach. **Leonard A. Valentino, BS'79, MD,**

Edward and Mary Lucretia Creighton Society

The Edward and Mary Lucretia Creighton Society is Creighton University's premier donor recognition club. Donors at the Creighton Society level sustain the University through their unrestricted annual gifts. These generous contributions to the University are crucial to ensuring that Creighton is a leader in providing the highest quality Jesuit, Catholic education to our students. Alumni donors recognized at the Creighton Society level are identified as follows:

- † – Ignatius Circle (\$10,000 and above)
- ☉ – Jesuit Circle (\$5,000 to \$9,999)
- ✦ – Founders' Circle (\$2,500 to \$4,999)
- * – Sustaining Circle (\$1,000 to \$2,500)

Lemont, Ill., has been selected to serve on the state of Illinois Hemophilia Advisory Board.

85 Kenneth C. Burrows, BSBA, Marietta, Ga., has been named chief operating officer at the Atlanta accounting firm Moore Colson. **Kathleen Liddell-Arnold, BSPA**, Snohomish, Wash., has joined Valley General Hospital in Monroe, Wash., as a clinical staff pharmacist. **Vicki Jackson Maca, BSW**, Omaha, has been named administrator for the Division of Behavioral Health's Community-Based Services Section of the Department of Health and Human Services. **David M. Williams, JD**, Lincoln, Neb., has been named vice president and associate general counsel for Ameritas Life, Acacia Life and Union Central Life in Lincoln.

86 Kim Erftmier Gregory, BSMth, Kansas City, Mo., has been named director of special events at Bishop Miege High School in Shawnee Mission, Kan.

87 Elvis B. Dominguez, BA, Richmond, Ky., has been named head coach of the baseball team at Bradley University in Peoria, Ill.

88 Jeffrey J. Klein, BSBA, Council Bluffs, Iowa, has been named business development analyst of Continuing Medical Education at Creighton University Medical Center. **Denise Turner Riley, BSMth**, Raleigh, N.C., has been named director of global network and systems engineering for Wolseley, PLC, in Reading, Berkshire, United Kingdom.

89 Robert A. Allen, BS'85, MD, Shanghai, China, has been named regional vice president and medical director of North Asia at International SOS, Ltd., in Shanghai. **Lynn E. Berding, BSBA**, Addison, Texas, has been named compensation manager for *The Dallas Morning News* in Dallas.

90 Alexander G. Calfo, JD, Los Angeles, has been named partner at the Los Angeles law firm of Yukevich Calfo & Cavanaugh. **Ramon L. Calzada, BA**, Los Angeles, has been named executive director of Casa Esperanza in Los Angeles. **John A. Held, BA**, North Aurora, Ill., has been named director of product management at Zilliant, Inc., in Austin, Texas. **Shawn G. Rice, BA**, Sheboygan, Wis., has received three awards: Wisconsin Rising Stars for 2007 by *Super Lawyers* magazine, Top Up-and-Coming Wisconsin Attorneys of 2007 by *Milwaukee Magazine* and the Martindale-Hubbell 2008 Peer Review Rating.

Alumnus Designs Acclaimed Mobile Hospital

"Prepare for the unexpected."

That's the motto of the nation's first fully equipped, mobile surgical hospital, and, in its short life, it has already earned its stripes. It's called Carolinas MED-1, and it's a lifeline of hope.

Designed and directed by Creighton alumnus Thomas Blackwell, MD'88, of Charlotte, N.C., the mobile hospital's motto never seemed more apt than on the day the two-semitrailer unit rolled out of production and onto the streets.

It was the fall of 2005, and, only just stocked and staffed, MED-1 answered a call for help: It raced south for a date with disaster, as the first victims of Hurricane Katrina were emerging from their flooded homes.

"We arrived in Waveland and Bay St. Louis, Miss., which was considered 'ground zero' for the eye of Hurricane Katrina," Blackwell remembers. "We set up the hospital at a flooded K-Mart parking lot where approximately 150 refugee families were housed in make-shift shelters."

MED-1 was on duty for seven weeks in Mississippi alone, helping the injured and ill. All told, Blackwell's team helped an estimated 7,400 patients there.

According to the Creighton alumnus, MED-1 was originally conceived in 2000 to be a mass casualty transport vehicle. But Blackwell, at the time medical director of prehospital medicine at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte, always pressed for MED-1 to be more.

"My colleagues and I wanted MED-1 to be an on-scene treatment facility, rather than just an emergency vehicle to move patients," Blackwell recalls.

Soon, the Department of Homeland Security's Metropolitan Medical Response System shored



Thomas Blackwell, MD'88, assists a young patient in Waveland, Miss., following Hurricane Katrina.

up Blackwell's vision with a \$1.5 million grant, and MED-1's fate was secured: It would become a prototype medical resource capable of supplying everything from basic-level medical care, to critical care, to surgical interventions, all on-site.

Today, MED-1 includes two 53-foot tractor-trailers, one for patient care and the other for support and storage, Blackwell explains. Staffed by physicians, nurses and associated personnel from Carolinas Medical Center (a level-1 trauma center), MED-1 is also supported by paramedics, specially trained law enforcement personnel and others.

Within the patient care unit, MED-1 functions as a 21st century field hospital with three slide-out pods: one with a two-bed shock-resuscitation/surgical unit; the other two becoming a fully equipped, multi-bed emergency care unit. The latter section houses four critical care beds, seven general beds and a dental/ENT chair. Outside, under an awning, up to 250 more sheltered, full-service emergency beds are ready.

MED-1 also features enough medications for 72 hours of emergency care and its own laboratory and diagnostic (X-ray and ultrasound) systems. Powered by its own generator, it is equipped with its own communications network, as well.

Carolinas MED-1, designed by Blackwell, sets up in a K-Mart parking lot in Waveland, Miss., to assist victims of Hurricane Katrina.



Creighton Connection a Life-Saver

Eighteen years separate the graduations of Jerry Mancuso and Gerry Stanley from the Creighton School of Medicine.

But on March 13 it all came down to 50 minutes of coordination and cooperation as the two men raced to save the life of a woman in the throes of a massive heart attack. A betting man might not have liked their odds.

Stanley, MD'04, was in his medical clinic in Butler, Mo., when his bookkeeper, Winnie Davis, approached him with a sudden onset of flu-like symptoms that Stanley immediately recognized as a surging heart attack. Mancuso, MD'86, an interventionist cardiologist, was more than an hour away in Kansas City.

Stanley knew that the small-town hospital in Butler did not have the facilities Davis needed. She would have to be life-flighted to Kansas City. Nothing unusual about that — patients are flown to Kansas City from the small hospital about 200 times a year, Stanley said. He recalled three patients being flown there once in a single day. But transportation time can be an issue with heart attacks.

A call to Mancuso got things rolling, cut through red tape and got Davis helicoptered from Butler to the Kansas City cath lab in 50 minutes. The national standard for

moving a heart attack victim from onset to cath lab is 90 minutes, Stanley said.

The speedy coordination between the two Creighton graduates saved the woman's life, whose heart attack hit hard just as she landed on the helipad in Kansas City where Mancuso was waiting for her.

"She came out of it with a stone-cold normal heart," Mancuso said. "When she dies it will be from something other than a heart attack."

It was no coincidence that the two men who combined to save Davis' life were Creighton graduates. It was, simply, an expression of the ties that bind them.

Stanley's wife, Melissa, herself a 2002 graduate of Creighton's School of Nursing, recalls that her husband was going about his work in Butler one day when he was told a cardiologist from Kansas City was in the parking lot waiting to meet him.

In short order, a puzzled Stanley found himself shaking Mancuso's hand and being welcomed into the world of Creighton doctors. Stories were swapped, memories of teachers exchanged, and Stanley knew from that moment that he had a firm entry point to the much larger Kansas City medical world.



Creighton medical graduates Gerry Stanley, MD'04, left, and Jerry Mancuso, MD'86, combined to save the life of a woman suffering a heart attack.

Mancuso said he was happy to provide the connection.

"I just happened to hear that a new Creighton guy was in the area," Mancuso said. "There's a handful of us in the Kansas City area and there's a bond between us. I even have some fraternity brothers down here. I still have very fond memories of Creighton and the Jesuit professors we had there."

If Stanley doubted the value of those connections, he won't now.

"Ninety minutes is the standard for getting someone from heart attack to a cath lab. We did it in 50 minutes," he said.

"I put in a quick call to Jerry Mancuso and he broke through all kinds of layers of bureaucracy to get things ready. It was a great example of physician-to-physician communication."

91 Kathleen T. Murphy, BA'88, JD, Austin, Texas, has been given the Unsung Hero Award by Texas Gov. Rick Perry and the Texas Public Employees Association for establishing a highly successful volunteer mentor program at an elementary school in Austin. She was also named the Elementary School Mentor of the Year for 2008 by the Austin Independent School District.

92 Christopher D. Mayne, BS, East Haven, Conn., has joined Facility Support Services in Hamden, Conn., as an environmental analyst. **Kelley Gannon McCaskill, BA,** Milwaukee, has been named director of development for the College of Arts and Sciences and School of Education at Marquette University in Milwaukee.

93 Gwendolyn H. Booth, BSN, Honolulu, has been appointed to the board of directors of CRI Worldwide, Inc. Booth is currently senior vice president, operations of

Accelerecare Wound Centers, Inc., in Bellevue, Wash. **Rachel L. Foley, BSRT'86, JD,** Independence, Mo., has opened her own bankruptcy litigation practice in Independence representing clients in Missouri and Kansas. **Terry L. Hawley, BA,** Omaha, has joined Bahr Vermeer Haecker Architects in Omaha as a senior marketing professional. **Ricki L. Martin, MBA,** St. Paul, Minn., has joined Disciplined Growth Investors in Minneapolis as chief financial officer. **Heidi M. Peltzer, BA,** Wichita, Kan., has received a Bachelor of Science in Computer Technology degree from Friend's University in Wichita. She has also joined Wichita Area Technical College as an adjunct professor for computer application technology. **Paul B. Shimomoto, JD,** Honolulu, received the Contemporary Hawaiian CD of the Year award at the 11th Annual Hawaii Music Awards for his album, *Sentimental Alibi*. The album has also been nominated in

seven categories at the 2008 Na Hoku Hanohano Awards.

94 Jason P. Richards, BSBA, Omaha, has been named partner and vice president of advisory services at PRISM Advisors in Omaha. **Linda Ash Richards, BA,** Omaha, has been named partner and president of PRISM Advisors in Omaha.

95 Michelle L. LeDroit, BSN, Omaha, has received the 2008 Methodist Nurse Excellence Award for the cardiology department at Methodist Hospital in Omaha. LeDroit is a board certified cardiovascular nurse and was honored for her leadership role in the cardiology department. **Paul L. Stevens, MS,** Lincoln, Neb., earned his Ph.D. in counselor education and supervision from Kansas State University.

96 Kimberly R. Baker-Flowers, JD, Greenville, N.C., has been named chief diversity officer at East Carolina University in Greenville.

Gregory W. Salvo, DPT, Eldora, Iowa, has opened his own private physical therapy practice in Eldora.

97 C. Shannon Bacon, BA'93, JD, Albuquerque, N.M., has been promoted to a shareholder at Sutin Thayer & Browne, PC, in Albuquerque. **Brian D. Conway, BSEvs,** Mesa, Ariz., has joined Arizona Department of Water Resources in Phoenix as a supervisory hydrologist. **Kerry C. Conway, PharmD,** Mesa, Ariz., has joined The Apothecary Shop in Scottsdale, Ariz., as a pharmacy compounding lab manager. **Satoshi Ochi, BA,** Omaha, has been named strength and conditioning specialist at the USTA Training Center in Boca Raton, Fla. **Ryan W. Rosauer, BA,** Waynesville, Mo., has been promoted to the rank of major in the U.S. Army and is currently the chief of military justice at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. **John D. Stoltz, Esq., JD'96, MBA,** Chicago, and his associates won a

technical Emmy Award in conjunction with their customer, CNN, for digital news gathering satellite phone technology.

98 Tricia O'Hare Jedele, JD, Coventry, R.I., a special assistant attorney general, is the lead attorney and counsel of record for the state of Rhode Island and the states of Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, New Jersey and New York in *Entergy Corp. v. EPA*. **Dawn Walker Landry, JD**, Louisville, Ky., has been named senior vice president and general counsel of American Commercial Lines Inc., in Jeffersonville, Ind. **Stephen R. Patterson, BSBA '95, MBA**, Omaha, has joined Lutz Financial as an investment advisor.

99 Michele R. Blackbird, BA, Macy, Neb., has received her master's degree from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln's Indigenous Roots Teacher Education Program and is the alternative education teacher at the Umonhon Nation Public School. **Joshua C. Dickinson, JD**, Elkhorn, Neb., has been named partner at Spencer Fane Britt & Browne, LLP, in Omaha. **James A. Mello, MBA**, Lebanon, Conn., has been selected as a summer fellow of the Peabody College of Education at Vanderbilt University for the summer of 2008. He also serves as the financial advisor to the provost at the University of Hartford. **Leslie Powell Jackson, BSOT**, Converse, Ind., passed the Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America national certification exam for the Assistive Technology Practitioner credential.

00 Shawntal M. Mallory-Smith, BA '97, JD, Omaha, is a featured weekly panelist on KETV's *Kaleidoscope* talk show. Mallory-Smith is an attorney at the Omaha law office of Thomas G. Incontro, P.C., L.L.O. **Christopher A. Stanosheck, BS '96, DDS**, Omaha, completed advanced training in adhesive dentistry at the Las Vegas Institute for Advanced Dental Training. He is currently implementing these techniques at his office in Omaha.

02 Jon A. "Jono" Anzalone, BA, Plattsmouth, Neb., has

joined the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies Pan American Disaster Response Unit in Panama City, Panama, as disaster management delegate. **Natalie S. Freed, BS**, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, has received a Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Iowa Carver College and will begin a otolaryngology – head and neck surgery residency at the Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland. **Trent J. Martinet, MS, JD**, Denver, and his practice group have joined the corporate law firm of Davis Graham & Stubbs, LLP, in Denver. **Melanie A. Perry, BA**, Omaha, has joined Oriental Trading Company in Omaha as an e-commerce content specialist.

03 Kate R. Blanchard, JD, New Haven, Conn., has been named director of special education achievement at Achievement First in New Haven. **David W. Headlee, BSBA**, Waukegan, Iowa, has joined Liberty Mutual Group in West Des Moines, Iowa, as a senior account representative. **Amy Lux Hogrefe, BSN**, Coralville, Iowa, has received a master's degree in nursing with a focus in education from the University of Iowa. **Paula S. Porzelt, BA**, Omaha, has joined HDR, Inc., in Omaha as a national pursuit coordinator.

04 Michael C. Danahay, BS '00, DDS, Omaha, has opened Dental Innovations, a family and aesthetic dental office in Omaha. **Jessica Garcia, BSEMS**, Lancaster, Calif., has received the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from the Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences and has begun a combined emergency and internal medicine residency at the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine in New Orleans. **Alison M. Bazata Gutierrez, BSBA**, St. Louis, has joined Helfrey, Neiers & Jones in St. Louis as an associate attorney. **Christopher P. Hogrefe, BS**, Coralville, Iowa, has received his doctorate in medicine from the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine and will do an emergency medicine residency at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. **Megan M. Van Hecke,**

BS, Chaska, Minn., has joined CreateHealth, Inc., in Waconia as a genetic counselor.

05 Dennis G. Ng, DPT, O'Fallon, Ill., has received this year's INDE Award (Inspired, Notable, Dedicated, Efforts) by the American Medical Rehabilitation Providers Association for his contribution to a research paper comparing the outcomes of patients from inpatient rehabilitation and skilled nursing facilities.

07 Conor P. Mullaney, BS, Cumberland, Md., has joined Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute in Bethesda, Md., as a research assistant.

JAY2JAY

ONLINE ALUMNI NEWS

Alumna Releases CD

Natalie Thomas, BSN '07, in collaboration with musician Tim Tyler, released a CD titled "Songstress I" on Sept. 3. Thomas is currently employed as a registered nurse at Children's Hospital in Omaha. Visit Thomas' Jay2Jay page for links and photos about her new CD.

alumni.creighton.edu/jay2jay/nthomas

Marriages

61 Helen McDonald and James D. Reardon, MD, April 4, 2008, living in Waiuku, New Zealand.

84 Cynthia Alvine and Jerome P. Zechmann, BS, April 11, 2008, living in Olympia, Wash.

92 Elizabeth Radovich and Christopher D. Mayne, BS, April 2, 2005, living in East Haven, Conn.

96 Emilia Dominguez and Kevin P. Roberts, BA, Nov. 24, 2007, living in Guayaquil, Ecuador. **Laura Wurtz, BA '93, JD**, and John McNab, May 9, 2008, living in Indianapolis.

97 Stephanie Anderson, BSBA '90, MBA, and Matthew Bashara, May 31, 2008, living in Omaha.

98 Jane M. Larson, BS, and Patrick J. Sullivan, May 3, 2008, living in Eden Prairie, Minn.

99 Caroline A. Bodner, BSN, and Mark B. Slidell, Nov. 10, 2007, living in Washington, D.C.

01 Jaime Miller and Michael K. Burke, BSBA, Aug. 3, 2007, living in Houston. **Mindy Steichen, BA**, and Steven Klein, May 24, 2008, living in Remsen, Iowa.

02 Mary D. Dobrauc, BSBA, and Matthew Cunard, Sept. 15, 2007, living in Omaha. **Kristina L. Kuhl, BSBA**, and **Michael J. Mulford, BSBA '04**, June 8, 2007, living in San Diego. Rachel A. Reiter and **Kurtis T. Morrison, BA**, March 29, 2008, living in Aurora, Colo. **Shagun Singh, BSBA**, and Arvin Somasegaran, June 9, 2007, living in Omaha. **Molly J. Sloan, BS**, and Richard Czeslawski, July 7, 2007, living in Crystal Lake, Ill.

03 Abigail "Abbey" Hughes, BA, and Jason H. Jackson, Sept. 8, 2007, living in Omaha. **Cheryl A. Karl, OTD**, and Mark Paeth, March 28, 2008, living in Gibsonburg, Ohio. **Amanda E. Ondrak, BA**, and Boyd Cameron, June 2, 2008, living in Omaha. **Joy D. Voltz, OTD**, and Michael Doll, Aug. 25, 2007, living in Omaha. **Amanda J. Wruble, DDS**, and **Rick E. Martin, DDS '01**, May 12, 2008, living in Chandler, Ariz.

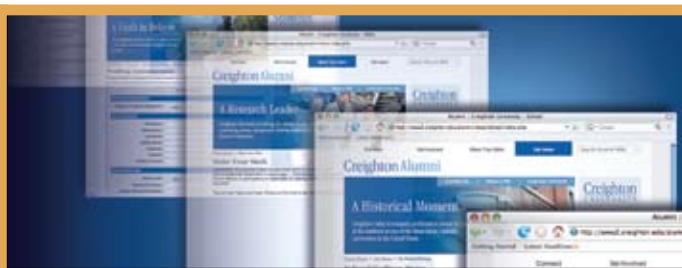
04 Amanda Shaw, BA, and **Nicholas "Nick" Schuier, BS '05**, Oct. 6, 2007, living in Kansas City, Mo.

05 Tina M. Runion, PharmD, and Anthony Lalone, June 7, 2008, living in Kansas City, Mo. **Lindsay Schaefer, BA**, and **Mathieu F. Groh, BSBA '04**, Dec. 29, 2007, living in Overland Park, Kan.

Creighton Alumni

For a listing of upcoming alumni events, check out the alumni website:

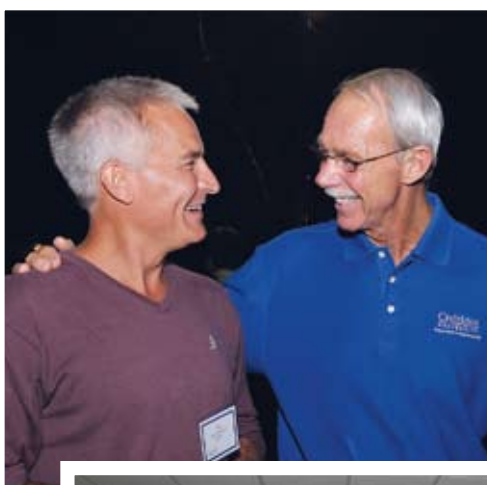
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DESTINATION CREIGHTON

2008 REUNION HIGHLIGHTS

More than 2,000 alumni gathered for reunions this fall. Highlights included the annual Hilltop Jam and class reunion parties. For more reunion photos from undergraduate/graduate, law, medicine, and pharmacy and health professions, visit: www2.creighton.edu/alumni/connect/reunion



Pictured top left: Jim Pintauro, BS'83, and the Rev. John P. Schlegel, S.J., Creighton president, at Hilltop Jam.

Pictured top right: Alumni gathered at Hilltop Jam on the Venteicher Mall west of Morrison Stadium.

Pictured bottom left: Tom Searl, BA'88, Mike Hoover, BA'88, DDS'93, and Tressa Horacek Hoover, BA'89, BSN'91, with Billy Bluejay at the class of 1988 reunion party.

Pictured bottom right: School of Nursing alumni gather with Billy Bluejay at the class of 1968 reunion party. Bottom row, from left: Susan Tracy Stuppy, BSN'68; Kathryn Powers Papke, BSN'68; Mary Jo Langenfeld Franco, BSN'68; Kathleen Woods Trout, BSN'68; and Denise Guiney, BSN'68. Top row, from left: Suzie Smith Lawler, BSN'68; Maureen A. Murray, BSN'68; Mildred Murphy Sampson, BSN'68; Margaret Barr Van Tasell, BSN'68; Marie Murphy Wolfe, BSN'68; Marilyn Vinduska Cahalane, BSN'68; and Nancy Curtis Molter, Ph.D., BSN'68.

06 Traci Vander Molen, BSN, and Bryce Tanaka, BSBA'04, Dec. 28, 2007, living in San Diego.

07 Kathryn E. Langan, PharmD, and Dan C. Ossowski, BSEvs'04, May 5, 2007, living in Maple Grove, Minn.

Births

85 Timothy J. O'Neill, BA, and Patricia Limburg O'Neill, BSBA, Annapolis, Md., a son, Noah Eduardo, Nov. 3, 2005, and a daughter, Ciara Alexandria Nohemi, Oct. 16, 2006.

88 Rick Davis, BA, and Jane Davis, Omaha, adopted two sons, John Paul and Daniel James, on May 29, 2008. Both children were born in Poland, John on Dec. 2, 2003, and Daniel on May 15, 2005. Ewan Riley and **Denise Turner Riley, BSMth**, Raleigh, N.C., a son, Morgan Ewan, Jan. 12, 2007.

91 Andrew P. Estes, BSBA, and Darcy Onofrio Estes, BSBA, Stilwell, Kan., a son, Cameron Joseph, July 12, 2007. Kenneth H. Kerkhoff II and **Judith A. Getka Kerkhoff, BSBA**, Burlington, Wis., a son, Kenneth Henry III "Trey," March 11, 2008.

92 Christopher D. Mayne, BS, and Elizabeth Mayne, East Haven, Conn., a son, Benjamin Walker, Feb. 20, 2006, and a daughter, Charlotte Anne, July 25, 2007.

Terrence A. Plas, BSBA, and Susan Plas, Phoenix, a daughter, Campbell Criss, Feb. 8, 2008.

93 David S. Ellis and Patricia Wegner Ellis, BSBA, Winter Garden, Fla., a son, William George, Feb. 23, 2008. Scott Kubicek and **Carrie Heinzen Kubicek, BSN**, Omaha, a son, Kevin Frederick, April 2, 2008. Daniel Real and **Julie Pritchard Real, BA**, Omaha, three daughters, Mary Lorraine "Lulu," Oct. 5, 2004, Cecilia Rose, Dec. 9, 2005, and Vivian Grace, Nov. 28, 2007. Lt. Cmdr. David Still and **Tracy Eberling Still, BS**, Naples, Italy, a daughter, Sofia Leigh, Dec. 19, 2006.

94 Peter J. Heckmann, BA'91 MBA, and Michelle Pribil Heckmann, BA'90, JD'93, Overland Park, Kan., a daughter, Jenna Grace, April 6, 2007. **Paul M. McDevitt, BA**, and Katherine "Katie" McDevitt, Glen Ellyn, Ill., a son, John Paul, Dec. 11, 2007. **Scott A. Wede, BSBA**, and Kristi Wede, Manhasset, N.Y., twin sons, Luke Richard and Michael Scott, May 23, 2008.

95 Robert J. Eich, BSBA, and Melanie Davis Eich, BSBA, Omaha, a daughter, Madilyn Marie, Nov. 20, 2007. C. Sean Frazier and **Jeanne Bogatz Frazier, BSBA**, Aliso Viejo, Calif., a daughter, Alie Madison, April 1, 2008. **Ronald J. Pritza, BA'85, JD'88, MD, and Sarah A. Wallsmith-Pritza, BS'91**, Omaha, a daughter, Hannah Elizabeth, Feb. 7, 2008. James Schmauderer and **Jennifer Paoli Schmauderer, BA**, Naperville, Ill., a son, Jacob Anthony, Feb. 22, 2008. Eric Watson and **Trina Fortunato Watson, BA**, Highlands Ranch, Colo., a son, Charles Steven "Charlie," Dec. 5, 2007.

96 Scott Heldridge and M. Emily Glass Heldridge, BSEvs, Omaha, a son, James Scott, June 17, 2008. Michael Richards-Bradt and **April Richards-Bradt, BA**, South Burlington, Vt., a son, Jesse Joseph, Feb. 14, 2006. Tom Valega and **Heather E. Asselin, JD**, Houston, a daughter, Zoe Elise, March 10, 2008.

97 Timothy G. Aschoff, BSBA'95, JD, and Linda Aschoff, Lincoln, Neb., a son, Nicholas G., March 7, 2008. Jason Efaw and **Heather Bergman Efaw, BS**, Omaha, a daughter, Katherine Faith, Dec. 29, 2007. Philip R. McAuliffe and **Christine Meis McAuliffe, Esq., BS**, Tempe, Ariz., a daughter, Anne Marie, March 2, 2008.

98 Daniel Beach and Nina Vecchio Beach, BSN, Casper, Wyo., a son, Creighton Douglas, Feb. 9, 2008. **Stephen R. Patterson, BSBA'95, MBA**, and Dana Patterson, Omaha, a son, Stephen Rosman Jr. "Steve," April 19, 2008. **Jeffrey S. Penne, BSBA'95, JD**, and Sharon Penne, Omaha, a son, William, March 7, 2008. Russ Toepfer and **Mary Schutte Toepfer, BS**, Olathe, Kan., a son, Luke Russell, Aug. 3, 2007. **James F. Tycast, BS'98**, and Sarah A. Tycast, Webster Groves, Mo., a son, John Francis, Dec. 22, 2007. James T. Waldren and **Megan K. Waldren, BSOT**, Lincoln, Neb., a daughter, Emerson Neva, Aug. 14, 2007.

99 Nicholas De Buyl and Megan L. Phillips-De Buyl, BA'96, DPT, Prairie Village, Kan., a son, Owen Nicholas, Jan. 14, 2008. **Mark D. Essner, BS'95, DDS, and Traci Morfeld Essner, BSOT'97**, Eugene, Ore., a daughter, Meghan Dawn, Dec. 1, 2007. **Todd M. Fogarty, BS'95, DDS, and Brandy Burch Fogarty, BA'95**, Colorado Springs, Colo., twin sons, McKeon Burch and Brogan Michael, April 25, 2008. Darin Goo and **Joanna Tang, BS**, Honolulu, a daughter Sydney



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Elle Shin Ning, April 21, 2008. **Neil D. Jones, BS, and Jennifer Rodgers Jones, BS, MED'04**, Wilmington, N.C., a son, Evan Ignatius, March 8, 2008. **Scott M. Paulsen, BS, and Marielena Szwabo Paulsen, BSBA'02**, Urbandale, Iowa, a son, Nicholas John, May 3, 2008. **David J. Sall, BSEvs'95, JD, and Meagan Brzica Sall, BA'95**, Omaha, a son, Vincent Edward, Dec. 6, 2007. Ray Wallander and **Laura Myhre Wallander, PharmD**, St. Paul, Minn., a daughter, Margaret Claire "Maggie," Nov. 22, 2007.

00 Scott Durgan and Danielle Dugan Durgan, BSBA, Phoenix, a daughter, Delaney Elizabeth, April 28, 2008. **Matthew W. Fluegge, DDS, and Heidi Sneddon Fluegge, BSOT'98, OTD**, Wenatchee, Wash., a son, Luke Anthony, Dec. 12, 2007. Dan Haske and **Molly McDonald Haske, BA'97, DPT**, Omaha, a son, Louis McDonald, April 4, 2008. **Jared M. Roubal, BSBA, and Julie Hoffart Roubal, BS**, Bennington, Neb., a son, Brooks William, March 12, 2008. Bryan

Smouse and **Rebecca A. Smouse, BSBA**, Shawnee, Kan., a daughter, Callie Maxine, May 5, 2008. David A. Wagenknecht and **Heather Miller Wagenknecht, BS**, North Aurora, Ill., a daughter, Maddyn Vera, Dec. 18, 2007. **Matthew S. Zurek, BSEvs, and Kristin Kadleck Zurek, BA**, St. Louis, a son, Nicholas Ryne, May 6, 2008.

01 Michael P. Barnidge, BSBA, and Lisa Berryman Barnidge, BSBS'00, St. Paul, Minn., a son, Grady Coleman, April 25, 2007. Michael A. Hurwitch and **Amy Buckley Hurwitch, PharmD**, Breckenridge, Colo., a son, Elijah Alan, Aug. 3, 2007. Christopher Jarvis and **Danielle C. Smith-Jarvis, BA'98, JD**, Austin, Texas, a daughter, Chloe Chandler, March 15, 2008. **Lawrence C. Knauf, BSBA'98, JD, and Amy Loffredo Knauf, BSN'98**, Urbandale, Iowa, a daughter, Elizabeth Diane "Ellie," May 16, 2008. Thomas W. Parker and **Nichole "Nikki" Kappenman Parker, PharmD**, Phoenix, a son, Kai Hudson, Feb. 27, 2008. **Christopher**

Copeman Promoted to Rear Admiral

Tom Copeman, BS'81, was recently promoted to the rank of rear admiral in a ceremony held at the Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet Boathouse, overlooking historic Pearl Harbor.

Officiating at the standing-room-only May 30 ceremony was Rear Adm. John Bird, Pacific Fleet deputy commander and chief of staff.

"Today's ceremony is about love of service, love of country and love of the Navy. It's about dedication,

loyalty and sacrifice," Bird said. "The Copeman family has a longtime heritage of serving the Navy — 80 years of collective service from Tom's grandfather to his father and his own."

Capt. Thomas H. Copeman, the new rear admiral's grandfather, commanded five ships, earning a Silver Star during the Gilbert Island Raids aboard *USS Brown* in 1943 and two Bronze Stars for other Pacific actions. His father, Cmdr. Thomas H. Copeman Jr., served aboard destroyers and cruisers throughout his 22-year Navy career and taught at the U.S. Naval Academy.

Like his father and his grandfather, Bird said Rear Adm. Copeman is of "exceptional character" and "uniquely qualified" to be a leader in today's Navy.

After graduating from Creighton, Copeman earned his commission in April 1982. His career includes leadership positions aboard cruisers and destroyers in both the Atlantic and Pacific fleets. He is currently assigned as deputy chief of staff for operations and training for the U.S. Pacific Fleet.

In addition to earning his bachelor's degree in biology from Creighton, he is also a graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff course, Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and the Armed Forces Staff College. He also earned a master's degree in administration from Central Michigan University and has completed the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Seminar XXI program on national security affairs.



Surrounding the new rear admiral, Tom Copeman, are, from left, his daughter, Cara; wife, Judy; son, Tommy; mother, Eileen; and father, Thomas H. Copeman Jr., a retired Navy Commander.

Congratulations to the iPod Touch Winners

Jaclyn Twidwell, BA'04, and Amy Koller Veale, BA'83, were winners of the Jay2Jay at Play iPod Touch drawing. Each will receive a new iPod Touch, as their names were randomly drawn from a pool of more than 800 alumni who created Jay2Jay at Play pages by Aug. 29.

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M. Tax, BSBA, and Christine Tax, Surprise, Ariz., a son, Connor Matthew, May 25, 2007. Christopher C. Wall and **Melanie Rabo Wall, PharmD**, Buckeye, Ariz., a daughter, Alexis Caroline, Jan. 15, 2008.

02 Russell Berg and **Mary Schmitz Berg, BSChm 98, MD**, Sioux Falls, S.D., a daughter, Delaney Marie, April 6, 2008. **Eric N. Mooss, BS**, and **Rebecca Wells Mooss, BSW**, Omaha, a son, Benjamin Narayanan, Aug. 15, 2007. Chris Vollmuth and **Julie Swanson Vollmuth, PharmD**, Omaha, a son, Samuel "Sam," March 22, 2008.

03 **Brandon S. Connick, JD**, and Stephanie Schaeffer Connick, Grand Island, Neb., a daughter, Abigail Karen "Abbie," Dec. 6, 2007. **David W. Headlee, BSBA**, and Krista Headlee, Waukee, Iowa, a daughter, Cara Anne, July 28, 2007. **Matthew P. Hill, BSBA**, and **Jaime Voss Hill, BA**, Papillion, Neb., a daughter, Kaitlyn Renae, March 17, 2008. **Matthew W. O'Neill, DPT**, and **Sara Adam O'Neill, OTD**, Kearney, Neb., a son, Asher William, Feb. 18, 2008.

04 **Troy A. Haecke, BSBA**, and **Victoria Lee Haecke, BSBA'06**, Omaha, a daughter, Natalie, Nov. 2, 2007. **Corey J. Thieman, PharmD**, and **Aysha Motilla Thieman, PharmD**, Dakota Dunes, S.D., a son, David Jacob, Feb. 15, 2007.

05 Matthew E. Beeman, and **Elizabeth "Izzy" Valenta Beeman, BS**, Bellevue, Neb., a son, Robert Matthew, Jan. 21, 2008. **Nicholas B. Payne, BS'01, DDS**, and **Kelly McGarry Payne, BA'01, JD'04**, Valdosta, Ga., a son, Quinn Benjamin, March 20, 2008.

06 Scott Frey and **Jamie Eder Frey, MD**, Cordova, Tenn., a daughter, Adeline Grace, April 16, 2008. Eric A. Myers and **Katherine M. Ecker Myers, BA'03, JD**, Albuquerque, N.M., a daughter, Alexandria Katherine, March 20, 2008.

Deaths

33 **Phoebe McCarthy, Arts**, Omaha, May 22, 2008.

34 **Mary E. (Leary) Sherry, BA**, Piedmont, Calif., Feb. 25, 2008.

36 **Luise M. (Meier) Kovar, SJN**, Omaha, April 11, 2008.

38 **Sr. Mary Annunciata Micek, N.D., PhD**, Omaha, March 27, 2008.

- 41 Sam Weinstein, DDS,** Goodyear, Ariz., March 7, 2008.
- 42 Katherine (Burke) Carroll, BusAd,** Omaha, March 24, 2008. **Charles E. Donley, BSM'41, MD,** Bend, Ore., March 9, 2008. **John V. Reilly Jr., PhD,** Denver, April 6, 2008.
- 43 A. Elaine (Dodson) Hoch, PhD'42, JD,** Omaha, March 14, 2008.
- 44 Reginald T. Gobel, BSM'43, MD,** Hanover, Pa., April 2, 2008. **William J. Lyon, Arts,** San Diego, Feb. 29, 2008.
- 45 William G. Arnold, BSD'44, DDS,** Broken Bow, Neb., March 19, 2008.
- 46 Margaret M. (Wolff) Andreassen, SJN'45, BSN,** Omaha, May 23, 2008. **Col. Mary Patricia Laughlin, SJN,** San Antonio, March 12, 2008.
- 47 Mary Anne (Ruther) Kane, SJN'46, BSN,** Butte, Mont., Feb. 7, 2008. **Mello J. Langenfeld, Arts,** Imperial, Neb., March 6, 2008.
- 48 John E. North, JD,** Omaha, May 6, 2008. **Dorothy M. (Langheine) Rogers, BS,** Bellevue, Neb., June 8, 2008. **Joseph E. Twidwell, BSM'46, MD,** Centennial, Colo., April 23, 2008. **Donald F. Wright, BSC,** Lincoln, Neb., April 7, 2008.
- 49 Leo P. Allen, BS,** Moorestown, N.J., March 24, 2008. **Richard A. Brungardt, BSC,** Omaha, Jan. 14, 2008. **Rev. Milton J. Eggerling, Arts,** Boston, Feb. 29, 2008. **Robert G. Engler, BS,** Myersville, Md., March 22, 2008. **Robert W. Kroeger, BSC,** Omaha, April 25, 2008. **Elizabeth (Hill) O'Brien, BA,** Omaha, March 27, 2008.
- 50 Sr. David Marie DeBock, R.S.M., BA,** Omaha, March 19, 2008. **Rev. David L. Keating, BusAd,** Yankton, S.D., Feb. 23, 2008. **Herman J. Liska, BS,** Lincoln, Neb., June 6, 2008. **Sam S. Salerno, Arts,** Omaha, June 4, 2008.
- 51 Paul L. Dutton, BSC,** Omaha, May 13, 2008. **Philip E. Gauthier, BS,** Denver, March 18, 2008. **Ethel M. (Dinneen) McCann, BS,** Council Bluffs, Iowa, May 16, 2008. **Sr. M. Stephen Purcell, MSEdu,** South Bend, Ind., June 16, 2008. **Joanne C. Weir, SCN,** Omaha, May 11, 2008. **John R. Weston, JD,** Omaha, April 6, 2008.
- 52 Grant E. McMartin, BSC,** Green Valley, Ariz., March 8, 2008. **Darrell J. Stark, JD,** Bellevue, Neb., May 1, 2008. **Kenneth R. Wieseler, BSPha,** Grand Junction, Colo., Feb. 18, 2008.
- 53 Albert R. Baumann, MD,** St. Louis, June 9, 2008. **Bernard C. Becker, BS,** Alliance, Neb., March 28, 2008. **Benjamin L. Lynch, BSD'45, DDS'47, MA,** Omaha, May 10, 2008.
- 54 Raymond J. Delio, DDS,** Olathe, Colo., Jan. 26, 2008. **Patricia Ann (McBride) Harrison, SCN,** Fort Walton Beach, Fla., May 15, 2008. **Sr. Jean Frances Haug, C.S.J., BSPha,** St. Louis, March 15, 2008. **Sara R. (Kelly) Kruml, BS,** Glen Ellyn, Ill., April 4, 2008. **Loretta J. (Thiele) Lincoln, SJN,** Canyon Lake, Texas, May 3, 2008. **Joseph E. Pecoraro, DDS,** Aztec, N.M., Feb. 23, 2008. **Richard J. Roth, BSC,** St. Joseph, Mo., May 15, 2008. **John W. Tooley, MD,** Issaquah, Wash., March 17, 2008.
- 55 Julia D. (Mugler) Buresh, MS,** Omaha, May 14, 2008. **Sr. Bernice Siemann, O.S.B., MSEdu,** Colorado Springs, Colo., April 10, 2008.
- 56 Ethel (Dresch) Blankenship, BSN,** Mesa, Ariz., April 25, 2008. **Margaret (Ryan) Chambers, Arts,** Los Angeles, Feb. 9, 2008. **Robert A. Dendinger, Arts,** Coleridge, Neb., March 28, 2008. **Everett B. Viano, MD,** Santa Clara, Calif., March 31, 2008.
- 57 James R. Avis, BSPha,** Pueblo, Colo., March 13, 2008. **Barbara J. (Jelen) Gustafson, SCN,** Roanoke, Texas, June 9, 2008. **James P. Hayes, MD,** Maynard, Ark., Feb. 6, 2008.
- 58 Francis A. Giitter, BSBA,** Omaha, June 17, 2008. **Iona M. (Wellendorf) Thraen, BS'50, MA,** Omaha, May 27, 2008.
- 59 Ruth A. (Schulte) Lutz, BSBA,** Omaha, May 14, 2008. **Marlene E. Tully, SJN'57, BSN,** Omaha, May 4, 2008.
- 60 Ralph W. Remmes, BS'56, MA,** Denver, Feb. 13, 2008.
- 61 R. (Ronald) David Garber, JD,** Omaha, May 1, 2008. **Mary E. (Cain) Riley, BA,** Eau Claire, Wis., Feb. 13, 2008. **Sr. M. Judith Svoboda, S.S.N.D., MA,** Mankato, Minn., Feb. 7, 2008.
- 62 Albert A. Barinaga, DDS,** Ontario, Ore., April 27, 2008. **James E. Kelly, BSBA,** Omaha, May 4, 2008. **James R. Parkhill, MA,** Omaha, April 12, 2008.
- 63 Louis P. Alexander, MD,** Youngstown, Ohio, Feb. 6, 2008. **John F. Benolken, BusAd,** Omaha, March 24, 2008.
- 64 Frances C. Kerschen, MSEdu,** Wichita, Kan., March 18, 2008.
- 65 Maurice Hart, JD,** Waukon, Iowa, April 14, 2008. **Richard D. Slezak, BSBA,** Omaha, May 1, 2008.
- 66 Nancy L. (Stanton) Thompson, Ph.D., BA,** Laramie, Wyo., March 23, 2008.
- 67 Rodney A. Erdelt, BA,** Milwaukee, Jan. 19, 2008. **Joe B. Moss, MBA,** Lawrenceville, Ga., Dec. 12, 2007.
- 68 Sr. Patricia Burns, O.S.M., MSEdu,** Omaha, April 27, 2008.
- 69 Donald B. Fiedler, JD,** Omaha, May 15, 2008. **Raymond F. Galas, BusAd,** Omaha, May 1, 2008.
- 71 Harvey H. Duryee, DDS,** Glendale, Calif., Jan. 10, 2008.
- 73 JoAnn (Crampton) McAllister, BA,** Omaha, June 6, 2008.
- 74 Philip O. Crowley, BA'71, JD,** April 23, 2008. **Lyle D. Drieling, MSEdu,** Cozad, Neb., Jan. 18, 2008.
- 75 Alan Sun Tim Chang, DDS,** Honolulu, Feb. 3, 2008.
- Anthony F. Porto Jr., MD,** Mission Hills, Kan., June 21, 2008.
- 76 Dennis T. Beach, BSBA,** Weston, Fla., April 27, 2008. **Dr. Wayne J. Hanish, BS,** East Lansing, Mich., April 6, 2008. **Charles J. Stillman Jr., BA'69, MSEdu,** Algona, Iowa, March 30, 2008.
- 77 H. Eugene Andreassen, BA'74, JD,** Omaha, May 16, 2008. **Gerald A. Babcock, DDS,** Omaha, May 25, 2008.
- 81 Margaret R. (Cockson) Bolas, BSN,** Omaha, June 7, 2008. **Sr. Kathleen M. McCarthy, O.S.B., MMin,** Yankton, S.D., April 13, 2008.
- 85 Sr. Donna Ferguson, S.S.M.N., MChrSp,** Fort Worth, Texas, May 29, 2008. **Gary J. Pals, BSANE,** Boise, Idaho, March 5, 2008.
- 87 Dale A. Schwery, BSANE,** Omaha, May 22, 2008.
- 89 David W. Haines, BS'84, DDS,** San Francisco, March 2, 2008.
- 92 Patrick M. Adams, MD,** Omaha, May 3, 2008. **Adam H. Jacobs, JD,** Omaha, May 30, 2008.
- 98 Teresa R. Thomas, BSN,** Omaha, March 22, 2008.
- 06 Rochelle D. Gainer, OTD,** Bountiful, Utah, Feb. 24, 2008.

Thanksgiving Day Alumni Mass and Breakfast

Thursday, Nov. 27, 2008
9 a.m.

St. John's Church
Creighton University Campus

Continental breakfast immediately following in the
V.J. and Angela Skutt Student Center

Comprehensive Immigration Reform: It's a Moral Issue

By the Rev. Andy Alexander, S.J.
Vice President for University Ministry

A number of years ago, while taking a ferry to Ellis Island to see where my grandparents arrived for their new life in this country, I stopped at Liberty Island to see the great statue. I saw just how the Statue of Liberty greeted immigrants, with her torch held high. My eyes filled with tears as I read the poem on the monument, which refers to Liberty as the "Mother of Exiles":

*Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!*

Last year, I was asked to give the opening prayer at a conference introducing workers who gave testimony about what happened in a raid on their workplace by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

A series of ICE raids had recently happened in a number of plants near Omaha. The workers who spoke to us were all documented U.S. citizens. A number of them were born in this country. Two were white and two were African-Americans. About 200 workers were lined up along a wall, were bound with plastic strap handcuffs and interrogated. One pregnant woman, who had to go to the bathroom, was eventually allowed to do so while handcuffed to a male officer. Only 20 workers were taken away to a detention camp and deported. In many cases, their children came home from school to find their parents gone, with nowhere to begin searching for them. I cried that day, too.

The U.S. Catholic bishops have led the way in calling for comprehensive immigration reform. The system we have is not only broken, it is immoral. Our U.S. economy depends upon the labor of more than 10 million immigrants. Terrible poverty in many parts of the world draws people here to do the work that is needed. In a majority of the cases, these workers must be separated from their families in order to provide for their families' survival. The number of legal visas for those workers is insufficient to supply the need for even a small percentage of the workers.

President George Bush, Sen. Chuck Hagel, Sen. John McCain and many other leaders in Congress advanced legislation to reform our immigration system in a way consistent with the U.S. bishops' plan. Given the economic issues at stake and the impossibility of removing 10 million workers in key industries from the workforce, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce

supported the legislation. Sadly, a coordinated effort soundly defeated a comprehensive approach to dealing with the problems of immigration. "Enforcement first" became the battle cry. News commentators, like CNN's Lou Dobbs, ridiculed the bishops' insistence on a "path to citizenship" and a "path to reunifying families." They derisively branded this legislation as "amnesty," with the most odious connotations.

What had happened to Mother Liberty's welcoming call? Of course, 9/11 happened. And, an unjust system had gotten so bad that everyone could feel that it needed a radical solution. "Put up a bigger fence"; "Stop the flow of 'illegals'"; "Send them home"; "Enforce the law" all became easy solutions and ways to blame the workers for the problems with an unjust system.

How do the U.S. bishops propose to address the complexity of immigration reform? The bishops offer a complete approach to a solution in a magnificent website: www.justiceforimmigrants.org. This site outlines the basic tenets of Catholic social teaching regarding migration:

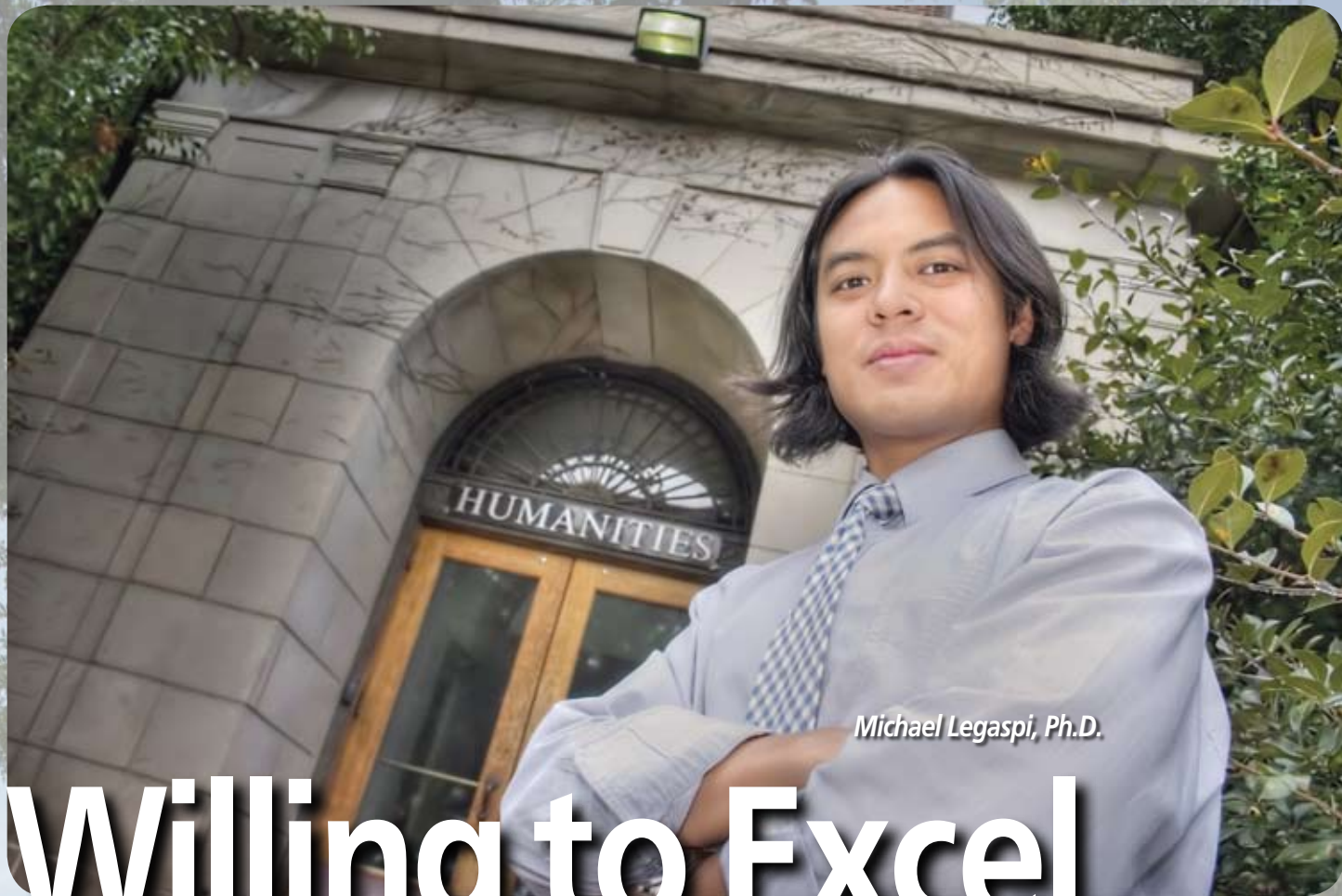
- 1) A family has a right to live with dignity in its own country;
- 2) A person has a right to migrate to another country in order to provide for the needs of his or her family;
- 3) A country has the right to control its borders.



The bishops insist on a comprehensive approach that begins with calling for the U.S. to help address worldwide poverty that too often does not allow people to provide for their families in their own countries. The bishops call for a guest-worker program that would offer a path to permanent residency and family unity. Jobs should allow workers to change employers and have labor protection, workers' rights and just wages. Foreign workers should be able to travel between the U.S. and their homelands. U.S. workers should be protected so that they are not harmed by just wages paid to immigrant workers.

Please look at the bishops' website. Explore the myths that are continuously repeated about immigrants. Learn facts that help us all overcome fear of the unknown and answer harsh critics of comprehensive reform. Let's take a moral stand together, by talking about immigration with family and friends, by telling our elected representatives that we support a just approach to immigration. Together, let's lift a lamp of welcome and liberty for which we can all be proud.

Find quotes from several U.S. Catholic bishops online at creightonmagazine.org.



Michael Legaspi, Ph.D.

Willing to Excel

What constitutes wisdom?

Creighton University theology professor Michael Legaspi, Ph.D., is one of 24 scholars — from a variety of disciplines — looking to shed light on one of humankind's eternal questions as part of a new international research project.

Legaspi's scholarly expertise lies in the study of biblical interpretation. He was chosen from more than 600 applicants worldwide to be part of the Defining Wisdom research project, supported by the University of Chicago and the John Templeton Foundation.

"A classic understanding of wisdom is that it is the skill of living well and securing the good life," Legaspi explained. "For thousands of years, people have been drawing insight from the Bible in order to do precisely this."

"So I will be examining the methods and contributions of interpretive communities from ancient, medieval and modern periods to gain a deeper understanding of what it means for a community to read the Bible as wisdom."

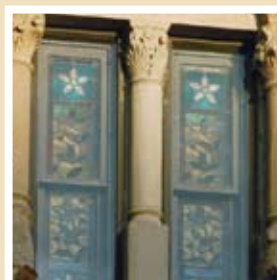
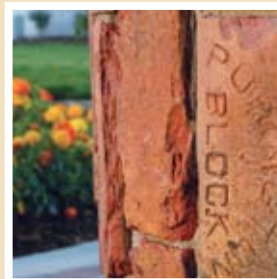
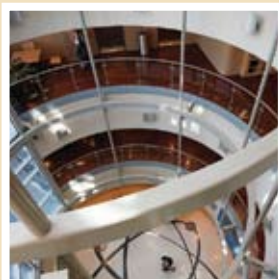
Creighton University's outstanding reputation for the pursuit of excellence rests solidly with the contributions of faculty such as Legaspi — passionate scholars, inspired teachers and tireless researchers.

Creighton is sustained by a Jesuit intellectual tradition that reaches back five centuries to the wisdom of St. Ignatius of Loyola and the Society of Jesus. Through the *CAMPAIGN FOR CREIGHTON*, the University is making new investments in its faculty and academic programs. We invite you to join us in our "pursuit of wisdom" as we demonstrate together that we are *WILLING TO LEAD*.



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Can you identify some of these campus sights?



Row 1 — From left: New Creighton University arch along the Venteicher Mall; new south doors to Creighton Hall (formerly the Administration Building); glass spire inside the Hixson-Lied Science Building; an intricate CU on the outside of Creighton Hall; fountain outside St. John's Church.

Row 2 — From left: One of the stained glass windows inside St. John's Church; clock tower on Morrison Stadium; Jesuit IHS symbol on Davis Square residence hall; statue of Jesuit founder St. Ignatius in front of the Reinert-Alumni Library; a planter along Creighton's central mall (made with bricks from the old mall).

Row 3 — From left: A sculpture above the front doors to St. John's Church; weather vane atop the new Harper Center; St. John's Church clock tower; statue of Billy Bluejay outside Morrison Stadium; windows along the west side of St. John's Church.

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