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Rich is students' savior for chemistry!



Pat is students' savior for math!



Together we appreciate and love Students Support Services each and everyday!



## Hoots and Salutes



Everyone to go. congratulate **Steele Valenzuela** for becoming the Treasurer for the Creighton University Latino Student Association. Steele also became a CU STAR!

**Monica Ibarra** is now taking the lead as the co-president for the Creighton University Latino Student Association!



**Willie White** is the new Public Relations officer for the Native American Association! Way to go, Willie!

**Ruth Elias** is the Activities Coordinator for the African Student Association! Way



**Matthew Kor** is the MAC representative for the Asian Student Association this

year!

**Eden Chik** is the Treasurer for the Hawaii Club! Congratulations Eden!



**Michelle Wang** is the Activities Coordinator for the Asian Student Association! She is also the Vice President for the Multicultural Advisory Council.

**Nick Schroeder** received the Howard Hawks Foundation Scholarship. He



was recently elected as a senator of Kiewit Hall!

**Marissa Begay** received the Chief Manuelito Scholarship this summer, during which she also



delivered a speech, at the request of her high school teachers, emphasizing the importance of hard work and extracurricular activities. She is also secretary for the Native American Association!



**Alicia Amadee** received the Frasier Stryker Diversity Scholarship and summer

paid internship. Way to go! She is also the Choreographer for the New Hope Apostolic Temple Youth Dance Team.

## Alumnae Hoots and Salutes



Hooray for **Leroy Janis**, who is an Artist in Residence at Creighton University! You will see him on campus as he spends his days painting in the Lied Performing Arts Center.

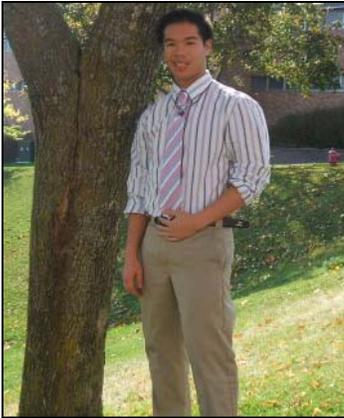
**Guillermo Guzman** just completed the LSAT and plans to begin law school in



the Fall of 2010. In the meantime he has taken a temporary position with Creighton University working

for the Cardoner Program running the Cardoner Gates Immersion trips for South Dakota and helping with the Omaha area Gates mentoring program. You will see Guillermo is SSS on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Some of you will be joining him for the South Dakota Trip this fall.

## Spotlight on Peter Khong *by Michelle Wang*



Peter Khong during mass at his high school.



Peter Khong at the Ropes Course.



Sam and Peter at the Soirée.



Peter Khong power-napping.

**Peter Khong** is many things. He's an aspiring chef, a self-taught pianist, a great storyteller, a Biology/Pre-Dental student...but most importantly, he is a freshman. A freshman from New Orleans, Louisiana.

Peter chose Creighton University because he heard that it was a great college to go to. Though he never visited the beautiful campus, he decided on a "whim" to just go for it. He even turned down a \$10,000 scholarship to a San Franciscans college to go to Creighton. But so far, he believes that he made a pretty good decision.

Despite the fact that Peter is new to Creighton, he has already come to love and appreciate many things. For example, he already appreciates three of his professors. He enjoys his Theology professor, **Father Harmless**, saying that the Father is easy to approach and talk to. For Math, Peter finds the class enjoyable because **Dr. Lilly** is so down-to-earth. His English class is also great, because his professor, **Dr. Goldstein**, contributes great discussion topics.

He even finds that Creighton is the most interesting place that he's ever been to. More specifically, it is one of



Peter Khong and friends at the Westroads Mall, playing miniature golf.

Creighton's dormitories that he finds riveting. Peter has been surrounded by boys for most of his life, he attended an all boys boarding school in high school and he has three other brothers. Therefore, when Peter visited Deglman (an all girls dormitory), he was fascinated. He felt like he was in a new environment and thought it was amazing to see how girls behaved in their own element.

Although Peter has declared self-independence as his greatest achievement so far, that doesn't mean he doesn't miss his home. One of his fondest childhood memories is of his mom's restaurant, where he helped work in the kitchen. He believes that helping his mother sparked his love for cooking.

Peter recalls another memory from his high school days. A freshman at the time, Peter had never seen snow before. It was winter, and while he was taking a shower, his friends shouted that snow was falling. Excited, he simply pulled on boxers and ran out.

As he enjoyed his first experience with snow, however, his friends locked his dorm door and scattered his clothes all over the campus site. Realizing what had happened, Peter was forced to walk around in the snow, with only his boxers on, and find his clothes.

Aside from college, Peter appreciates other things. He enjoys listening to contemporary music; such as Korean pop, Vietnamese pop, the radio, and techno. He also loves the piano and taught himself to play freshman year of high school. Four years later, Peter can now play the piano by ear and can even create his own musical pieces. One of his unfinished pieces mimics the sound of rain drops (his favorite sound) in a musical sense.

Nonetheless, there are also things that Peter dislikes. One thing he dislikes, or finds annoying, are people he doesn't know who tend to talk too much. He also finds it distasteful when people say "whatever".

Though Peter is still young and new to the college life, **Peter says his best advice to others would be to be true to yourself. Never change yourself for others. Just be yourself, and be happy.**

## Spotlight on Audri Edmonds *by Alicia Amedee*



Audri and her fellow SSS students demonstrating their own flexibility after watching the amazing Peking Acrobats.



Audri modeling at the African Student Banquet.



**Audrianna Edmonds**, who goes by Audri, is celebrating her second year at Creighton University. As a Philosophy, pre-law major from Denver, Colorado, her grandmother was her main influence in pursuing higher education at Creighton University.

When asked why she had joined SSS she replied: **"I heard many good things, and as a first generation in my immediate family I had no clue about the college process. Karen Thurber is very informative about things that will help me move toward success."** She also stated that she likes how everything is free, there is good advice given here, and the people are down to Earth and understanding. **"They go out of their way to help me,"** Audri states.

Audri's academic accomplishments include the Honor Roll and Purple Feather. A purple feather is something that is given out at Central High School when one has a certain GPA and number of community service hours. As of now Audri is the vice president of the NAACP, an Aids awareness poet, a representative of CUASA. She is also involved in Ray's mentoring, NAA, Student democrats, volunteering at Charles Drew, helping with "Oh what a duck race", and more.

As an adult, currently Audri's greatest achievement so far is



realizing what is wrong with the world and doing something about it.

When posed with the question 'What is the most interesting thing that has happened to you in a classroom?' she provides, "A profound thought process on issues in Native American studies." Professor Graham is her favorite CU professor because "...he took me as a physical therapy major and made me a law student. He taught me how to construct an argument, decipher it, and be able to test its validity."

"The most exciting thing at CU that is happening to me is being so diverse in the people that I talk to and hang with. The activities I partake in and the appreciation from other students shown to me." When I asked Audri if there was anything extraordinary about her, she stated, "I am teaching myself to break dance, I can lip read and mimic people." The one thing about her family that is interesting is that they are all talented and ethnically diverse. One thing that she does outside of school that is interesting is attend break dance competitions.

After interviewing Audri, I have come to realize that she is an extremely deep person (profound, some might say). When I asked her what her most prized possession was and why, she did not answer with materialistic things. She

said, "Knowledge because it does not go out of style. It is applicable on various occasions." Her favorite music is jazz and **LYRICAL** hip-hop. Valentine's Day 2009 was the most fun she ever had because that day she received a piercing, and Washington, D.C. was the most exciting place she has ever been to.

People who dish out information to other people out of place annoys her most, and the "N" word is her least favorite word.

Though she may seem really close to perfect, she is as far from it as everyone else in this world. When I presented her with the question of her most embarrassing experience she stated, "I said bass when it was base." Her favorite childhood memory was going to a park and eating a power bar for dinner. She loves the sound of a saxophone, and would be a phoenix over all the other animals in the world. When asked why she chose the phoenix she adds, "It sets itself on fire and in its flames it becomes ashes. It sustains life again in its ashes, and has beautiful colors."

So, of course one may guess, we leave you with the best advice she could give to you guys. **"Be comfortable in your own skin. You cannot fulfill your destiny conforming to other standards. Do not compare yourself to others because at the end of the day people can walk in your shoes, but they take them off soon enough."**



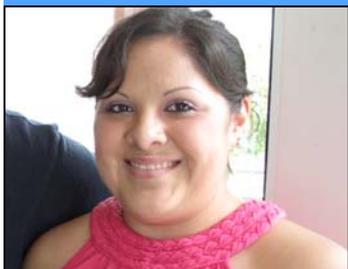
Karen at the Soirée 2009.



Karen and her son Nick at the 2008 Soiree.



Karen speaking at the recognition banquet 2009.



Ely Ramos at the Soirée.

## Karen Thurber's new role *by Jared Good*

If you are in SSS, then there is a very good chance that you have seen **Karen Thurber** at least once. Karen plays a vital role at SSS in making sure everyone is their requirements to graduate on time. What you may not know is that Karen was recently promoted. I was given the great privilege to interview her. This piece will show Karen's journey from being a college student to taking the position of **Assistant Director of SSS**.

Karen went to school at NE Wesleyan University, where she got her bachelor's degree of science in business administration. After college she did a few odd jobs which included a 2 year period in the graduate assistance office at UNO. From there, she came to the glorious halls of Creighton University, where she has been for the past 20 years. The first 16 years here she worked in the Career Center, and was invited by her friend Tami to come to SSS. Karen has always liked working in career services, because it **gives her a chance to help**



**people make their dreams come true.**

Karen does a lot here in SSS, and she probably does more than anyone even knows. As the Assistant Director of SSS she has added administrative duties, but she also does more. During the Months of January through August she helps students to fill out their FAFSA so they can get the financial aid they need. She is constantly checking up on people's grades to make sure no one falls behind, and ensures they are in the correct classes each semester. She is an RSP200 advisor and works with SSS students on probation. She helps set up the workshops and makes

sure everyone fulfills their five requirements, she meets with every SSS student at least twice.

She is willing to help anyone who may be having any sort of problem, and she is great at getting people adjusted to college. When it comes down to grade specific things she helps incoming students get registered for classes, helps sophomores with their Strengthsquest, helps juniors and seniors to get interviews at jobs along with internships, and she helps seniors make sure they are prepared to graduate on time. She helps students develop résumés, apply for professional school and conducts mock interviews. Karen does all of this and many other things all because **she loves working with students**. If there is anyone who deserves recognition for all that they do it is definitely her.

However, it should be noted that every faculty member here goes way above and beyond in everything they do, and each of them deserve their own segments.

## Finances by Ely Ramos

Everyone needs a helpful tip once in a while! With this tough economy what tips could be better than financial ones?

1. If you must spend do it **responsibly**.
2. Try not to eat out as much, but treat yourself once in a

- while
3. This tip might be a too late, but don't buy your books when you can rent them for a semester (chegg.com).
4. Its cheaper to study then it is to party.
5. Don't charge up your credit card. If you don't have the

- money don't spend it.
6. Gas prices have been fluctuating, car-pooling is always a great way to save money, just don't forget to pitch in for gas if it's not your car!
7. Last but not least, Use your better judgment!



Mikhail finishing off the poor pink bunny.



Dr. Mary Longo, Erica Erixon, and Ken Cai, say cheese!



Ashleen and Cheree with their beautiful smiles!

## First Step on Unknown Land *By Samantha Riley*

The date 1492 is very well recognized. When you hear this, the first thing that pops into many people’s mind is Christopher Columbus. Many people are aware of who he is and what he did. The truth behind Columbus is unknown to most people and this affects some students at Creighton in different ways. I surveyed five prestigious students and the results are as diverse as the students interviewed....I asked them four questions:

1. How familiar are you with Columbus Day on October 12th?
2. What is your opinion on Columbus Day?
3. Did you know Columbus Day is the same day as Native American day?
4. What do you know about Columbus Day?



First, I met a very handsome man named **Steele Valenzuela**. He was very familiar with Columbus Day. Steele thought that it should not be a holiday but more like a Historical remembrance. He knew that Columbus Day is celebrated on the same day as Native American Day. He could recite the nursery rhyme very well and knew it was the day Christopher Columbus discovered the new world.



The next person I encountered was a charming young lady, **Erica Erixon**. She has

known about Christopher Columbus since the first grade. Erica believes that Columbus Day is an unappreciated holiday and should have more emphasis. She was not aware that Columbus Day is held on the same day as Native American Day.



Next up was **Mikhail Abad**. He was not very familiar with the holiday. Mikhail had no opinion on Columbus Day and didn’t know what day it is on. He had no idea it was on the same day as Native American Day.

**Frank Waln** said he is familiar with Columbus day. He was taught growing up that it was "Indian Day"/Native



American Day. Only when he was older did he make the connection and asked if Native American Day was on the same day as Columbus Day.

He says he now knows the significance of this day. He states "Personally, I think Columbus Day is a false holiday. How could Columbus discover lands already inhabited by advanced cultures? It's like me claiming to discover my house even though I already live in it." Frank doesn't think this day should be celebrated because it marked the beginning of sad and testing times for his people. He went

on to say, "To me, this holiday only further displays how the crimes and atrocities committed against my ancestors [which] are swept under the rug and forgotten. No one except a Native American truly understands what Columbus Day means and the negative connotations it holds. However, since it is already an established holiday, I acknowledge that we can use it to educate people about our struggle and further display our Native Pride. I would prefer if people called it Native American Day just to remember our ancestors who were lost in our struggle to survive."

Our final interviewee, **Angel Le** is very familiar with Columbus Day. She says, "Columbus is a chef and a scientist from Columbia. Who cooks amazing Vietnamese food." Angel thinks he is reincarnated into the guy who hosts Iron Chef. She has quite the imagination!



In conclusion, it is clear that everyone at Creighton University, as well as throughout America, has their own view about October 12th. There are mixed emotions, and by taking a closer look at the perspectives of others, we can formulate our own opinion too. After reading this article, how will you choose to remember this day and what will it mean to you now?



Caitlin Bordeaux presenting her 'Who I am project' for R.A.I.S.E. and RSP101



Students Support Services deserves two thumbs up!



Students Support Services computers lab.



These beautiful ladies are all prepared for their glamour shot.

## R.A.I.S.E By Precious Sully

**Creighton Student Support Services students created a new mentoring program called Recognizing American Indian Success in Education (R.A.I.S.E.).** This newly established mentoring program targets first year Native American students that signed up for the Native American Learning community through the RSP101 class with Dr. Rudi Mitchell. It is a Native American to Native American peer support system where upper classmen mentor the freshmen.

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Some of the R.A.I.S.E. mentors. Back row: Michelle Garner, Precious Sully, Willie White, Steele Valenzuela, and Dani Hudspeth. Front row: Ahleen Marr and Cheree Hatfield.

R.A.I.S.E. was created by **Marissa Begay, Precious Sully, and Chant Knight** with the help of Tami Buffalohead-McGill. The students felt their first year at Creighton would have been easier if they had a mentor they could spend time with, especially on weekends.

This group of freshman experienced homesickness on the weekends, so they came together and came up with a solution to this problem by creating this mentoring group. With RAISE, the goal is to have

various activities for the Native American freshmen to do, so they won't worry so much about being away from home or being lonely. This is just one of the effective ways to build the Native American community at Creighton. It gives

the upperclassmen a chance to share their experiences with the Native American freshman and to help to guide them in their academic endeavors.

The officers consist of **Marissa Begay** as the President, **William White II** as the public relations officer, **Precious Sully** and **Danielle Hudspeth** as the Co-Activities Officers, and **Cheree Hatfield** as the Training Officer.

## Words of Wisdom By Ely Ramos

As the years go by at Creighton some people seem to find themselves, while some may be less certain as to who they are or who they want to be. It is very important to always keep your goals in mind and stay true to yourself.

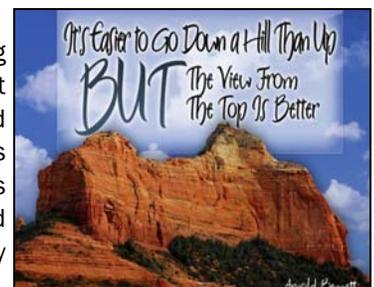
Even the simplest choices you make in life have a consequence, it's common sense but most people forget that. We all come to Creighton University to further our education, believing that we

have already begun to live our lives, and in a way we have. But Creighton is just the beginning; it is your stepping stone in the path of life, or your first notch to help pull yourself up the mountain of success.

Another very important thing you should not forget is that change is not always a bad thing. People change, places change, career paths change, and everyone and everything changes. It's scary

but true.

Wherever life takes you remember where you come from, give back to those whom gave to you and once you succeed help those who were in your position.





Sue Selde and Denise Le Clair at the Soirée.



Ashley Hauger and Emina Bercirovic studying.



Tri Tran and Steven Cai focusing on Physics.



Angel getting help from Rich, the awesome Science Specialist!

## Selde's Tips for Success by Steven Buffalohead

**Sue Selde** has a great deal of advice that we as students should really listen to. Selde has been working at Creighton University for about six years as the Academic Success Coordinator and as an instructor for RSP 120: Strategies for Academic Success. She meets with a wide range of students. She teaches how to create study schedules, helps students who have difficulties or prepare nursing students to take the licensing exam, NCLEX.

Sue identifies three major factors—physical, emotional and cognitive—which lead to academic success.

For the *physical* aspect, sleep is the key part. You should have eight-hours of sleep every night, have a good breakfast after waking up, and exercise as least twice a week. For the *emotional*

aspect, stress is a huge. Try to manage stress by not procrastinating. Be prepared and know what you have to do. Use the support system of other students, faculty and SSS. Do not join too many groups or clubs so that you feel even more stressed. Also, use positive self talk. Stand in front of your mirror and say three things that you are grateful for.

Finally, the *cognitive* aspect is about the material you are trying to learn. Come to class prepared. Study frequently, within the 24 hours of when you hear a lecture or have a class discussion. Study two hours for every one hour in class. Study your most difficult subject first, so it will be easier to study for other subjects later. Reformating notes is important. You can self quiz or use note cards. Try to get to class early and

sit in the front row or in the “T” zone (across the front row or in the middle row, straight back). Some other great ways to improve your learning are to schedule study groups. During the first weeks of school, do everything right. We have a lot of freedom, and we need to take control of it. **Lastly, get active with learning.**

Selde defines class participation as coming in on time, sharing ideas, participating wholeheartedly, and wanting to learn. Doing all these things will only help your grade. If you are on the borderline between an A and B, sometimes an instructor will look at your class participation and give you the higher grade.

Follow these suggestions from Sue Selde to be a successful student!

## The Benefit of Study Buddies by Le Bree Perry

Many people never think to study with a friend. Or maybe not even a friend just someone who is taking the same class as you. Many times we as students will begin to study for an exam or quiz and never think to e-mail or call up a friend to study with us. Having study buddies can be very beneficial to learning. Studying with a partner can also help improve your study habits and it can give you a chance to teach your study buddy information that you

know that they might not know and vice versa.

I am a Sophomore here at Creighton university and in my experience I found that when I study with one or more students who are studying for the same exam as me, and I present the information that I know to them it helps me learn the material better. It gives you a chance to show what you know and it helps it



to be clearer. I also believe that studying with a friend can also improve your study habits. For example, I found that even if it's just me and a couple of friends working on completely different subjects, but we're all studying something together I tend to get way more done as opposed to studying alone.

So in the end, if you ask me, I believe that at least attempting to study with another student can be very beneficial to your education.

## Spotlight on Mikhail Abad *By Shelagh Hardrich*



Mikhail helping out his friend.

**Mikhail Abad** is a very interesting student. He is a freshman from Houston, Texas and he is thinking about majoring in graphic design or business administration.

What brought Mikhail to Creighton was the diversity that reminded him a lot of home. He decided to join SSS because he knew it would be helpful and that it was a great opportunity to meet other people. **So far he has really benefited from the tutoring and the friends he has made through the SSS program.**

Mikhail is also a very accomplished student both in and outside of the classroom. He received many awards and scholarships including the SEEDS and Ignatius Scholarships. He is also involved in a lot of clubs and groups at Creighton like the Creighton University Latino Student Association, Asian Student Association



He has also enjoyed having **Father Harmless** as a teacher because he finds his lectures fascinating.

An interesting fact about that many people may not know about Mikhail is that he and his brothers look exactly alike but none of them are twins. Mikhail is also a very gifted artist. Not only is he a skilled break dancer, but he also paints and plays the drums and piano.



Mikhail is enjoying his time at the Soirée.

and he hopes to become a CU star. He will also be participating in the Cardoner sponsored Fall break Gates Immersion service trip to the Rosebud reservation in South Dakota.

Mikhail's experience at Creighton has been very enjoyable so far. He has started a break dancing crew which gives him an artistic outlet. He has enjoyed all of the parties held on campus, especially the Foam party that took place during the first week of school.

Mikhail's most prized possession is his iPod because without it he wouldn't have anything to dance to. Mikhail's love of music spans every genre but his favorite kind of music is Blues. Although he loves music his favorite sound is the sound of bubble wrap.

Through all of his experiences Mikhail has come up with these words to live by, **"Live for your today, learn from your yesterday and hope for your tomorrow".**



Mikhail & Sam at the Soirée.





Ashley Hauger is ready for her shot in front of the camera.



Juliana Brown Eyes is saying "Staying in school is rewarding."

## Extended Hours

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**8:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m.**

**Sunday**

**1:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.**

**Remember to sign in at the front desk when you come for the extended hours and please continue to record how many pages you print by the printer.**

## Invisible Children *By Khloe Keeler*

Imagine living a life where you have never experienced a day in peace. For over a million children in Northern Uganda, this "what if?" has become a reality.

For the past 23 years, an evil man named Joseph Kony, has been leading the Lord's Resistance Army. He has held captive millions of people and brought genocide into their lives. They suddenly lose all innocence and become monsters, as they are forced to kill their families. If they chose to ever disobey as a child soldier, Kony would order the next closest soldier to kill them.

There have been peace agreement attempts, but Kony always fails to agree to and sign the contracts.

However, the end to the war is the closest it has been thus far, thanks to the help of leading organizations, like Invisible Children.

Last year, I was able to get in contact with this



organization, which started in 2003 in San Diego, Calif., and requested a screening to be held here at Creighton University.

On October 26th, after we return from fall break, Invisible Children will come to our school and host a showing of one of the many documentaries they have made. They will also reach out to the audience and promote ways you too can have a part in saving millions. They have multiple programs and ways to help, and before

the screening, we are asking if anyone attending will bring at least one book to donate to those less fortunate in Uganda. Textbooks are worth the most, so everyone, dig out those old books that the bookstore won't buy back from you and donate it to a great cause for the book drive! I am also looking to start a program on campus called "Schools For Schools," where we will compete with schools across the nation to raise the most money, which will go towards building schools for Ugandan children who without us, would not have this opportunity. Keep watch for more information on this soon!

**The screening will be held in the Harper Center Auditorium Monday, October 26th from 7pm-9pm. Don't forget to bring any new or used book!**

For more information about this cause, please visit [www.invisiblechildren.com](http://www.invisiblechildren.com), or feel free to contact me with any questions at [khloekeeler@creighton.edu](mailto:khloekeeler@creighton.edu).



## Vietnam Oh Vietnam! *By Angel Le and Tri Tran*



I'm jumping in **EXCITEMENT** over the sand!



I LOVE GINGER with TOFU!!!! I had five bowls of **GOODNESS!** I



Resting by the beautiful beach.



Beautiful view from my hotel.

WE LOVE VIETNAM! Not only does it have the most delicious Asian food, but it is becoming more beautiful as the days progress. Viet Nam has amazing beaches in the Southeast: Nha Trang, Mui Ne, Phu Quoc, Con Dao, Doc Let, and Ho Coc. As you walk your way towards the glimmering waters, you can feel the warm sand tickling your inner toes. This may seem like a beach in America, BUT don't be fooled.

American's beaches are known to be clean and the air is refreshing. Many activities are present. People enjoy the nature and the sun, and surfers hope to catch a giant wave to satisfy their ambition. In contrast, you would find the most unique atmosphere in Vietnam's beaches.

Nha Trang is one of the most visited places in Vietnam because of its gorgeous sceneries. Its beauty consists of trees gently moving in the wind. In the ocean, we found fishing boats resting side by side.

Besides the scenery, the FOOD is astounding! The first experience we encountered would be the faint aroma of foods nearby. The invigorating smell of many flavors brings out your starvation.

At the beach, local sellers offered to rent chairs and floaters. While you are resting, many sellers come

by to offer a variety of food. Tri's and my favorite dessert is ginger tofu with coconut topping. I had five bowls and Tri had one. The potent taste of the ginger in the tofu stimulates our taste buds, but if you are not careful you could burn your tongue.

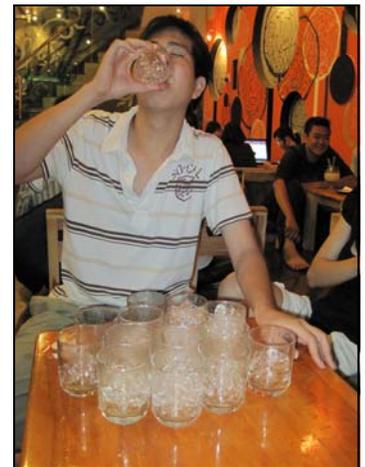
At night, the beaches are full of people, including tourists pouring out of their hotels to explore the beauty of the night sky. Souvenir shops are filled with tourists buying presents for their loved ones. As I walked along the coastline, I could hear waves gently splashing on the rocks.

Café shops have grown in popularity through-out Vietnam. They provide free wi-fi, and the music is sure a HIT! The smoothies are made from a variety of fresh fruits. There are about 50 flavors that you can choose from. The café shops aren't limited to just drinks but they also provide food.

Tri's favorite memory at the café shop was playing rock-paper-scissor with his cousin. The loser had to drink several full glasses of tea. Tri was the victim of the game. Fortunately, the tea was FREE!

My memorable moment was attending the concert of my favorite singer Luu Chi Vy at Saigon café shop. He is SUPER CUTE! I wish I had gotten his number.

If you ever want to travel to Vietnam make sure to bring us along! We would love to be your guides for food, drinks and for FUN!!!!!!!!!!!!



Tri endured the pain of drinking tea because he lost the game.



Posing under the statues and Tri at a nearby beach!



## Alum Update on Josh Marshall



Its great to have friends that will have your back.



Lorena and Lilli at the Soirée



Angel sure loves her food!



Our birthday cake for our sweetest administrative assistant, Sandy.

**Joshuah Marshall** graduated in 2007 with a degree in English and philosophy.

Josh recently completed his 27-month service with the US peace corps. He started the Master of Public Administration program at Seattle University and will earn a MPA.

His hopes for the future are to work for the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, obtain the German Chancellor Fellowship sometime after 2012 and spend a year in Berlin working on research. After that he wants to attend law school. If his plans work out, Josh plans to become a full-fledged Foreign Service Officer at the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and spend 75 percent of his career abroad moving from developing country to developing country every 2 years working in the development field.

Josh's best college memory is being elected and serving as the CSU Vice President for Student Affairs in 2005. And organizing the 2005 JayWalk which tripled participants and more than doubled the money raised—a little immodest horn tooting going on now.

Josh loves how full and busy his life



is. **"I love the sense of potential and possibility, the mobility my life has and how much of the world I have and will see and the wealth of experiences I am blessed to have."**

Josh did not see himself doing what he is doing now. He says "I think that I have always had the belief in the need for service and I knew I would eventually like to help people and my community. Of course, as you get older and experience new things you start to form different ideas of what service is and how you can be of service and what "community" is. Although the path I am walking now and the

ones I might walk in the future are ones I didn't know were available when I was younger, they are still on the same track of leading a life that is devoted to public service and enriching my communities." To describe how he got to where he is now, Josh says, "What brings anyone to where they are is a complex mix of background, heritage, culture, education, faith, beliefs, etc. There is a good quote from Angles in America that refers to this point. It is said by one of the main characters during one of the many wonderful and beautifully written passages of this play: 'I feel like everything in my life has conspired to bring me to this point. And I can't deny my whole life.'" Of course, he was saying this in the context of telling his wife that he is gay, but the point is that throughout our lives there are—as the play would say—"moments of revelation" which require a momentous action and at that point much about your life that brought you to that point become clear. You then make a choice which hopefully is congruent with those conspiring moments and then move on. The point of long diatribe is that how you got where you are is complex. The goal is to figure out how to navigate it."



# Student Support Services

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**“Education is a companion which no future can depress, no crime can destroy, no enemy can alienate it and no nepotism can enslave.”**

**Ropo Oguntimehin**

SSS is one of the five federally funded TRIO programs at Creighton University under the Department of Educational Opportunity Programs. SSS is grant funded through the Department of Education to provide comprehensive services to help students achieve a successful college experience by increasing academic performance, retention, and graduation rates. SSS also works to foster an institutional climate supportive of the success of economically disadvantaged students, first generation students, and students with disabilities. The strength of the SSS program is providing comprehensive support to eligible students at Creighton University who have the ability and desire to succeed at Creighton University but would benefit from additional advocacy, academic, personal, financial, and career support. SSS is a resource that provides personalized and comprehensive support services for eligible participants to help them achieve their full potential.

## Counselor's Corner with Karen Thurber

**Midterm meetings:** You will be called to set a meeting with your assigned SSS staff member. YOU MUST have a pre-set midterm meeting. Given the number of students in SSS we will not be doing drop in meetings.

### **Spring 2010 registration:**

**Nov. 4-5** — Seniors, Pharmacy / Health Professions, Graduate.

**Nov. 6, 9, 10** — Juniors, Pharmacy and Health Professions.

**Nov. 11-13** — Sophomores.

**Nov. 16-18** — Freshmen.

Workshops for October:  
**Oct. 2nd-10th**, the Career Center in Harper, Suite 2015 will provide programs at various times on networking, graduate school, and interviewing. **The Career Fair** is Wed., Oct. 7th from 11:30am to 4:00pm. They will also provide an **Internship Forum** on Fri., Oct. 30th at 3:00pm.

**Personal Statement workshop** is also Oct. 30th. We will have the haunted House event on Thur., Oct. 15th at 6:00pm.

Fri., Oct. 23rd, **Corky Siegel's Chamber Blues** is 8pm at the Holland Center.

Thur., Oct. 29th, is the **Spanish Harlem Orchestra** at 7:30pm at the Holland Center. Sat.,

Nov. 1st, is the **Native American Banquet** in Skutt Student Center at 6:00pm. Remember to sign up for the SSS events.

The **Major/Minor Exploration Fair** will be Wed., Nov. 4th in the Skutt Ballroom from 11:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The **Business Symposium** is Fri., Nov. 6th from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Qwest Center. There is a registration fee. These can count as workshop credit.

Remember to email Karen an event summary with the date for workshop credit.

More than half have completed one workshop. Keep up the great work.

**Seniors** graduating in Dec., please apply to graduate by Oct. 15th.

**Juniors**, redo resumes and schedule appointments for mock interviews for graduate school and internships.

**Sophomores**, please e-mail Karen your Strength Quest codes if you have not yet done so.

**First year**, you are great for completing Orientation, group 1 and group 2 meetings. We will do midterm meetings during the week of Oct 26th. Some of you have already scheduled a meeting. Sign the notebook in the

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office. I have posted events and workshops. Please sign completed events.

Work with Denise on speed reading, editing papers, and test anxiety.

Keep working with Rich and Pat.

Eat right, rest, and take time out for yourself. Thank you. Have a great fall break, enjoy, rest, and delete emails. Have a great day!