Cool cats

Members of the Creighton Jazz Combo perform at their first concert of the semester on March 30 in the Lied Center for the Arts.

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Jazz hit the Creighton scene recently with the addition of the Jazz Combo, a student-run jazz ensemble. The ensemble began last semester and is treating Creighton to smooth tunes.

The ensemble gave their first performance of the semester March 30 in the Studio Theatre in the Lied Education Center for the Arts.

The Jazz Combo will be offered for credit next semester, but students now are doing it because they "like jazz," Shawn Gamble, Arts & Sciences junior, said.

The ensemble grew from five to nine members this semester. The instrumentation includes trumpets, saxophones, piano, guitar, bass and drums.

Gamble said the music Tuesday night consisted of "bop" stuff with composers like Dizzie Gillespie and Paul Desmond.

By nature, jazz is an impromptu musical genre and the Creighton Jazz Combo will live up to that by playing what songs they feel like and how they want to, Gamble said.

The ensemble practices Monday and Wednesday nights from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Lied Education Center for the Arts.

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