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## Letter from the Editor

Hello and welcome back to another great year at Creighton! The new academic year has already gotten off to a busy start for the Student Activities Office. We held our annual Fall Involvement Fair and had an overwhelming response from organizations and departments who wanted to participate. It was a beautiful day and thanks to all those who walked through or hosted a table. The winners of the booth contests are to the right. If you were unable to attend the fair, but still want to learn about student organizations, please visit our homepage and click on "Student Organizations." We are in the process of updating the contact information for each student organi-

zation. You may also email me if you'd like more information about a specific group.

We were also excited to help out the CSU Program Board with Homecoming Week last week. Congratulations to all the organizations and individuals who won awards and contests! And congratulations to CSU Program Board for hosting a great week.

For those who are not familiar with this newsletter, it is a chance for you to read about involvement and leadership opportunities on campus. If you would like to submit an article, event, or pictures, please do so to [sao@creighton.edu](mailto:sao@creighton.edu) by Wednesday,

October 29th for the November edition. The newsletter will be posted once a month on our website at [www.creighton.edu/studentactivities](http://www.creighton.edu/studentactivities).

Have a great semester and good luck on midterms!

Katie Wadas,  
 Assistant Director of Student Activities for Leadership

### Hui 'O Hawai'i Welcomes New Freshmen from Hawai'i

By Kailene N. Dela Cruz, Arts and Sciences Senior

Leaving home to attend college is a first step for many incoming freshmen. Though for many Hawai'i students who are miles away from family and friends, making Creighton their new home is an experience in itself.

Creighton University's Hui 'O Hawai'i Club executive officers have worked hard throughout the summer planning programs which would cater to the upperclassmen and the largest Hawai'i freshmen class Creighton has seen. With sixty-five enrolled freshmen from Hawai'i, the club started the year off with a road trip during Labor Day weekend to Des Moines, Iowa.

"It was an enjoyable and exciting experience off campus where I met a lot of new friends that will last me a lifetime," Shane Manago, Arts and Sciences freshman said. Not only were they able to make friends, but they also caught up on some summer shopping before hitting the books.

The Hawai'i Club has put on many events for the Creighton community, as well as volunteered their time to help out other departments across campus. A few events they have done include bi-weekly meetings, DARE night, Pa'ina (party) and occasional weekend hang outs. They are preparing for their annual Coat

Run where Hawai'i freshmen can purchase a coat for the winter, as well as stock up on groceries.

Also, one of the biggest events on campus created by students from Hawai'i—Lu'au. This year, the popular Lu'au will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2009 in the Kiewit Fitness Center. This year's theme will be honoring 50 years of statehood, also known as *Kanawai Ho'olilo Moku'aina* or Statehood act.

"We look forward to interacting with the multitude of students and different departments across campus," Shara Mahoe, Hui 'O Hawai'i President, said. "We are also thankful for all the support we continually receive throughout the years."

### Fall Involvement Fair Booth Winners

- Most Informative Booth: College Democrats
- Attendees' Choice Booth: Ski and Snowboard Club
- Best Overall Booth: Pep Band

## Social Responsibility From the View of CSU Representatives

By Rajeev Anchan, Adam Hare, and Sam Pierre

The Creighton University Recycle bins, the old green and blue recycle bins, graced campus trash areas long before our time. The notion of sustainable thinking is no stranger to campus, but it takes more than wishful thinking to collect, sort and process recyclable items. These bins merely sat without a purpose until very recently.

Groups of students across various disciplines have tried to bring a recycling program to campus. The Cortina program, Creighton's sophomore service living and learning community, previously collected all of McGloin Hall's recyclable materials and transported them to Iowa recycling plants. The Creighton Students Union collected nearly 800 lbs of recyclables in four days from the on-campus living areas last fall semester. Additionally, numerous students took part in individual efforts to recycle. Creighton has even participated in recycling its supply of white paper and outdated com-

puters. But until last semester it was questionable that there would ever be a full-scale University-facilitated recycling program on campus, specifically within the residence halls and academic buildings.

For nearly one year Facilities Management Services surveyed the need to adopt a program. Father Schlegel himself has expressed his desire to see a cut in energy usage on campus, including more sustainable alternatives to the University's trash. Since then, a new truck, trash compactors, and even staff fully focused to sustainability have come aboard. No program is easy; it takes time to get things started, but that's exactly what Creighton has done. The Inter-Residence Hall Government made it a priority to promote the newly added recycling program, purchasing individual recycle bins for all campus living students.

It truly is a dynamic time on campus. Change is taking place in many avenues from a student-led sustainability club, desiring to educate the rest of campus, to a faculty-led group that challenges the mindset of recyclable material versus trash.

This program is truly a green-grass-roots movement. The once stagnant recycle bins of campus are finally being utilized for recycling. The mentality of a Jesuit University truly embracing values of *Magis* and *Cura Personalis* in a practical way is no longer mere idealism. There is action, a social responsibility, behind the thoughts and desires of all students, faculty and administration. It is our responsibility to join together, encouraging each other to be a part of this movement. The time is primed for entering a new conversation of social responsibility regarding sustainability on Creighton's campus.



### Liz's Tips

**Our administrative assistant, Liz Ferguson, offers some tips for student organizations to stay connected to Student Activities and be successful on campus.**

**Student Organization Mail Boxes:** If your organization is not registered by Friday, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>, your student organization mailbox will be removed until your organization is registered. All student organization privileges, such as banner making usage, posting board access, and free room reservations, will be denied.

**Registration Requirements:** Turn in the Annual Activity Report, Annual Registration Form, and attend a Student Organization Orientation Session. If you are not sure if you've completed these requirements, please contact Liz.

## Spring Break Service Trips 2009

By Kelly Orbik, Creighton Center for Service and Justice

Taking a week out of your college life to risk meeting a whole new group of people doing unusually fun and challenging service and work for a sustainable and just planet seems crazy! Right? Not for many Creighton students. Begun in 1983 (before many of you were born!), we are celebrating the 26<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Spring Break Service Trips program at Creighton University. This student-run program is based on 7 pillars: Service, Solidarity, Justice, Community, Simplicity, Sustainability and Reflection. Last year we sent a record 310 participants over fall and spring breaks to serve and learn in 37 groups with community partners around the country.

This year, we hope you will go! Students are needed to bring energy, hard work and compassion to our host site partner communities. You might be building a house, cleaning out a food pantry, learning to compost or visiting with someone who is elderly or homeless. You will learn about how immigration policy, gentrification, section eight housing, poverty, racism and other issues impact communities. You will learn about what Catholic Workers do, how the Daughters of Charity live and how much communities all across the U.S. are just like ours. If you have done service in high school, or even if you haven't, this is the next step. Spending the week with other students isn't just fun, it is good networking and inspiration.

For just \$225, you can travel and learn about yourself and our world. Please join us. Come to the Info Night Thursday, November 13th in the Harper Center Ballroom, stop by the Creighton Center for Service and Justice (Harper 2067), check out our website <http://www.creighton.edu/ccsj> and ask people who have gone. Applications are due before Thanksgiving, Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>.

# Student Organization Updates

To submit an update for your student organization, please send an email to Katie Wadas at [sao@creighton.edu](mailto:sao@creighton.edu).

Updates are due for the November edition on Wednesday, October 29th.

## Academic/Interest

### **Women's Empowerment Base**

In celebration of election season, we will be screening the film *Iron Jawed Angels* on Thursday, October 9 at 7:00 p.m. in Rigge 120. The film chronicles the courageous struggle for women's suffrage and serves as a powerful reminder of the struggles endured on the path to full political participation for women.

Snacks-- most likely pizza-- will be provided.

Also, be sure to mark your calendars for October 28th, when we continue the political theme with a compelling panel discussion: Race and Gender in Media Coverage of the Presidential Candidates: Taking A Critical Look. The panel will feature faculty from multiple departments, providing diverse perspectives on the issues. The panel will also be at 7:00 p.m. in Rigge 120.

## Cultural

### **C-Unity**

This year C-Unity is striving to connect different diversity oriented organizations to the entire Creighton community. Rather than solely promoting these organizations' programs, we try to unite them to groups that have no affiliation with diversity issues.

Through our programs we challenge participants to go beyond their homogeneous spectrum. By focusing on differences that go beyond race, such as gender, age, and disabilities, we emphasize inequalities that are often overlooked. In January, students will have the opportunity to leave campus and reevaluate their current understandings through a diversity retreat. Contributors to C-Unity will become appreciative of diversity rather than just tolerable towards it.

### **Indian Cultural Society**

The members of Indian Cultural Society look forward to a great year! ICS is happy to welcome this year's new members; the new member turnout this year is excellent. As always, ICS welcomes anyone on campus to join our effort in uniting Creighton students of Indian background, as well as students with an interest in learning more about Indian culture. ICS has many great events planned for the 2008-2009 school year. Most importantly, the annual banquet, a fun-filled night of music, dancing and great food, will take place in the fall this year on Saturday, November 15- rather than its usual spring date. Some other awesome events include the annual Diwali celebration of lights in October, a dance party at local Omaha club Espana, and Indian dance lessons. Be sure to check us out at our next meeting!

### **Spanish Club**

This year's Spanish Club has been totally revamped. We are offering a variety of ways to enrich your Spanish education here at Creighton. We have social events such as La Mesa Española every Wednesday from 5pm-6pm in Brandeis dining hall. This is a great opportunity for all levels of Spanish speakers to come and practice their Spanish. We have another event called De La Cocina, where you can learn how to cook a meal from various Latin American countries and then enjoy it afterwards. We also have service opportunities which include mentoring, tutoring,

and translating. As a club we work with Campfire USA at Marris Magnet Center. Campfire USA provides clubs where the kids can participate in sports, computers, hairstyling, girl talk, and other activities where we can step in and help lead. It's a mentoring program for us to be positive role models for the kids. Over 80% of the kids at that school speak Spanish; however, they all know English as well. So, whether your Spanish is limited or fluent, you will be able to communicate with the kids. We go to Marris Magnet Center every Tuesday and Friday from 4-5:30. We also offer tutoring services for Creighton students. Last, but not least, we offer translating services of documents or displays for various organizations from English to Spanish. All of these opportunities are provided by the Spanish Club, offering to utilize your Spanish by also helping others. If interested please email

[Michelenanji@creighton.edu](mailto:Michelenanji@creighton.edu).

## Greek

### **Gamma Phi Beta**

Gamma Phi Beta started off the new school year with a sisterhood retreat at Camp Brewster. The women had a great time enjoying the outdoors, participating in a scavenger hunt, and setting goals for the semester. During Parent's Weekend, the women hosted a dinner for their families and held a silent auction, which raised over \$2000 for Camp Fire USA, our national philanthropy. The women hope to be able to give another donation to the Thened Outreach Center in Grand Cateau, Louisiana during the sorority's fall break service trip. In order to raise money, Gamma Phi Beta is sponsoring a bowling tournament on Oct. 7 from 9 pm to midnight at Thunderbowl. Join us for the fun and to support a great cause!

### **Kappa Kappa Gamma**

The ladies of Kappa Kappa Gamma have been keeping very busy since we've all gotten back this fall. The school year started out with participating in Welcome Week activities such as the Lip Synce Contest and the Jay Jam. We are anxiously looking forward to our Philanthropy Event on October 11th - a Tailgating BBQ before the Men's Soccer Game to help raise money for our national philanthropy, Reading is Fundamental!

### **Theta Phi Alpha**

The members of Theta Phi Alpha are very excited for another semester! This summer, some of our members traveled to Chicago, Illinois for our national convention, where we received recognition for outstanding chapter GPA, outstanding member GPA, and distinguished pledge sister retention. After the summer's close and at the start of the new semester, Theta Phi held a philanthropy volleyball tournament on September 6 with the members of Phi Kappa Psi for Camp Friendship. Informal recruitment began on Sunday, September 14, and all of the members were excited to spend the week together and meet some new girls! The picture below is from our annual Founder's Day, which was held in the spring semester. Theta Phi Alpha is looking forward to playing intramural flag football, Up Till Dawn, and another fall semester!



## Student Organization Updates Cont.

### Honor Society

#### **Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK)**

ODK is a campus wide honor society seeking members who display exemplary character, strong leadership, and superior scholarship. Students are eligible if they are at minimum of sophomore standing (24 credits), and place in the top 35% of his or her class. Members are chosen based on their contribution to both college community and society as a whole. On September 19, 2008, ODK inducted 27 new members for the 2008-09 school year. Look for an invitation to apply next semester, and check out ODK at the Winter Involvement Fair!!

### Political

#### **Amnesty International**

Creighton's Amnesty International chapter is off to a great start this year. This semester we have really tried to focus on getting back to our roots. When we think about Amnesty International, we think about human rights. Often times, this can be an overwhelming topic with all of the human rights violations going on around the world, and even here in the U.S. However, the one great thing about Amnesty is that no human rights issue is ever too big or too widespread that 1) it can't end, and 2) help doesn't matter. What makes Amnesty International a truly great organization to be a part of is that it gives the voiceless a voice.

#### **College Democrats**

With the 2008 election rapidly approaching, the Creighton College Democrats' calendar is full of events to help Democratic candidates get elected. As an organization we will be volunteering with a number of campaigns at all levels from city to national. We will be helping these campaigns in many different ways, such as making phone calls or going out to an Omaha neighborhood canvassing for a candidate. We are also planning on encouraging Creighton students to vote, by co-hosting voter registration drives with other organizations. We will also be hosting a lecture series in the near future featuring two well-known Nebraska Democrats running for office this November—Scott Kleeb and Jim Esch. The entire Creighton student body and the public are invited to attend this event and learn about these candidates.

Upcoming events:

10/04 – Jefferson Jackson Dinner in Des Moines featuring Al Gore

10/05 – Canvassing for Barack Obama

Weekly meetings are Monday nights at 9:00 p.m. in Hixon Lied Science G04.



### **CU NAACP**

CU NAACP is Creighton University's college chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Our organization fights for social justice and strives to advance the economic, education, social and political status of ALL racial and ethnic minorities. CU NAACP informs youth of the problems affecting African Americans, Native Americans, Asian Americans, Latinos, and other racial and ethnic minorities. In addition, we want to stress the importance of collaboration and cooperation to affect change on Creighton's campus, as well as Omaha. CU NAACP is an inclusive organization and we want to invite anyone who is interested to come out and attend our weekly meetings held in the Skutt Student Center room 104 on Mondays at 7pm. If you would like more information or have additional questions, please contact CU NAACP President:

Analise Harris; [analiseharris@creighton.edu](mailto:analiseharris@creighton.edu)

### Professional and Graduate School Organizations

#### **Student Empowerment Network**

What: ADA/SEN Discovery Day

When: Friday Oct 3, 2-4pm

Where: SSC Ballroom.

Why? An opportunity for students, faculty, and staff to learn about various disabilities, and how CU accommodates individuals in order maximize educational opportunities.

Also...Treats provided!

### Sports Clubs

#### **Bluejay Lacrosse Club**

The Men's Lacrosse club is excited to start out another year of lacrosse. The team is excited to welcome new freshmen and continue their fall season success. Creighton Lacrosse has two games in Omaha this fall on Saturday, October 11 at the south campus of UNO. The first game will be Creighton vs. Dordt College at 10:00 am and then Creighton vs. UNO at 3:00 pm. Come out and support the team. Anybody that is interested in joining the team is welcome and should contact the club President at [Kentlighthall@creighton.edu](mailto:Kentlighthall@creighton.edu).

## News from IFC and PHC

IFC and PHC will be having Greek Week 2008 this weekend from Thursday, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>. Thursday will be a canned food drive, followed by a sculpture building contest with the cans. The food will then be donated to the Sienna Francis House. Friday, on the Student Center Patio, will be the pie eating contest. Teams of four will compete in a relay style race to finish off two whole pies. A barbeque will be held Saturday at Elmwood Park. There will be a flag-football tournament, as well as a kickball tournament. To end the weekend, Sunday will be the Greek Service Day. Each chapter will be participating in different service projects, ranging from a Douglas County Health Department emergency test to an Omaha beautification project.

## News from CSU Program Board

Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 Movie: *God Grew Tired of Us* with panel discussion  
 6:30pm  
 Harper Center Hixson-Lied Auditorium

Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>  
 Lecture: John Bul Dau  
 6:30pm  
 Skutt Student Center Ballroom

Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>  
 Weekend Program  
 Indoor "Glow in the Dark" Mini Golf

Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>  
 Fallapalooza featuring **Third Eye Blind**  
 with opening act Alex Winston  
 Doors open at 7:00pm, show starts at 8:00pm  
 Tickets available Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> for undergrad and graduate students  
 Tickets available Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> for professional students, faculty/staff, and guests; all \$10.00

Remember to stop by WAC 1:30pm-4:00pm! Upcoming projects include: Walking nachos, air fresheners, and Christmas ornaments



Student Planners are back! Pick one up in the Student Activities Office. Now just \$2!!

## Upcoming Events in October

*\*\*For CSU Program Board events, please see the column to the left.*

### October 2-5

Greek Weekend

### Week of October 6

Ally Week, sponsored by the Gay-Straight Alliance

### Tuesday, October 7

John Bul Dao lecture at 6:30 pm in the SSC Ballroom, sponsored by CSU Program Board

Congressman Lee Terry and Jim Esch debate at 8:00 pm in the Harper Ballroom, sponsored by CSU

Spring Break Service Trip Coordinator info meeting at 9:00 pm in the CCSJ

### Wednesday, October 8

Career and Post-graduate Volunteer Fair from 11:00-3:00 pm in the Harper Ballroom, sponsored by the Career Center and CCSJ

Spring Break Service Trip Coordinator info meeting at noon in the CCSJ

### Thursday, October 9

Movie showing: Iron Jawed Angels at 7:00 pm in Rigge 120

CUASA Presents "Show time" at 8:00 pm in Harper Ballroom

### Friday, October 10

Movies that make you go hmm: Ground Truth at 7:00 pm in the Harper Center Hixson-Lied Auditorium

### Wednesday, October 15

President debate viewing party at 8:00 pm in the McGloin basement

### Friday, October 17

Spring Break Service Trip applications due to the CCSJ

### Wednesday, October 29

CU Healthy Student Health Fair from 11:00 to 2:00 pm in the SSC Ballroom

CSU candidate debate at 7:00 pm at the SSC fireplace

For a complete listing and details of upcoming campus events, check out the University Calendar online at [calendar.creighton.edu](http://calendar.creighton.edu).

## CUAlert—Sign up Today!

Be prepared! Make sure you know if there is any emergency on campus or a weather closing by signing up for [CUAlert](http://cualert.creighton.edu). The system uses e-mail, voice and text messaging to let you know about unforeseen events or emergencies. It only takes a few minutes to keep you in the know.

[www.creighton.edu/cualert](http://www.creighton.edu/cualert)

Want to submit to the Student Life calendar on the University Calendar system?  
[calendar.creighton.edu](http://calendar.creighton.edu)

To submit an event for the Student Life calendar, please email the following information to Liz Ferguson in the Student Activities Office:

- Name of event, date and time of event, location
- Please include a point of contact (an email or phone number) and list of sponsors
- Also include a short description of the event, including the intended audience, purpose of event, and cost (if any)