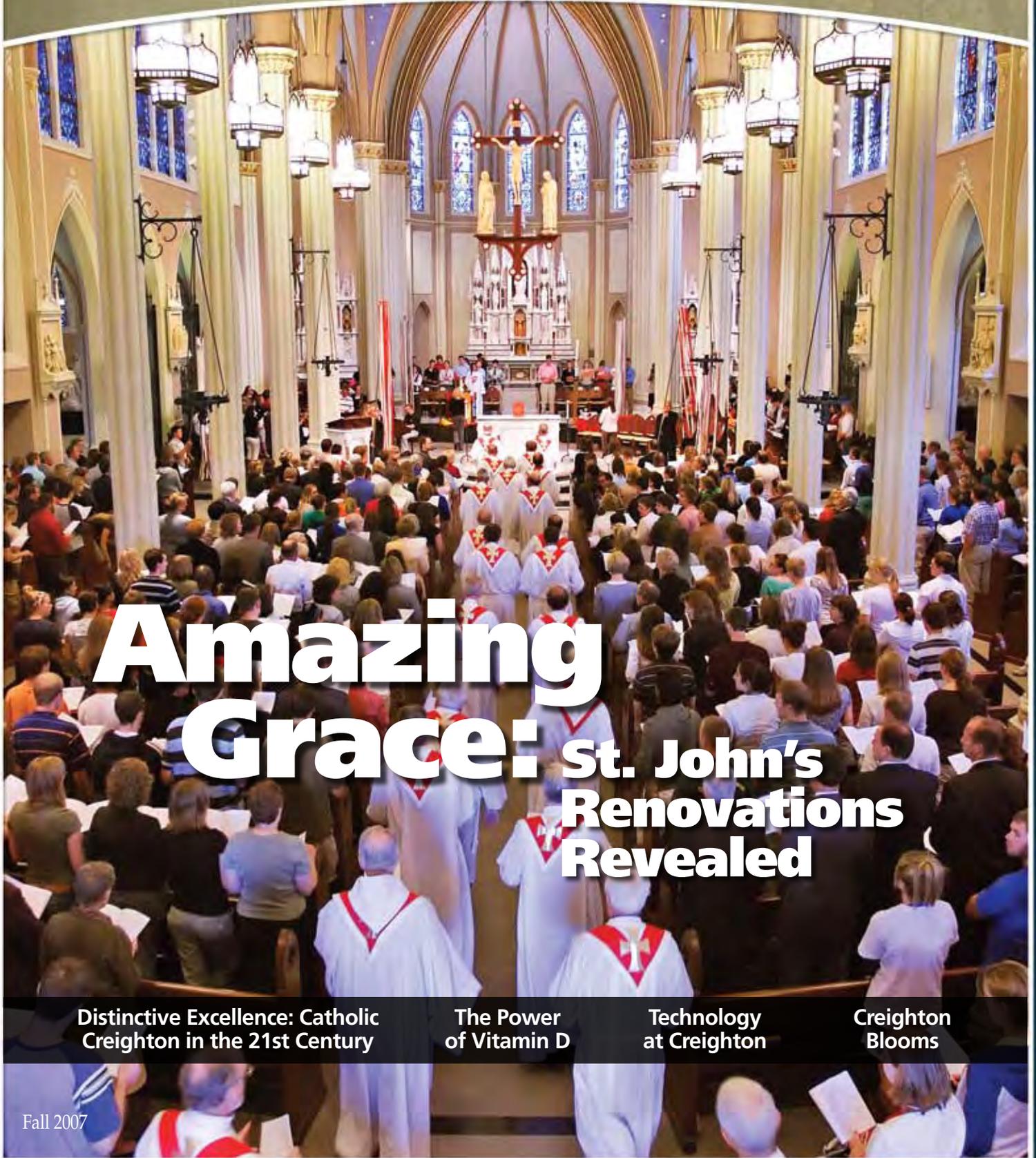


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Our Catholic Tradition

We begin another academic year full of gratitude and hope.

Our freshman class of 952 students pushes our overall undergraduate enrollment to more than 4,000 — a new record high for Creighton University. Our graduate and professional programs are also well subscribed, putting our total enrollment near 7,000.

We are grateful that we continue to attract a bright, talented, diverse group of students. An impressive 42 percent of our new freshmen ranked in the top 10 percent of their high school classes.

We realize our students have many options in selecting a college or university. What we offer is a distinctive education — rooted in the Jesuit, Catholic tradition — that focuses not only on preparing individuals for a profession but on forming women and men who will be agents of change in a complex world.

Our goal is to educate competent, compassionate and committed students who are enlivened with a spirit to love and serve others, especially the poor and marginalized; to seek God's truth in all its forms; and to act for justice.

In this mission, we are guided and sustained by the living tradition of the Catholic Church. We continue to nourish our relationship with the church locally and globally, with programs such as:

- Our new Master of Arts in Ministry, a cooperative venture between Creighton and the Archdiocese of Omaha, designed to prepare participants for professional ministry in the Catholic Church.
- Christian Spirituality, which draws laity, religious and clergy worldwide each summer for graduate-level study. The program's more than 800 graduates serve in a wide range of ministries.
- Institute for Priestly Formation, which assists with the spiritual formation of diocesan seminarians and priests. The Institute, now in its 13th year, has served 866 seminarians from 130 different dioceses in the U.S. and around the world.
- Magis Teaching Corps, in which highly motivated faith-filled students serve in under-resourced Catholic schools while pursuing a master's degree in education.

But these programs, and others, do not represent the extent of our outreach — for our Jesuit, Catholic mission touches all aspects of a Creighton education. The visiting team from the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association noted as much in its recent report during our accreditation:

The institution is permeated by the basic tenets of Creighton's mission as a Catholic and Jesuit comprehensive university dedicated to the pursuit of truth ... [to] providing an integrated vision of the world arising from knowledge and love of Jesus Christ ... [to] the intellectual, social, spiritual, physical and recreational aspects of students' lives ... and [to] the promotion of justice for the betterment of society and the discovery of knowledge.

Our campus, to borrow a Jesuit phrase, "is charged with the grandeur of God." The recent renovations to St. John's Church, for example, are inspiring. The changes only serve to enhance the church's standing as the "heart of campus" — a warm, inviting place to gather in community and prayer.

Like St. John's, Catholic universities have undergone their own metamorphosis. Theology professor John O'Keefe, Ph.D., writes in this issue about the evolution of Catholic colleges and universities into the mainstream of American higher education. Indeed, Creighton has been no exception.

The animating force behind Catholic universities across the centuries, however, has remained constant: a love of learning and a love of the truth.

The late Pope John Paul II wrote in *Ex corde Ecclesiae* that a "Catholic University is distinguished by its free search for the whole truth about nature, man and God ... By means of a kind of universal humanism, a Catholic university is completely dedicated to the research of all aspects of truth in their essential connection with the Supreme Truth, who is God. It does this without fear but rather with enthusiasm."

It follows that a Catholic university must be a place where faith is in dialogue with culture. As the Second Vatican Council noted, the "church can provide no more eloquent proof of its solidarity with, as well as its respect for, the entire human family with which it is bound up than by engaging with it in conversation."

While Creighton is firmly grounded in its Catholic roots, it is also a place that welcomes diverse faiths. In fact, while 63 percent of our current freshman class is Catholic, more than 40 faiths are represented.

Our goal is to prepare all of our students to fulfill their own purpose in life, while instilling in them a profound desire to serve God and to serve others. Our Jesuit, Catholic tradition demands nothing less, and I will settle for nothing less.



John P. Schlegel, S.J.
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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.

U.S. News Ranking Continues to Recognize Creighton's Academic Excellence, Value

For the fifth consecutive year, Creighton University is No. 1 in *U.S. News & World Report's* rankings of Midwest master's universities. It is the 10th time in 12 years Creighton has been No. 1, and the 21st straight year the University has been ranked at or near the top of the magazine's "America's Best Colleges" edition.

This year Creighton also was recognized as No. 1 in the Midwest region as a "best value," where students get the best return on their tuition investment.

"Creighton provides an exceptional living and learning environment for students, and our peers recognize that value," said Creighton President the Rev. John P. Schlegel, S.J. "Access to a Creighton education for quality and diverse students is important to us; that is why our current capital campaign highlights the need for sustaining scholarships. Our successful recruitment efforts have brought in diverse students from varying socio-economic backgrounds, different geographic locations, and multiple ethnic groups."

The *U.S. News* ranking category, Universities-Master's, reflects on a school's mission, providing a full range of undergraduate and master-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, *Princeton Review Inc.* listed Creighton as one of the nation's top 366 colleges and universities in its 2008 annual college guide edition. Creighton also is cited as outstanding by other publications, including *Money*, *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* and *Peterson's Best 311 Colleges*.

Borchers Named VP for Academic Affairs, Culhane Named Interim Law Dean



Borchers

Creighton University School of Law Dean Patrick Borchers has been named vice president for Academic Affairs at Creighton. His term was effective July 1.

He replaces Christine Wiseman, who was named provost of Loyola University Chicago.

Borchers served as law dean for eight years. Under his leadership, applications to Creighton's law school more than doubled and the school won several regional and national trial skills, negotiating and moot court competitions. The law school was awarded its first federal grant from the U.S. Agency for International Development to study resolution of property claims involving Cuba. Borchers, an international expert in conflict of laws, is leading a cross-disciplinary team of six faculty and seven students working on the project.

In 2005, a \$4 million gift from the family of C.L. Werner, founder of Werner Enterprises,

helped establish the Werner Institute for Negotiation and Dispute Resolution, which enrolled almost 50 master's students in its first year.

The law school also received a U.S. Department of Justice grant to create a Community Economic Development Clinic, which is committed to encouraging economic growth and stability within underserved communities in Nebraska, while providing third-year law students a clinical experience.

Marianne Culhane, professor of law, will serve as interim dean while a search is conducted for Borchers' replacement as dean of the law school.



Culhane

Culhane has been on the faculty since 1977, teaching a variety of commercial and business law courses. She frequently writes and speaks on consumer bankruptcy and has been active in legal reform. She has served on the board of trustees of the Iowa Law School Foundation and the board of directors of the Omaha Legal Aid Society. In 2003, she served as the Robert Zinman Scholar-in-Residence at the American Bankruptcy Institute's headquarters in Alexandria, Va.

Renovated St. John's Church Unveiled

An idea that was planted almost five years ago — and germinated with formation of a church renovation steering committee, input from parishioners, and funding from parishioners, Jesuits and Creighton donors — blossomed in a radiant unveiling this summer on the Creighton campus.

The newly restored St. John's Church, the heart of the University's faith-based mission, opened its doors to parishioners, students and others in a July 28 Eucharistic celebration, "For the Greater Glory of God: Celebrating Renewal of the Spirit," offered by Archbishop of Omaha the Most Rev. Elden Francis Curtiss — and concelebrated by more than a dozen Jesuits.

The full-house congregation was visibly moved by the brighter atmosphere, new pews, smooth tile flooring and magnificent crucifix that are part of almost \$3 million in improvements. Hushed chatter filled the church before Mass as people looked above and around, pointing out features to those next to them. A highlight of the Mass was the consecration of a new altar by Archbishop Curtiss.

"Many people said that they had never seen a consecration of an altar before, including me," said the Rev. Roc O'Connor, S.J., co-chair of the steering committee and new rector of the Creighton Jesuit Community. "The archbishop's intensity and deliberate working of chrism into the top of the altar was very compelling."

The renovations, which began last fall on the outside of the church with the restoration, cleaning, replacing and tuck-pointing of thousands of stones, moved inside in the spring. Worship services transferred to the church basement for several months.

With the dual goals of preservation and a richer communal experience, improvements include repair of the stained glass windows; a new heating/air-conditioning system; new paint, flooring, lighting and sound system; a new baptismal font for adult baptisms by submersion; a reconfiguration of the altar area; installing new pews and angling them for better sightlines, and more. Some finishing touches still need to be completed.

Many alumni remember, with fondness tainted by a twinge of annoyance, the clanging of St. John's radiators. The new heating, ventilating and air-conditioning system has relegated the radiators' "Anvil Chorus" to history. The painting of the walls and ceiling bring out the detail and beauty of the church's Gothic features.



Photo by Don Doll, S.J.

Archbishop of Omaha the Most Rev. Elden Francis Curtiss consecrates the new altar in St. John's Church with chrism (holy oil) to indicate that the altar is a sign of the presence of Christ. The practice stems from as early as the ninth century. More photos of the renovation can be found online at creightomagazine.org.

St. John's cornerstone was laid in June 1887, with dedication the following May. The extended family of the Creighton founders provided the main altar, two side altars, a pipe organ and some stained glass windows. Ten years later, the Archdiocese of Omaha designated St. John's a parish church, as well as a collegiate church, as it remains today.

Construction doubled its size in 1922, and the well-recognized spire with clock and bells was added in 1976. In 1981, St. John's was officially registered as a historic landmark. The current project was undertaken to preserve and improve the structure of the church, so that it can be enjoyed for generations to come.

The steering committee's work, in concert with the archdiocese and in dialogue with parishioners, reflected the principles in *Built of Living Stones*, published by the U.S. Catholic bishops to help parishes renovate their church homes.

"There's a good integration of old and

new," Fr. O'Connor said. "The baptismal font is surrounded by the old Communion rail, which is at least 85 years old; parts of the two side altars went into fashioning both the new altar and ambo; and the new crucifix with Mary and John the Evangelist, which hangs from the ceiling near the altar, will help many to contemplate the mystery of the cross for many years. It draws people to focus with Mary and John on Jesus."

He added, "The insignia of the Society of Jesus (IHS, the first three letters of the name Jesus in Greek) placed in the floor just in front of the sanctuary area is gorgeous. It will be prized for many decades to come."

The renovation of St. John's Church is one of the priorities of the *WILLING TO LEAD CAMPAIGN* and funds are still needed to complete the renovation and endow future care and enhancements to preserve the church for generations of students, alumni, parishioners and friends.



Creighton President the Rev. John P. Schlegel, S.J., addresses those gathered for the "topping off" of the Harper Center.



Omaha Mayor and Creighton alumnus Mike Fahey, BA'73, adds his signature to the final beam.

Creighton Celebrates 'Topping Off'

The final steel beam for Creighton's new Mike and Josie Harper Center for Student Life and Learning was hoisted into place during a "topping off" ceremony July 19 on campus. Construction on the 214,000-square-foot Harper Center began last fall and is scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2008. The four-story building is located northeast of 21st and California streets between the law school and the new Opus Hall student town homes. Those on hand for the ceremonial "topping off" had a chance to sign the beam before it was lifted into place. The Harper Center is part of Creighton's *WILLING TO LEAD CAMPAIGN*.



Mike Harper, right, congratulates Fr. Schlegel and Dan Burkey, BSBA'81, vice president for Administration and Finance, on the construction milestone.

Photos by Dave Weaver

Dash Named Creighton Chair of Pharmacy Sciences

Alekha Dash, R.Ph., Ph.D., has been named chair of the Department of Pharmacy Sciences in the Creighton University School of Pharmacy and Health Professions.

Dash, a professor of pharmacy sciences, joined Creighton in 1990. He has served as interim chair of pharmacy sciences since 2004.

"Dr. Dash's exceptional record as a teacher, a researcher and an administrator with Creighton's School of Pharmacy and Health Professions makes him an excellent choice to serve as chair of pharmacy sciences," said Dean J. Chris Bradberry.

Dash is actively involved in research. His interests include design and evaluation of novel drug-delivery systems, particularly nano-delivery systems; preformulation studies; solid-state characterization of drugs and dosage forms; pharmaceutical analysis; and evaluation and design of dosage forms for nutraceuticals and dietary supplements.

Creighton Continues East Campus Expansion

A key element of Creighton University's forward-thinking strategic plan is the campus master plan, which articulates the largest expansion in the University's history. Since 2000, Creighton President the Rev. John P. Schlegel, S.J., and the University's Board of Directors have invested more than \$200 million in completed or planned campus improvements. Several major milestones were achieved recently that move the University closer to creating a more lively and cohesive campus environment, a priority of the *WILLING TO LEAD CAMPAIGN*. These milestones also support Creighton's partnership and participation in the revitalization of downtown Omaha. They include:

- The "topping off" of the Mike and Josie Harper Center for Student Life and Learning (see related article above).
- Receipt of a \$200,000 grant from the Environmental Protection Agency to clean up heavy-metal contamination at the former Moreco Plating Company on the east end of campus at 16th and Webster streets. Creighton will use the site as parking for an adjacent building currently under renovation.
- Acquisition of 16 parcels of land, covering more than three city blocks, along the campus' eastern corridor from Modern Equipment Company in exchange for relocating the company to a new facility. "This agreement was beneficial to both Creighton and Modern Equipment Company," said Dan Burkey, vice president for Administration and Finance. "We were able to secure land for our east-campus expansion, while helping a thriving business relocate and keep jobs in north Omaha."

BY THE NUMBERS



Photo by Mark Romesser

Pictured above are Creighton freshmen Kayla Spaustat, Nema Philip and Jon Stewart.

2007 Freshman Class

In the past five years, Creighton University has enrolled its strongest academic classes ever, and this year's freshman class of 952 students is no exception. Heavily involved in service and leadership roles in high school, the new freshman class has an academic profile that places it above all but four other private universities in the Midwest that have enrollments of at least 3,000 undergraduates. Here's a look at Creighton's newest students.

952 total number of new freshman undergraduate students, one of the largest classes ever at Creighton. (Overall undergraduate enrollment will reach a new record high for the third consecutive year, and for the second consecutive year, total undergraduates will be above 4,000.)

Bright ...

29% ranked in the top 5% of their high school classes; 42% were in the top 10%

73% were members of the National Honor Society

51% scored 27 or above on the ACT (placing them in the top 10% in the nation)

Diverse ...

270 are from the East Coast, South, Southwest, Mountain or Western States

300 are from Midwestern cities more than 200 miles from campus

290 are from Nebraska

21% had a close family member attend Creighton

21% are first-generation college students

200 are students of color, including African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans or Hawaiians/Pacific Islanders, Asian Americans and international students

40 religions are represented (63 percent Catholic)

Involved ...

80% active in church and/or community service organization in high school

61% active in a student government position

69% active in a high school varsity sport

60% active in music, theater or dance

Creighton Neuroscientist Receives NIMH Grant

The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) has awarded Kevin Happe, Ph.D., assistant professor of psychiatry at Creighton University School of Medicine, a three-year, \$740,000 research grant.



Happe

Happe will study how alpha-2 adrenergic receptors in the central nervous system are affected in clinical depression and their role in treatment with antidepressant drugs.

Among other things, the study may help determine how antidepressants can more rapidly and effectively relieve depression. On average, most antidepressants currently must be taken from three weeks to two months before a patient shows improvement.

Frederick Petty, Ph.D., M.D., Creighton vice chair for research and professor of psychiatry, and researchers from University of Nebraska Medical Center and University of Nebraska at Lincoln are study co-investigators.

Understanding the Middle East Through Art

Syrian-born artist Suheil Baddor, a resident of the United Arab Emirates, was an artist-in-residence at Creighton University in August and September. Baddor's solo exhibition was on view at the Creighton University Art Gallery in the Skutt Student Center.

Baddor has created more than 5,000 works of art during his 35-year professional career in the Middle East. He has been featured in more than 35 solo exhibitions and in numerous group exhibitions all over the world. His art is on display in more than 10 countries, including Greece, Austria, Ireland, Australia and Egypt. View his work online at: www.baddor.com.

Baddor's exhibition was part of Creighton's first Asian Literature and Arts Appreciation Month.

"It is hoped that Creighton's first Asian Literature and Arts Appreciation Month will continue the infusion of non-Western values and traditions into the day-to-day activities of the Creighton campus to enhance our students' global education," said Maorong Jiang, Ph.D., director of the Creighton Asian World Center.

StoryCoach Ready to Roll

Take one big dream, add an old 66-seat school bus, and mix liberally with motivated Creighton University students and nearly 100 at-risk students from two Omaha high schools. The result? StoryCoach.

This spring, Heather Goertz, BSOT'96, OTD'01, a Creighton professor of occupational therapy, realized a longtime dream with the unveiling of StoryCoach, a highly interactive literacy program on wheels.

As part of a class project, Goertz and 20 of her OT students worked with students from Blackburn Alternative High School and Omaha Street School to gut and refurbish an old school bus. They then created story modules for their favorite fairy tales, complete with costumes and other props.

While the final product has been unveiled, this story is just beginning. The StoryCoach is now visiting locations throughout the Omaha area with high school students serving as "story tellers" to pre- and grade-school students. Creighton students continue their involvement as well.

"Our goal is to empower at-risk teenagers and address the community's literacy needs," Goertz said. "The project builds confidence in older students, while showing younger children how much fun reading is."

Each semester, Creighton occupational therapy students engage in community-based, service learning to empower people to live healthy and meaningful lives. A grant from the Nebraska Crime Commission helped support StoryCoach.



Photos by Dave Weaver

Pictured above are Chris Bradberry (dean of the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions), Heather Goertz (professor of occupational therapy), John Parsons, JD'85 (executive director, Omaha Street School), Jim Schutz (Blackburn High School administrator) and Jerry Bartee, BA'76, MS'83 (assistant superintendent, Omaha Public Schools).



Stacey Mitchell, a student at the Omaha Street School, reads to Kellom Elementary students in the StoryCoach bus.

Creighton Soccer Aims High

Creighton senior goalkeeper Matt Allen and junior forward Byron Dacy are among 29 players on the watch list for the Missouri Athletic Club Hermann Trophy — collegiate soccer's version of the Heisman Trophy — as announced by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America.



Allen



Dacy

The award, which honors the best Division I soccer player in the nation, is presented at the end of the season. Creighton is one of only two schools with multiple players on the watch list; the other is reigning NCAA champion UC-Santa Barbara.

Allen and Dacy are part of a strong Creighton team that will be shooting for its 16th straight NCAA Tournament appearance in 2007. The Jays were ranked 21st by *CollegeSoccerNews.com* in its preseason top-30 poll, and were the preseason No. 1 pick in the conference.

The Bluejays returned five starters from last year's 13-5-3 squad, which won both the Missouri Valley Conference (MVC)

regular-season and tournament titles. In November, Creighton and Morrison Stadium will play host to all three rounds of the State Farm MVC Tournament.

Women's Soccer

The Creighton women's soccer team has appeared in three NCAA Tournaments over the last six years, and looks to make another run this season under coach Bruce Erickson. Erickson, in his ninth season, has more wins than any other coach in Creighton women's soccer history, with a record of 81-68-16 heading into the 2007 season.

Creighton Volleyball

The Creighton volleyball team was picked to finish third in the Missouri Valley Conference in a preseason poll of league coaches. In addition, senior middle blocker Kelly Goc was one of eight selections named to the MVC's Preseason Team. Creighton returned all six starters and 10 letter winners from last year's team that finished 21-10 (12-6 MVC) under the direction of coach Kirsten Bernthal Booth.

Follow all the Creighton sports action online at the newly redesigned Creighton athletics website: gocreighton.com. For ticket information, call (402) 280-JAYS.

Loggie Named Holder of Bonnstetter Endowed Chair

Brian Loggie, M.D., has been named holder of The Dr. Harold J. Bonnstetter Endowed Chair in Preventive Medicine at Creighton University School of Medicine.

The appointment was announced at the School of Medicine's spring faculty meeting. The chair is named after the late Harold Bonnstetter, who earned his medical degree from Creighton in 1931.

Loggie, a professor of surgery, joined the

Creighton School of Medicine in 2002 and serves as chief of the Division of Surgical Oncology, which he founded. He also directs Creighton's Cancer Biology Program, a component of the institution's state-supported Cancer and Smoking Disease Research Program.

A renowned surgeon, Loggie is particularly known for his treatment of rare,



Loggie

cancerous conditions. Patients around the world have come to Creighton University Medical Center to be treated by him for pseudomyxoma peritonei, peritoneal mesothelioma, appendix tumors and other cancers. Since 2001, Loggie has been elected by his peers for inclusion in *Best Doctors of America*. Loggie formerly held faculty appointments at the University of Illinois at Chicago; Wake Forest University's Bowman Gray School of Medicine, Winston-Salem, N.C.; and the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas.

Office of Student Success Strengthens Learning Environment

Creighton's recently established Office of Student Success aims to fulfill elements of the University's mission by aiding in the development and transition of Creighton's newest students.

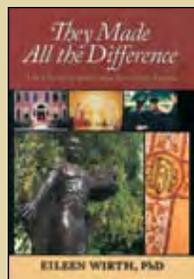
The office will coordinate numerous educational services, including peer-to-peer education, alcohol education, peer academic leader training, Welcome Week, tutoring, study skill workshops, academic success counseling and several other student success-related programs. The office will also be involved in the *Ratio Studiorum* Program (RSP), educating and training the peer academic leaders. Different departments previously organized these programs.

"The Office of Student Success provides students a powerful set of resources expressly built to help them succeed in their life and learning," said Wayne Young Jr., Ph.D., BA'93, assistant vice president for Student Services/ Student Learning.

Creighton Hosts Documentary Premier

Alumni and friends are invited to the Omaha premier of *Hold Your Breath* on Thursday, Oct. 25, at 7 p.m. in room G4 of the Hixson-Lied Science Building, hosted by the Creighton Center for Health Policy and Ethics. The documentary considers the challenges of multicultural health care, and looks specifically at the important role Islam plays in the care of Mohammad Kochi, an elder Afghani émigré with cancer. For more information, contact Marybeth Goddard, (402) 280-2021 or mgoddard@creighton.edu.

Professor's Book Highlights Jesuit High Schools



Eileen Wirth, Ph.D., chair and professor of journalism at Creighton, is the author of a new book, *They Made All the Difference: Life-changing Stories from Jesuit High Schools*.

The 240-page book focuses on the role of Ignatian spirituality in Jesuit high schools nationwide, a topic Wirth became familiar with through the help of numerous Jesuits at Creighton University and Creighton Prep.

Published by Loyola Press, *They Made All the Difference: Life-changing Stories from Jesuit High Schools* is available in bookstores and on amazon.com.

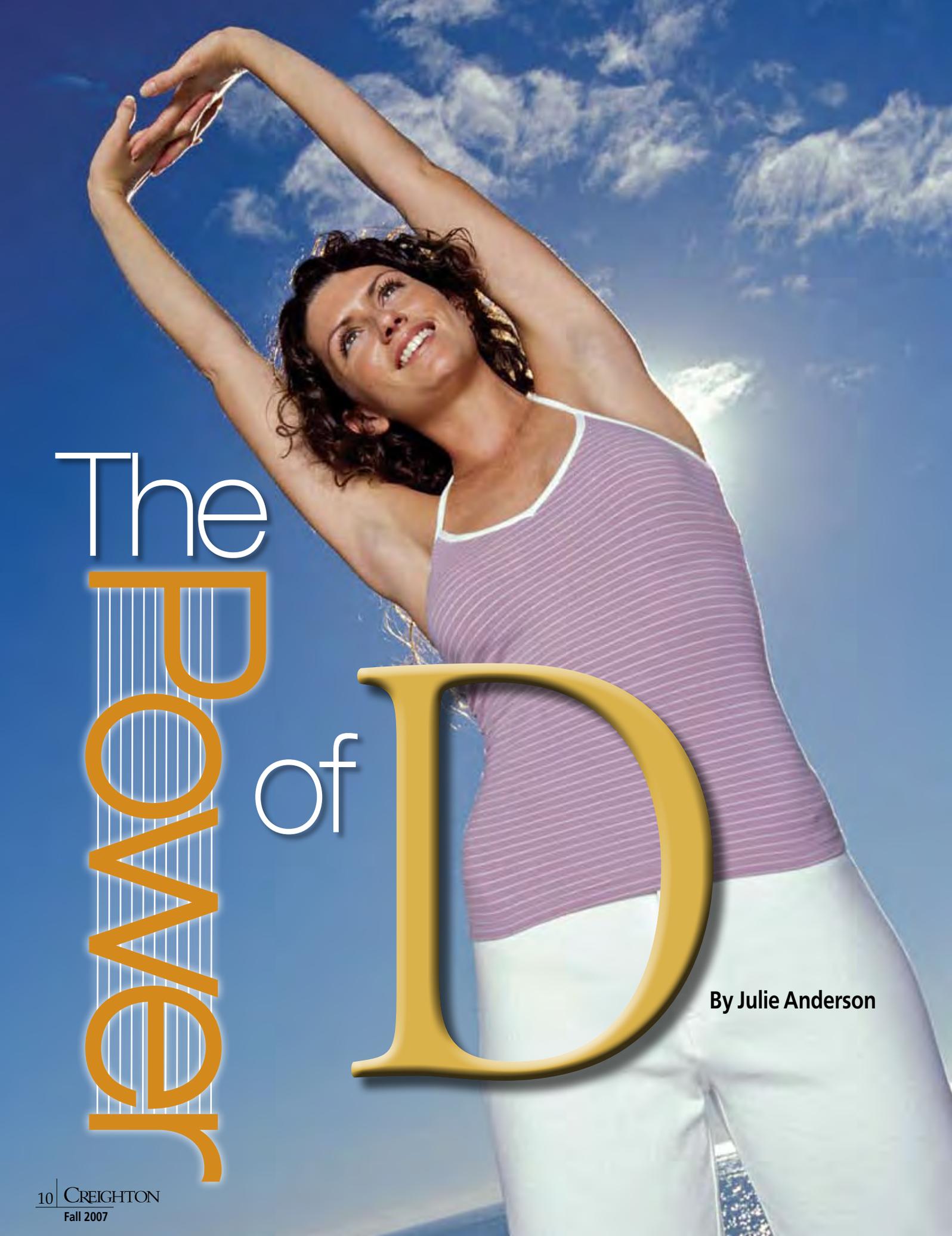
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The
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By Julie Anderson

More than six decades ago, scientists began noticing that people who lived at northern latitudes — and got less exposure to ultraviolet rays because of it — developed more cancers than those who lived in more southerly locales.

Since then, researchers have been gathering evidence that vitamin D, the so-called “sunshine vitamin,” could reduce the risk of certain cancers.

This spring, a study by researchers at Creighton University School of Medicine provided strong new evidence bolstering the suspected link, finding a dramatic reduction in cancers among older women given doses of vitamin D several times higher than called for by federal guidelines.

“This study proves for the first time what an important role vitamin D plays,” said Joan Lappe, Ph.D., MS’85, the study’s lead author and a professor of nursing and medicine at Creighton.

The research, which has been covered by news organizations worldwide, including the *Washington Post*, *Los Angeles Times* and ABC News, is adding to growing evidence for what appears to be a wider role in the body for vitamin D, once known only as a defense against rickets, a booster of calcium absorption and a partner to calcium in building strong bones.

It also adds to an already significant — and still growing — body of work by Creighton researchers on bone health, the calcium economy and vitamin D.

Robert Recker, MD’63, a study co-author and professor of medicine at Creighton, said publication of the study is good for Creighton and for the Osteoporosis Research Center, which he heads.

“It’s affirming for us, because we’ve been interested in (vitamin D) for a long time,” he said. “It’s nice to find something really important.”

A Creighton study found a 60 percent reduction in new cancers in those who took daily doses of vitamin D and calcium.

At the public health level, the research highlights concerns that many of us are not getting enough vitamin D, either from pills or small doses of sunshine. Recker said the researchers, after years of studying the vitamin, have concluded that optimal vitamin D levels should be much higher.

Just how much D is the right amount for various aspects of human health, however, still is up for debate.

The American Cancer Society

noted after the study appeared that it was premature to recommend that people increase their vitamin D intake. The Canadian Cancer Society, however, shortly afterward recommended that Canadian adults take vitamin D supplements, at least during the fall and winter.

The Creighton researchers, however, say it’s not too early to begin paying closer attention to the vitamin D we’re getting.

“We know there is a high prevalence of vitamin D deficiency throughout the world,” Lappe said. “This just adds to the growing body of information out there that people need to be aware of their vitamin D nutrition and take steps to get adequate vitamin D.”

Robert Heaney, BS’47, MD’51, a study co-author and John A. Creighton University Professor, said supplemental

vitamin D could reduce the risk of cancer in middle-aged and older people for pennies a year.

Sunlight, milk and fatty fish are natural sources of vitamin D.



“Think what you could do to the health care costs of this country, let alone the lives saved,” said Heaney, a nationally known expert on calcium and vitamin D, who also holds a rank of professor of medicine.

All of the researchers involved in the project are with Creighton’s Osteoporosis Research Center, which has gone by different names over the years. Heaney founded the center, and Recker took over its direction in 1974. The other Creighton investigators involved in the study were Dianne Travers-Gustafson, BSN’79, MS’93; K. Michael Davies, Ph.D.; and Gleb Haynatzki, Ph.D.

The study, which treated and followed 1,179 rural Nebraska women for four years, found a 60 percent reduction in new cancers in those who took daily doses of vitamin D and calcium compared to those who took placebos.

The risk reduction nearly matched that found in an earlier epidemiological study, Heaney said.

What makes the Creighton study so significant, he and Lappe said, is that it is the first randomized, controlled study to use sufficient doses of vitamin D — specifically, vitamin D3 — and produce an effect on cancer.

Two other top vitamin D researchers agreed.

“It’s extremely strong evidence supporting all the previous

epidemiological evidence,” said Michael Holick, M.D., a prominent vitamin D researcher and professor of medicine at Boston University Medical Center.

Cedric Garland, DPH, professor of preventive medicine at the University of California-San Diego School of Medicine in La Jolla, Calif., said the study also is significant because it demonstrates such a large reduction in cancer incidence.

“We’re usually happy to see a 10 percent reduction in cancer,” said Garland, who proposed a link between vitamin D and cancer, specifically colon cancer, in the 1980s. “To cut it in half is unprecedented in the history of cancer prevention, which goes back at least 100 years.”

That said, the study has drawn some criticism, which the authors acknowledged.

Some have faulted it for the fact that it was designed primarily to look at the effect of calcium and vitamin D on bone health. The researchers plan to publish more results on that front later.

The study, although large in the number of women treated, nevertheless had a small number of cancers (50). The researchers said further studies, including those with men and women of all ages and different ethnic groups, will be needed before it can be concluded that vitamin D reduces cancer risk across the board.

Lappe, on the other hand, said the study design lent itself to a look at the potential link between vitamin D and reduced cancer risk found in previous studies. The Creighton study produced a strong effect despite the small number of cancers.

At the same time, just exactly what role vitamin D may play in cancer and other diseases still is being worked out. But newer research has suggested what appears to be a much wider role for it in the body.

Evidence suggests that
vitamin D may help
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of infection.

Studies have suggested the vitamin may help maintain a healthy immune system, with a number tying low levels of vitamin D not only to an increased risk of some cancers but also to high blood pressure and diabetes, among other conditions.

At least 200 human genes contain some type of vitamin D response element, according to the research paper, many of them encoding for proteins important in regulating aspects of cell growth. Evidence also suggests the vitamin reduces the risk of infection.

“Ninety percent of what we know about vitamin D we’ve learned in the last 10 years,” said Heaney. “The field is growing so fast that most people just can’t keep up with it.”

The study, funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), ran from 2001 to 2005.

The 1,179 participants, all postmenopausal women over age 55, were randomly assigned to three groups. One group of 446 women took 1,400 milligrams to 1,500 milligrams a day of calcium supplements plus 1,100

How Much Vitamin D Do We Need?

The “adequate intake” established by the Food and Nutrition Board of the Institute of Medicine in 1997 is 200 international units (IU) for adults ages 25 to 50; 400 IU for adults ages 51 to 70 and 600 IU for those over 70.

But recent studies show that most people need a supplemental dose of 1,000 IU to 2,000 IU a day, with dark-skinned people needing more. Most multivitamins contain 400 IU.

When taking supplements, look on the label for vitamin D3, or in the ingredient list for cholecalciferol. Vitamin D3 is more effective than vitamin D2.

Our bodies also produce vitamin D3 when our skin is exposed to sunlight. Office workers may not get out enough even during summer months. And sunscreen blocks ultraviolet rays. The National Institutes of Health recommends getting out for 10 to 15 minutes of exposure twice a week to the face, arms, hands or back before applying a sunscreen with an SPF of at least 15 to protect against skin cancer.

Sources: Joan Lappe and Robert P. Heaney, Creighton University School of Medicine; National Institutes of Health.



international units of vitamin D3, or cholecalciferol.

Vitamin D3 is the form the skin makes when exposed to sunlight. It's also the kind found in milk and fatty fish such as wild-caught salmon.

A similar number of women got calcium alone and 288 took dummy pills.

The results were published in early June in the *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition*.

During the four years, 20 women in the placebo group developed cancer, or 7 percent. Among those taking calcium alone, 17 women, or 4 percent, were diagnosed with some type of cancer. Thirteen women, or 3 percent, developed cancer among those dosed with both vitamin D and calcium.

The numbers worked out to a 60 percent decrease in cancer risk for the vitamin D and calcium group compared with the women who took placebos. The group that took calcium alone saw a 47 percent reduction in cancer risk.

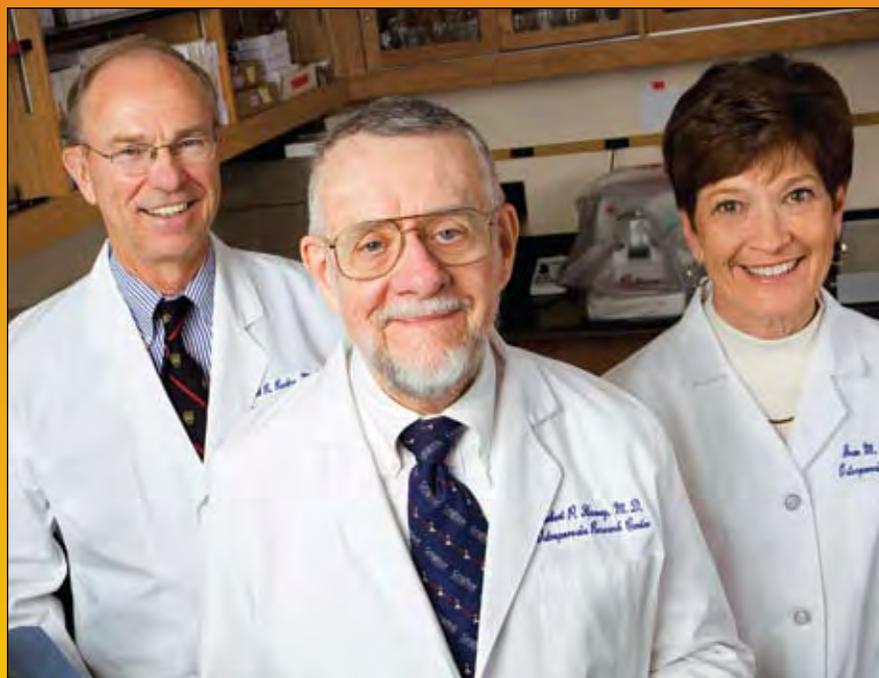
Figuring that some of the women might have entered the study with undiagnosed cancers, the researchers also looked at the last three years of the study separately. All had been free of known cancers for 10 years before the study began.

Over these last three years, the vitamin D plus calcium group saw a 77 percent reduction in cancer risk compared to the placebo group. The reduction seen in the calcium-only group, while 41 percent, was not statistically significant.

Notably, the dose of vitamin D3 used in the study was nearly three times the "adequate intake" of 400 international units for adults ages 51 to 70 recommended by the Institute of Medicine, which makes recommendations on nutrient requirements.

It was also higher than the 400 international units given in the Women's Health Initiative, the only other randomized trial of vitamin D and cancer of which the researchers were aware. That study found no significant effect of vitamin D supplementation on cancer risk, although it did find a relationship between blood levels of the vitamin and cancer risk.

Recently, a number of researchers



From left, Robert Recker, MD/63, Robert Heaney, BS/47, MD/51, and Joan Lappe, Ph.D., MS/85, lead Creighton's Osteoporosis Research Center, one of the top bone research centers in the world.

nationwide, including Heaney, have urged an increase in the daily recommended intake.

Heaney said most people would be fine with a supplemental dose of 1,000 international units to 2,000 international units, although dark-skinned people would need more. Darker skin is less efficient at converting vitamin D precursors in the skin to vitamin D than lighter skin.

He and three other scientists in January called on the federally sponsored panel that sets vitamin recommendations to raise the safe upper limit fivefold — from 2,000 international units to 10,000 international units — based on a safety evaluation of 21 recent clinical trials.

Most of the members of the research team, Heaney said, themselves take at least 1,000 international units of vitamin D3 a day, not counting what they get from other sources. He takes 10,000 international units once a week in a single capsule, for the convenience.

Meantime, J. Christopher Gallagher, M.D., a professor of medicine in Creighton's endocrinology department and another nationally known vitamin D scientist, in fall 2006 received nearly \$2 million from the NIH to help determine the optimal level of vitamin D for bone health in women.

That study will look at levels ranging

from 400 to 4,800 international units.

Heaney said the osteoporosis research group also continues to look at nuts-and-bolts questions about vitamin D — such as how often to take it, how long a dose lasts and how much people get from the sun.

"You have to do such research or you can't answer people's practical questions," he said.

Lappe said the publication of the vitamin D and cancer results are exciting because it has the potential to affect so many people. She was appointed this spring to the Criss/Beirne Endowed Chair in the School of Nursing, the first endowed chair in that school.

Another study she led, published earlier in the spring, demonstrated that calcium and vitamin D supplementation — even over a time period as short as eight weeks of basic training — can significantly reduce stress fractures in female Navy recruits. Diane Cullen, Ph.D., of Creighton's Osteoporosis Research Center was a co-investigator on the project.

"There's been a tremendous amount of work done by scientists to show the effects of vitamin D," Lappe said. "The good thing is, this one is getting publicity and bringing all that other good work to the forefront."

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Distinctive Excellence:
Catholic Creighton
in the 21st Century

By John J. O'Keefe, Ph.D.
Professor of Theology

As the 21st century gets underway, many observers of Catholic higher education in America worry openly about its future. Faced with declining numbers of vowed-religious and significant changes in the American church, can institutions like Creighton balance their aspirations for increasing excellence without sacrificing their religious distinctiveness?

The question is not moot. Indeed, if the history of the religiously affiliated colleges and universities in the 20th century were to serve as a guidebook, the future looks somewhat bleak.

James Burtchaell, for example, describes worrisome trends in his massive study, *The Dying of the Light: The Disengagement of Colleges and Universities from Their Christian Churches* (1998). More recently, Peter Steinfels, former senior religion correspondent for the *New York Times*, expresses profound anxiety about the future Catholicity of all Catholic institutions in *A People Adrift: The Crisis of the Roman Catholic Church in America* (2003).

However one interprets the conclusions of authors like Burtchaell and Steinfels, one thing is clear — the Catholic identity of Catholic universities is now in question in a way that it never was in the past.

My own interest in this topic began nearly 30 years ago (although I did not know it at the time), when, as a high school senior, I chose to attend Stetson University in DeLand, Fla., a regional school with a strong academic reputation.

I — like most of my classmates in the fall of 1979 — was unaware that Stetson was affiliated with the Baptist Church. Nothing in Stetson's marketing information mentioned the Baptist connection, and religious identity had nothing to do with the reputation the school enjoyed in high school guidance offices.

Once on campus, however, I noticed the Baptist presence. A remnant curricular requirement surprised me: All students had to take RN 200, a course on Judeo-Christian tradition. I "got it out of the way" in summer school. There was also a weekly chapel service, optional of course, but, I was told, required into the early '70s. Most

surprising of all was the large religion department, which attracted Baptist students from all over the south who were interested in ministry.

However, apart from RN 200, I was not impacted by this Baptist presence. Not one of my regular classes incorporated this aspect of the university's identity. The religious formation I received in those years originated at the Catholic center on campus and the local Catholic parish. Only the religion department remained as a center of Baptist Christian culture and, except for that department, the environment was wholly secular.



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Several years after I graduated in 1983, Stetson declared independence from the Southern Baptist Convention. The architects of Stetson's religious disassociation believed that a distinctive religious identity conflicted with the university's aspirations for academic excellence. After the separation, the religion department became a non-sectarian religious studies program, the pre-ordination Baptist students stopped coming, and Stetson became officially what it had been unofficially for a long time: private, regional and secular. So transformed, Stetson joined the ranks of scores of other institutions in this country: It is now an academically excellent, yet religiously indistinctive, small American university.

The path Stetson followed to secularization was hardly unique. In his book *The Soul of the American University: From Protestant Establishment to Established Nonbelief*, historian George Marsden traces similar transformations at America's most prestigious institutions of higher education. Harvard, Yale, Dartmouth and Princeton, for example, all were founded upon a presumptive

Christianity, which, in many cases, endured well into the 20th century. According to Marsden, "as late as the 1950s it was not unusual for spokespersons of leading schools to refer to them as 'Christian' institutions."

Noting this reality, the majority of Marsden's book explains the process by which these institutions abandoned their Christian past and embraced the new secular vision of themselves that now dominates. Marsden explains that this process was largely unintentional: Institutional leaders were simply following wider trends in American culture from which they could not distance themselves precisely because they were full participants in and generators of that culture.

By a thousand small decisions made in the name of wider religious pluralism and greater inclusiveness, the Christian cores of these schools gradually faded and eventually disappeared completely. As Marsden explains, "the result [of this process] was an 'inclusive' higher education that resolved the problems of pluralism by virtually excluding all religious perspective from the nation's highest academic life." For these schools, it seemed necessary to sacrifice religious distinctiveness to enhance excellence.

The situation for Catholic colleges and universities, however, was quite

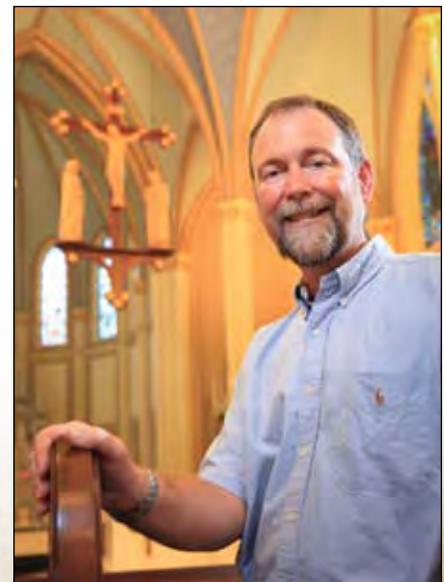


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Author John O'Keefe, Ph.D., professor of theology, in Creighton's newly renovated St. John's Church. He writes that Jesuit universities like Creighton have an opportunity to become "centers of Catholic presence to the wider world."

different. Until the 1960s, Roman Catholic Americans resided on the margins of the American mainstream. They inhabited enclaves of Catholic culture that provided for all their needs. Catholics lived in Catholic neighborhoods; they sent their children to Catholic schools; and, if they got sick, they trooped off to Catholic hospitals, where they were cared for by hosts of nuns doing double duty as nurses. These institutions existed to serve the Catholic subculture. They were expressions of it, and their identity as Catholic institutions rested on nothing more than the fact that they were run, staffed and patronized by Catholic Americans. The Catholic universities produced by this subculture were often academically weaker than their secular counterparts, but they were distinctively Catholic.

The construction of this American Catholic subculture and the institutions that supported it has been aptly chronicled by Charles Morris in his book *American Catholic: The Saints and Sinners Who Built America's Most Powerful Church*.



Many universities encourage service, but establishing a connection between service and justice as central to advancing the kingdom of God has emerged as a critical dimension of what it means to educate and be educated in the Ignatian tradition.

Morris traces American Catholicism from its beginnings, through its height in the 1940s and 1950s, to the present, which he describes as “decline.” This “decline,” however, needs further nuance. Ironically,



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Creighton President the Rev. John P. Schlegel, S.J., offers a blessing over the University's incoming freshmen and their parents during this year's Welcome Week Mass at St. John's Church.

as Morris explains, the collapse of Catholic subculture corresponds with the full inclusion of Catholics into the American mainstream culture. For Morris, the election of John F. Kennedy as president of the United States in 1960 symbolizes two things: On the one hand it marks the triumph of Catholic culture, but, on the other hand, it signals the beginning of its decline from distinctiveness.

Catholic universities in America were and are caught up in the tension caused by these polarities of success and potential decline. Understanding this tension is important for those who would chart a future for Catholic higher education. Most observers concur that Catholic higher education since the early 1960s has followed American Catholicism out of the old immigrant neighborhoods and into greater respectability. In doing so, however, it has assumed the same risk of diminishment.

Although the risks associated with full inclusion in American life emerged at the same time as inclusion itself, leaders of American Catholic institutions — including universities — have been slow to recognize them. Serious debate about Catholic identity at Catholic universities really began in earnest in the 1990s — 30 years after Kennedy's inauguration. The reasons for this delay are complex, but, put simply, the benefits of full inclusion seemed to overwhelm any possible negative consequences.

Catholics became prosperous members of middle- and upper-income America, their children gained access to the best colleges and universities, and their religious traditions earned increased respect. Throughout the second half of the 20th century, Catholics enjoyed increasing political, economic and cultural influence.

Following in this wake of cultural success, Catholic universities also benefited greatly. Some of these institutions now number among America's most prestigious centers of learning. In the face of these enormous gains, it is not surprising that potential negatives would have been difficult to see, especially for the generation presiding over the transition.

A second factor contributing to this somewhat delayed realization is, ironically enough, the coincidence that the Second Vatican Council took place at exactly the same time as the mainstreaming of American Catholicism. Change within the Church happened rapidly; most of it seemed overwhelmingly positive: The liturgy switched to the language of the people, religious orders strove to return to their roots, and the laity were encouraged to participate more actively in their faith. American Catholics experienced these internal changes at the exact same time that they were experiencing a massive reorientation with their own American

The Jesuit-Lay Partnership

By Maureen McCann Waldron, BA'75, MA'98

Jesuits and laity have worked in partnership since the beginnings of the religious order. Ignatius of Loyola, who founded the Society of Jesus in 1540, saw laypersons as effective instruments in extending the ministry of the early Society. Ignatius invited his lay friends into his spirituality and into his earliest ministries. When he founded the House of St. Martha in Rome, a refuge for those fleeing prostitution, he also began the Confraternity of Grace, a group of lay people who supported the institution. Later, Ignatius turned it over to the confraternity and moved on to other ministries. This began a pattern of relying on lay support and eventual leadership.

When "the Creighton College" opened its doors in Omaha in 1878, the first staff included two Jesuit priests, two Jesuit scholastics, a layman and a laywoman. In the years since then, Creighton has always relied on a Jesuit-lay partnership.

However, the picture is changing. The number of men in the Society of Jesus is declining: around the world, in the United States and on Creighton's campus. Today there are 2,800 faculty and staff who make up the Creighton community — only 27 are Jesuits.

Administrative and classroom roles once filled by Jesuits have been taken up by lay partners. But according to the Very Rev. Peter-Hans Kolvenbach, S.J., superior general of the Society of Jesus, that role reversal has given Jesuit ministries a new depth. Three years ago, Fr. Kolvenbach came to Creighton from Rome to give a major address on Jesuit-lay partnership, offering a new look at this traditional topic.

"For many years we looked upon 'lay collaboration' as a necessary salvage-operation in the face of our own declining numbers," Fr. Kolvenbach said. "I believe, however, that the years have taught us a deeper appreciation for the richness of mutual gifts that all bring to the ministries we share."

He spoke of the historic 34th General Congregation held by the Society of Jesus in 1993 and its landmark Decree 13, "Partnership with the Laity in Mission." Quoting the decree, Fr. Kolvenbach said, "A reading of the signs of the times since the Second Vatican Council shows unmistakably that the Church of the next millennium will be called, as John Paul II said, the 'Church of the Laity.'"

Since the Second Vatican Council, laypersons have been invited into a new way of considering the roles and responsibilities that come with baptism. The realization began to emerge that "all the faithful ... are called by the Lord, each in his own way."

Fr. Kolvenbach added: "For there to be a partnership of equality, the question changes from, 'How can lay women and men assist Jesuits in their ministries?' A new question emerges: 'How can Jesuits

serve lay women and men in their ministries?'

"For that to happen, Jesuits must think of our parish, our retreat center, our school in a completely new way. We have to pass from an exclusive use of our parish, our school to an inclusive use. It is ours now, referring to a larger group, because it is a mission for which all of us — Jesuit and lay — are co-responsible."

Today the numbers of Jesuits are fewer. The good news is that, in many ways, members of the Creighton community are more comfortable articulating the unique Jesuit mission of the University than they may have been 30, 20 or even 10 years ago.

Fr. Kolvenbach encouraged Jesuits to share "what we are and what we have received: our spiritual and apostolic inheritance, our educational resources, and our friendship." The core of that apostolic inheritance is the *Spiritual Exercises*, a series of prayer experiences written by St. Ignatius.

Fr. Kolvenbach's call to share the Jesuit spiritual resources led the Collaborative Ministry Office at Creighton to invite key administrators, faculty and staff to experience the *Spiritual Exercises* in the form of the Online Retreat. Part of Creighton's Online Ministries, the retreat (www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online) has touched the lives of thousands of people over the last eight years and now Creighton's own community members gather in groups around campus during the academic year to share their experiences.

The response has been that these lay leaders at Creighton have grown in a spiritual freedom and an ability to find an intimacy with God in the midst of their everyday lives. There may be fewer Jesuits in our future at Creighton, but already there are many more busy members of the Creighton community who carry on the Ignatian vision and mission of the University.

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The Rev. Andy Alexander, S.J., and Maureen McCann Waldron work together in Creighton's Collaborative Ministry Office.

Too Busy for a Traditional Retreat? Join Creighton Online

Alumni and friends are invited to join people from around the world in making Creighton's popular Online Retreat — a 34-week, Internet-based retreat rooted in the *Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius*. The Online Retreat features weekly prayer guides, photos by the Rev. Don Doll, S.J., columns by the Rev. Larry Gillick, S.J., as well as other resources.

And now the retreat is available for hand-held devices and in audio for CD recording or use on an iPod or MP3 player.

"The Online Retreat is a wonderful way to find intimacy with God in the midst of our often hectic everyday life," said the Rev. Andy Alexander, S.J, vice president for University Ministry and director of the Collaborative Ministry Office.

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culture. From the point of view of many people, the pressure for change had been building for so long and the desire for greater openness had become so acute, that it was difficult to perceive these shifts as anything less than divine blessing.

However, blessings are often mixed. Twenty-five years after Vatican II, patterns of stress within American Catholicism were clear. Unexpectedly, vocations to the priesthood and religious life had declined, along with other key markers of Catholic life, and these trends did not seem likely to change. The great American Catholic subculture described by Morris had collapsed, and with that collapse came a blurring of the boundaries between membership in the Church and membership in American culture. These changes hit Catholic institutions with force: In the absence of the subculture that had spawned them, Catholic hospitals, Catholic universities, and, to some extent, Catholic schools were faced with an identity crisis from which there was no clear exit.

In the specific case of Catholic universities, in the late 1980s and early 1990s it seemed possible — maybe even likely — that many of these institutions would disengage from the Church, following the pattern already established by so many formerly Protestant colleges and universities. Yet history does not necessarily compel, and there are other options.

Consider the example of Jesuit universities. Before the council, these institutions were controlled by the Society of Jesus at nearly all levels. They were heavily staffed by the Jesuits, they served a primarily Catholic clientele, and they were recognizably sectarian in their expectations of student behavior. The Catholicity of Jesuit universities was taken for granted. Twenty-five years after the council, the differences are striking: the control of these institutions has shifted to lay boards, Jesuits make up a tiny fraction of the faculty and staff, significant numbers of non-Catholic students attend, and participation in religious activities is optional. In this new reality, identity can no longer be taken for granted, and it is certainly less clear.

This changed environment could be



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Students, faculty and staff join in prayerful community each September at Creighton's Mass of the Holy Spirit.

taken as a prelude to decline or, thinking more optimistically, it could signal the arrival of a new opportunity. Rather than existing as expressions of a particular subculture, Jesuit universities now have an opportunity to become centers of Catholic presence to the wider world. In other words, if the Catholic identity of a Catholic university is no longer given, it must be chosen and actively embraced.

Twenty-five years after the council, institutional leaders began to realize that without a proactive response, full inclusion in American academic culture could lead to the eradication of religious distinctiveness. With a proactive response, these same institutions could position themselves differently. Rather than being consumed by the secular, these schools could offer an alternative to it. They could do this while, at the same time, remaining fully engaged with the culture and not retreating from it. From this point of view, religious distinctiveness does not compete with institutional excellence. Instead, distinctiveness partners with excellence.

Since the late 1980s and early 1990s this new, more intentionally chosen Catholic identity has taken two forms on Jesuit campuses, and a third is emerging.

First, there has been a serious effort to educate lay people about the Ignatian charism. Jesuit campuses all over the country have established Ignatian

centers where the explicit mission is the formation of faculty and staff. In the absence of Jesuits, perpetuation of the Catholic mission of the university has fallen increasingly to the lay people. These centers help ensure their success.

Second, following the spirit of Vatican II and the decrees of the 34th General Congregation of the Society of Jesus, Jesuit university leaders have recognized that, precisely because of their Catholicity, these institutions must be concerned with the promotion of service and justice. Many universities encourage service, but establishing a connection between service and justice as central to advancing the kingdom of God has emerged as a critical dimension of what it means to educate and be educated in the Ignatian tradition. Like the transmission of the Ignatian charism, the promotion of justice has also been institutionalized on Jesuit campuses throughout the country in a variety of ways.

A third area of intentionality that is beginning to emerge has to do with fostering the Catholic intellectual tradition. Unlike parishes and other Catholic institutions, Catholic universities bear the unique responsibility of cultivating the interchange between faith and reason. Catholic Christianity represents one of the oldest continuous intellectual traditions in the world, stretching back nearly 2,000 years into the ancient Roman Empire. In our time, custody of that tradition rests primarily with Catholic universities. It would be a tremendous loss to the world if that tradition were diminished as a result of the absorption of these intuitions by the wider culture.

Recognizing this responsibility, some Catholic colleges and universities have established centers of Catholic thought on their campuses. These centers work to retrieve and preserve the tradition of academic excellence that rests at the heart of a truly distinctive Catholic vision of education. In the context of the Jesuit university, they foster the idea of the *magis*, that God's truth can be found in every discipline and in every area of human knowing. They facilitate conversation about the pressing issues of our time from the point of view of the Catholic intellectual heritage.

In the future, together with centers

of Ignatian spirituality and centers of service and justice, centers for Catholic thought will play a central role in the preservation of Catholic mission.

As I reflect back on the religious disengagement of my own *alma mater*, I know that its future is not necessarily the future of Creighton and other Catholic colleges and universities. However, it is a possible future.

In order to avoid it and continue on a path toward distinctive excellence, we must continue to make choices that foster Catholicity.

Last year, the Jesuit provincials of the United States offered *A Meditation on Our Response to the Call of Christ*. In this document, they call for a renewed attention in Jesuit apostolates to building a connection between the work that is being done and the work to which God is actually calling us. With respect to higher education they wrote:

When we do scholarship and research that lifts the human spirit and heals the human body, when we provide an environment where love and service to others are fostered in our students, when we nurture them in their faith

life and in the greatest traditions of Christian Humanism and train them to be scientists, doctors, teachers, and businesspersons of integrity, when we engage our benefactors or alumni to build not only a better university but a better world ... we are working in solidarity with "the least" and with all.

Continuing to build a Catholic Creighton that lives up to this challenge will require, and indeed is already requiring, the sustained efforts of many. If a thousand small decisions led many academic institutions away from their religious centers, a thousand more, differently directed, can lead other institutions more deeply into them.

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Campaign Supports Jesuit Mission

One of the distinctive characteristics of a Creighton education is the relationship between students and the Jesuit community. With fewer men entering the Jesuit ministry, *THE CAMPAIGN FOR CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY* seeks private support to advance the Jesuit presence and Catholic thought on campus through two primary initiatives:

Jesuit Chair: Funding to recruit a visiting Jesuit chair would invigorate the Jesuit and Catholic intellectual tradition across the University. By bringing renowned visiting Jesuit thinkers to campus, Creighton would be recognized for intellectual leadership in new and expanded fields of scholarship and contemporary discussion.

Center for the Study of Catholic Thought: The center will coordinate and encourage activities that relate specifically to the Catholic intellectual tradition through public lectures, faculty seminars, research grants and visiting scholars. It will enhance Creighton's relationship with the Archdiocese of Omaha and engage local clerical and lay leaders more deeply with the University in key issues facing the Church and society.



WILLING TO LEAD
THE CAMPAIGN FOR CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY



Technology at Creighton

By Bob Guthrie



TECHNOLOGY IS A BROAD CONCEPT THAT DEALS WITH A SPECIES' USAGE AND KNOWLEDGE OF TOOLS AND CRAFTS, AND HOW IT AFFECTS A SPECIES' ABILITY TO CONTROL AND ADAPT TO ITS ENVIRONMENT.

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Creighton University ... yes, your *alma mater* ... is rated as the fifth-ranked university in America among the nation's most-wired schools. When you consider that Creighton's enrollment is around 7,000 and some of the others have 35,000 student enrollments, you might wonder.

Creighton is ranked higher than such schools as the University of Southern California, Stanford University and the University of Minnesota.

Creighton is the only college in Nebraska and the only Jesuit, Catholic school in the nation being recognized.

What factors contributed to Creighton's standing? Creighton President the Rev. John P. Schlegel, S.J., believes the recognition is simply a reflection of Creighton's support for the importance of "cutting-edge technology to the total college experience, helping make graduates more marketable."

Among features that doubtless captured the judges' attention:

1 Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) in Opus Hall, the newest junior/senior townhouse complex, which also has wireless Internet, cable television in each room and automated digital laundry facilities.

2 Many campus lectures are delivered through podcasts, schools offer online testing, digital X-rays are available for health

care professionals to review on computers and the world's first online Pharm.D. (doctor of pharmacy) degree is offered.

3 Creighton was the first university to notify students of acceptance by text message (popular with teens).

4 Creighton's Online Ministries experiences a tremendous number of hits — an average of 1.4 million visitors a month — for its unique faith-based website.

5 An eFellows program, in its 12th year, provides faculty with an academic year-long technology sabbatical. Participants are deeply immersed in current technology for teaching and use of computers to enhance their teaching experience.

6 Creighton has more than 50 majors and courses in IT leadership and database design, including sequences in the College of Business Administration leading to MBA specialization in information technology.

7 There is fun, too. An annual Gamefest is an all-night affair of console and PC game tournaments over the school's network.

How did Creighton come to be so tech-savvy?

For years, Creighton has responded to queries from various national magazines about its technology. The University began with a ranking barely in the top 100 (at 90th). As more national computer magazines examined the University's qualifications, Creighton rose to its current ranking by *PC Magazine*.

But one of the reasons is Creighton's current vice president for Information Technology, Brian Young, who runs the Division of Information Technology (DoIT). Young is driving to build the University's networking capabilities, and he sees networking as the future of computing, as well as its present.

"Creighton has changed from its start with PCs into networking," Young says. "The network is called a learning network and is composed of wires and switches and hubs that make connections work. No one wants to know how it works; they just want it to work. The network allows our students to receive the best education and care possible.

"We are moving pictures and data, in an almost instantaneous way, to a mobile device and it has transformed what we do (in the Division of Information Technology)."

But the power of technology at Creighton is about more than the latest systems and applications.

“At Creighton, what really drives technical innovation in learning is the people,” says Bob Whipple, Ph.D., A.F. Jacobson Endowed Chair in Communication, a former participant in Creighton’s eFellows program.

“Technology innovation in the classroom — real and virtual — has often been the result of innovators who see a need for their students and a technology that can meet that need, and who have had the savvy and the vision, and sometimes the stubborn

determination, to make that vision work,” says Whipple, citing several online teaching initiatives.

“These innovators have been able to see beyond the traditional confines of the didactic classroom and ask the ‘hows’ and ‘whys’ and try things out that eventually transform, enrich and enable learning. The great thing, of course, is that these innovators inevitably spark other colleagues to innovate, and they all in turn pass that innovative spark of ‘possibility learning’ to their students.”

Ah, yes, the students. *The Chronicle of Higher Education* recently formed a discussion panel to talk about technology and what is called the Millennials. Identifying the Millennials as students born between 1980 and 1994, they found some common traits:

They have grown up with more choices and selectivity in products and services they use and they do not have a narrow-choice generational music. They expect a certain kind of interactivity and are now using Facebook, MySpace, iPods, instant messaging or text messaging.

They rarely read newspapers or books; they are impatient and goal-oriented and they hate busywork; and they learn by doing and are used to instant feedback. Their friends are of various ethnic backgrounds.

When questioned about ways they do things, the *Chronicle* found the Millennials generally have two to five close friends whom they contact almost daily by cell phone, MySpace, text messaging or instant messaging.

Some prefer to learn online and some do not like online-only courses, but hybrid courses with test taking online are preferred.

One was quoted: “I’m taking communications right now. And I really like this class because it is a hybrid, which means half online and half in person. We go once a week and all the tests are online. We do not have to sit there for an hour and a half, and he has all the PowerPoints online, so he does the lectures in class, and the PowerPoints are online so just in case you want to go back.”

Clearly, the Millennials want feedback, interactivity and some online class lectures. And they want it now. They likely prefer video “clips,” a feature of YouTube, as the way to get their instruction.

Young is finding students coming to Creighton with high expectations such as “we have never seen before.”

“We now have wireless access almost everywhere on campus, about 95 percent.” Young claims the only downside is that weather can affect it, especially snow.



Photo by Mark Romesser

Bob Whipple, Ph.D., the A.F. Jacobson Endowed Chair in Communication, is one of many Creighton faculty members using the the latest technology — including blogs — to connect with students.

“Students are coming to us and saying, ‘This is the way I learn, and you need to adapt to this.’”

— Brian Young,
Vice President for
Information Technology

Creighton is pioneering in some areas. “We have applied for a patent on a process we use for registering students by use of their cell phones. With students traveling and student athletes, or students who may be on a service project ... well, they can feel connected without being in front of a computer,” Young adds.

Young believes the current technology is focused on linking hundreds of thousands of students sharing information in new

ways the planet has never seen. He mentions such technologies as MySpace, FaceBook, YouTube and Wikipedia.

“Students are involved in what we call social networking,” Young says. “Students are coming to us and saying, ‘This is the way I learn, and you need to adapt to this.’ The idea of the lecture in the classroom is going to change in the next few years.

“I believe social networking will ratchet up to a new level. We will see interaction with students across the country who are taking the same course. It challenges us. The traditional idea of classes on Monday, Wednesday and Friday will change.”

Young believes podcasting is likely to play a bigger role among universities, too. “We can videotape a lecturer and we are doing this now with the medical school. The video and sound can be converted to iPod format. The students can listen to the lecture while they are working out. They can hear it over and over.

“Our dental school put in a whole new network to allow the dental chairs to receive digital dental X-rays. These can be transmitted instantly. This is a boon to dental students.”

Rapid global advances in technology, especially among Western cultures, also give rise to complex issues relating to social justice.

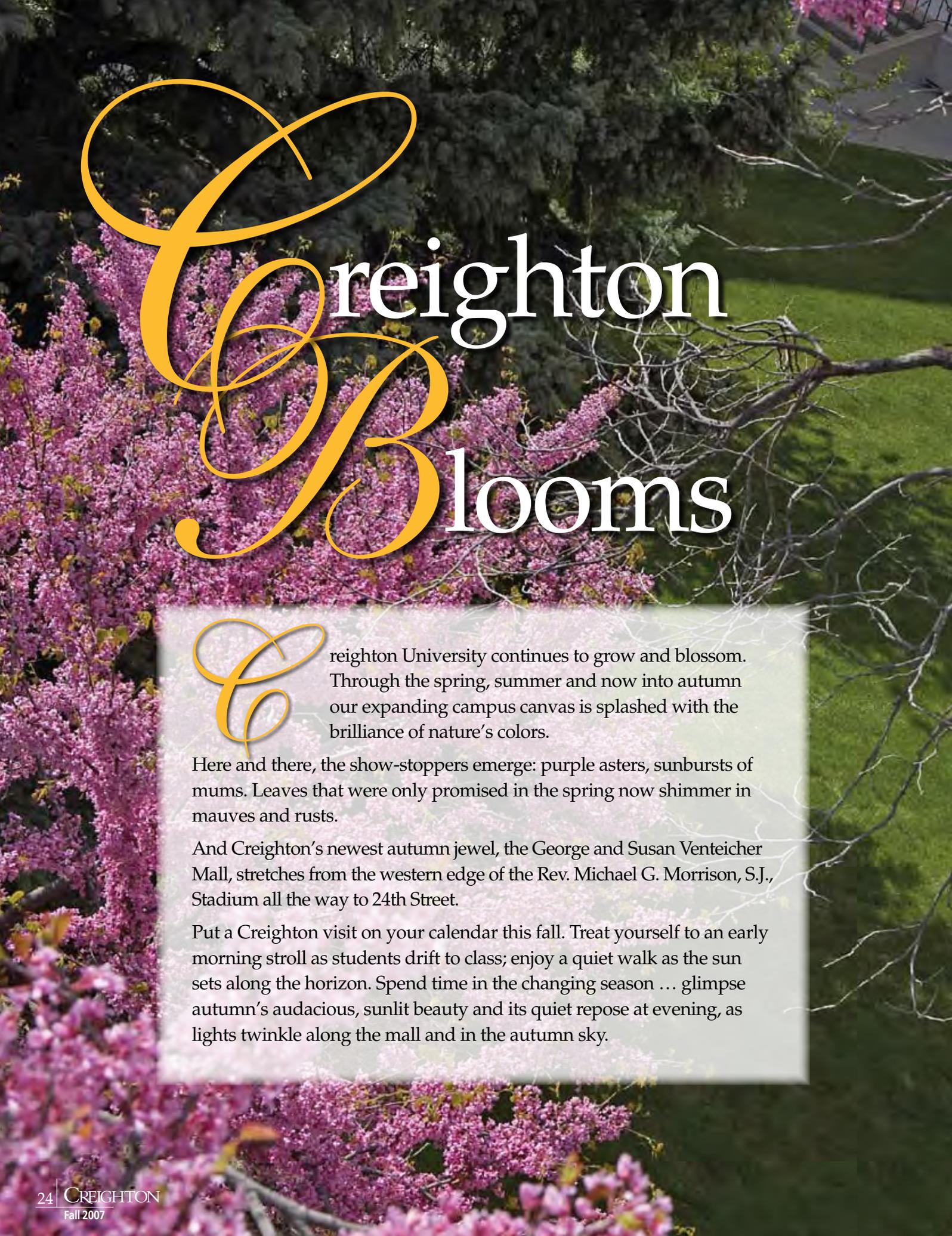
“What are the responsibilities of the techno-literate cultures in the world toward those cultures that may not be as tied into the Internet and Web as, say, the U.S.?” asks Whipple, whose research focuses on the effects of technology on literacy. “It’s a complex question with no simple answer, but it’s one we need to address as we help our students be critically aware users and administrators of these literate technologies within the context of Creighton’s Ignatian mission, as women and men for others.”

About the author: Guthrie is a freelance writer in Omaha and former editor of Creighton University Magazine.



Photo by Mark Romesser

Brian Young, vice president for Information Technology, in one of Creighton’s climate-controlled computer server rooms, said students are coming to campus with greater expectations in terms of technology. Wireless Internet access is now available on nearly 95 percent of the campus.



Creighton Blooms

Creighton University continues to grow and blossom. Through the spring, summer and now into autumn our expanding campus canvas is splashed with the brilliance of nature's colors.

Here and there, the show-stoppers emerge: purple asters, sunbursts of mums. Leaves that were only promised in the spring now shimmer in mauves and rusts.

And Creighton's newest autumn jewel, the George and Susan Venteicher Mall, stretches from the western edge of the Rev. Michael G. Morrison, S.J., Stadium all the way to 24th Street.

Put a Creighton visit on your calendar this fall. Treat yourself to an early morning stroll as students drift to class; enjoy a quiet walk as the sun sets along the horizon. Spend time in the changing season ... glimpse autumn's audacious, sunlit beauty and its quiet repose at evening, as lights twinkle along the mall and in the autumn sky.

And summer's lease hath all too short a date ...

— Sonnet VIII by William Shakespeare



Photo by Mark Rommeser

From the entrance of the Skutt Student Center, looking northeast.



Photo by Mark Rommeser

The new Venteicher Mall, with Opus Hall in the background. Both were gifts to the WILLING TO LEAD CAMPAIGN.

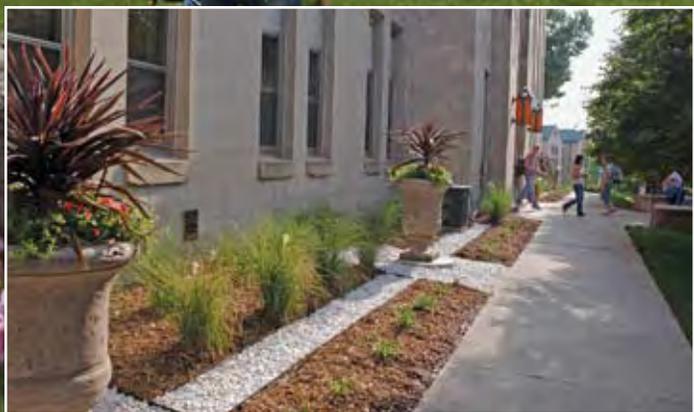


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A newly landscaped entryway to the Administration Building, now Creighton Hall, a gift to the WILLING TO LEAD CAMPAIGN.

Students play catch in a grassy area near the Rigge Science Building.
(photo by Mike Kleveter)

Message from the Campaign Chair

History Repeats Itself

I hear from many alumni who are proud of their Creighton experience. They are proud of the Creighton tradition of educational excellence and its emphasis on



Rohde

forming women and men who carry on the Jesuit mission to make a difference in their communities, the nation and the world. There is strength in our numbers with 56,000 Creighton alumni making a difference across the nation and around the world.

We have all benefited from our Creighton experience — and so, too, have the various communities in which we work, live and

serve. Indeed, Creighton's impact extends well beyond 24th and California streets.

Because we were fortunate enough to graduate from a University committed to preparing us academically and ethically, we were equipped in many, many ways for our respective roles in the world ... whatever they may be. But that strength that prepared and supported us was not by happenstance — it was foresight.

From Edward and Mary Lucretia Creighton to the Jesuits, professors, alumni, and many friends of the University who went before us, all cared a lot about the future; about Creighton's students and the quality of the University's educational experience; and about the condition of the world.

They all believed in and supported Creighton University's mission of encouraging and challenging students to grow academically, socially and spiritually, so that together we may bring about a better world.

As Creighton President the Rev. John P. Schlegel, S.J., has stated, now the mantle has been passed. This is our moment to keep that spirit alive so others may benefit from our collective dreams and bring about Creighton's

bright future. Alumni and friends believing in the Creighton mission and its vision are building a momentum for the future through the *WILLING TO LEAD CAMPAIGN*.

Together, we are building on the entrepreneurial spirit of past luminaries who believed in Creighton and guided it to this defining moment. Through the *WILLING TO LEAD CAMPAIGN* we are seizing an opportunity to make sure that the University's educational mission and Jesuit values support today's students and the many more to come in the years and decades ahead. Each and everyone who joins in the *CAMPAIGN*, no matter at what level, adds to the collective strength of the institution, its future alumni and its impact on the world. So if you have already joined, we thank you. If you haven't, we encourage you to do so.

We're on the verge of something special at Creighton University, and we welcome you to join in the momentum that is propelling the institution forward.

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

Creighton Society Announces New Donor Recognition

Creighton University donors are being honored with a new level of recognition in the Edward and Mary Lucretia Creighton Society, the University's premier donor club. The newly initiated Ignatian Circle recognizes those donors who make annual unrestricted gifts of \$10,000 or more. Members of the Ignatian Circle are an exceptional core of donors who are committed to sustaining Creighton University and its students.

"The formation of the Ignatian Circle recognizes the tremendous generosity of Creighton's alumni and friends, and demonstrates the growth of the Creighton Society over the past two decades," said Lisa Calvert, vice president for University Relations.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Edward and Mary Lucretia Creighton Society. Society members have contributed over \$12 million in sustaining gifts, which provide support for scholarships, exceptional educational experiences for students, and other

needs of the University and its schools and colleges. The last new levels of the Creighton Society were added in 1993 when the Jesuit Circle (\$5,000 and above) and the Founders Circle (\$2,500) were established.

Sustaining gifts of \$10,000 or more to Creighton University have increased by 50 percent in each of the past three years. In the past 12 months, 31 members contributed at that level, helping the Jesuit Circle establish a new record in income of over \$1 million. These 31 members are the founding members of the Ignatian Circle.

"These Ignatian Circle founding members truly represent faith in action," Calvert said. "Their giving sustains the University and is critical to helping Creighton offer unparalleled educational opportunities for tomorrow's leaders."

Besides the satisfaction of knowing they are setting an important example of annual support, Ignatian Circle members receive other benefits as well, according to Mark Huber, BSBA'83, JD'86, Creighton Society Omaha co-chair.

"All Creighton Society members receive recognition and invitations to Creighton

events," Huber said, "but additional benefits are afforded Ignatian Circle members, such as reserved seating at special events and participation in The Ignatian Book Club Series." The book club each year will feature a book hand-picked and signed by the president of Creighton University.

"The generous support of Ignatian Circle members is an especially vital source of scholarship funding for students who dream of attending Creighton University but do not have the means to attain their dreams," Calvert said. "Ignatian Circle members are following in the footsteps of St. Ignatius, the founder of the Jesuits, in providing an environment that is anchored in ethics, centered on service and pledged to excellence."

Creighton Society national co-chairs are William, BA'82, and Mary, BSN'84, Graft of Barrington, Ill. Joining Huber as an Omaha co-chair is his wife Nancy, BSBA'84, Huber. Robert, BSBA'61, and Betsy Reed of Omaha are honorary co-chairs. For more information about the Ignatian Circle or the Creighton Society, contact Erin Swanson, assistant director of Sustaining Gifts, at (402) 280-3886.

Creighton Receives CASE Overall Performance Award

Creighton University was one of only 30 institutions of higher learning — out of more than 1,000 — to receive the 2007 Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) Award for Educational Fundraising for superior university relations programming. Creighton attained an Overall Performance Award based on judges' analysis of data over a three-year period.

Universities and colleges do not apply for the data-driven award. They become eligible through data submitted to the Council for Aid to Education's (CAE) annual Voluntary Support of Education survey. This year, 1,010 colleges and universities were eligible for the top award. The field was narrowed to 482 before the final 30 were selected by a panel of judges for the Overall Performance Award. Winners are recognized for demonstrating best practices in advancement and support of education.



Calvert

"Receiving this award is a testament to the many people — alumni and other benefactors — who have adopted Creighton's vision and pledged their support," said Lisa Calvert, Creighton's vice president for University Relations. "We couldn't have achieved this level of recognition without so many alumni and friends supporting our aspiration to secure Creighton's place at the forefront as one of

the finest Jesuit, Catholic universities in the United States."

"We have a visionary president in Fr. Schlegel, an engaged and committed board of directors, and a professional, dedicated advancement staff, all of whom have the confidence of our alumni and friends, as demonstrated by their generosity. Creighton thus is able to boldly embrace its future."

"This dedicated group of Creighton supporters is very engaged in the transformation of Creighton University."

— Lisa Calvert

Vice President for University Relations

According to CASE, the largest international association of educational institutions, Overall Performance Award winners show "solid program growth, breadth in the base of support, and other indications of a mature, well-maintained program." The award is based on normalized data to de-emphasize philanthropic growth related to campaigns.

The broad-based support for Creighton and its vision is demonstrated by the expansiveness of the investment by alumni and friends. For example, more than 128,000

gifts have been made so far to the \$350 million *WILLING TO LEAD CAMPAIGN*, and giving has grown at all levels.

At one end of the spectrum, an anonymous alumnus jump-started the campaign in December 2004, even before the official launch a year later, by pledging a gift of \$50 million. The gift was made in recognition of Creighton's emerging national leadership among faith-based universities and in urban higher education. It was the largest gift in the University's history and one of the largest by an individual to an Omaha institution.

Likewise, donors making gifts of all sizes are responding to Creighton's vision, as witnessed by the success of the 2006-2007 Phonathon, which is conducted annually by Creighton students. This year, 90 students shared the Creighton message with more than 25,000 alumni, raising more than \$1 million.

Calvert added that the University especially wants to acknowledge the *WILLING TO LEAD CAMPAIGN* leadership, headed by Bruce Rohde, BSBA'71, JD'73, for its outstanding support for Creighton University's faith-based mission. Other members of the Campaign Steering Committee are: the Rev. John P. Schlegel, S.J.; Lisa Calvert; Mimi Feller, BA'70; William Fitzgerald, BSBA'59; Charles Heider, BSC'49; and Kenneth Stinson.

"This dedicated group of Creighton supporters is very engaged in the transformation of Creighton University, and we are grateful for their assistance and commitment," she said.



Estate and Trust Services Unveils New Website

The Office of Estate and Trust Services unveiled its new website on Aug. 16. When you visit giftplanning.creighton.edu, you will find a wealth of gift and estate planning resources, allowing you to research gift planning options and benefits you can receive while helping Creighton University continue its mission. You also can explore how various charitable gift plans work and investigate how gifts of different assets can help you fulfill your charitable goals. If you do not have a specific asset or plan in mind, consider the interactive *Legacy Planner™* tool to help you focus your research.

The site includes information about the Pension Protection Act of 2006 (see Page 29), as well as articles about alumni and friends whose legacies now are perpetually linked to the University through the endowed chairs, scholarships and programs their planned gifts created. You will also find tools and planning calculators that help illustrate your personal benefits.

If you prefer to discuss your charitable plans in person, please contact the Office of Estate and Trust Services at (402) 280-1143 or (800) 334-8794 or giftplanning@creighton.edu.

Beginning with the November issue, to ensure compliance on information, *Creighton University Magazine* will only publish those alumni items (promotions, births, weddings, etc.) submitted to the magazine. Previously, the magazine also published items collected through various news media reports. To submit an item, visit www.creighton.edu/alumni. Then click on "connect" and "by sharing my news." In addition, the listings of upcoming alumni events will be published online only. Visit www.creighton.edu/alumni.

Alum Items

51 J.G. Jerry Ryan, BSC, Omaha, was inducted into the Omaha "Old Timers" Baseball Hall of Fame." He played for Benson High School in Omaha in 1946 where he was an all-city short-stop while playing for the Benson team in the American Legion League. He also played four years of baseball at Creighton University.

55 Connie Kostel Spittler, BS, Tucson, Ariz., is the author of the essay "One Scarlet Penstemon" which appears in the anthology *What Wildness is This, Women Write About the Southwest*, published by the University of Texas Press. Another of her essays "Lint" was selected for UNESCO's global anthology *The Art of Living*, published by Kairos Publishing.

56 James A. Farber, BS, Omaha, vice president and co-founder of Swartzbaugh-Farber and Associates, Inc., in Omaha, was inducted into the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors Hall of Fame.

60 J. Terry MacNamara, BS'58, JD, Omaha, an attorney/trust officer with the Omaha law firm of McGrath North Mullin & Kratz, P.C., was the recipient of the Omaha Bar Association's Lifetime Achievement Award. He has been an active member of the association for 40 years. **Dr. Robert L. Snipp, BSChm'58, MS**, Omaha, was promoted to associate professor *emeritus* of chemistry at Creighton University. The award was presented at the University's President's Convocation.

63 Jerold J. Buresh, BS'59, DDS, Omaha, professor of general dentistry at the Creighton University School of Dentistry, was the recipient of a 25-Year Faculty Service Award presented by the University at the President's Convocation. **Sr. Johanna Schumacher, O.S.B., BSPha**, Watertown, S.D., has celebrated her golden jubilee as a

Benedictine Sister at Mother of God Monastery in Watertown. She is serving as the guest mistress for the Monastery, and is a member of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program.

64 James E. McGill, MD, Omaha, a member of the medical staff at Bergan Mercy Medical Center in Omaha, and his wife, **Ann McDermott McGill, BA'65**, were recipients of the Marian Award presented by Marian High School in Omaha. The award was in recognition of their exemplification of Christian values through service to the community. **Milton M. Rowley, MD**, Lubbock, Texas, a physician in Lubbock, was the recipient of the Hippocratic Award for 2006 presented by the Lubbock-Crosby-Garza County Medical Society at the society's annual meeting. **Elizabeth Musil Smith, BS**, Flagstaff, Ariz., was the featured artist at the opening reception for her one-woman show of abstract paintings and pen and ink drawings at a Flagstaff gallery.

67 Michael Meierhoffer, BSBA, St. Joseph, Mo., chief executive officer of Meierhoffer Funeral Home and Crematory in St. Joseph, was appointed by Missouri Gov. Matt Blunt to serve on the state of Missouri's health facilities review committee.

68 Thomas F. Ripke, BSBA, Boise, Idaho, has joined Idaho Trust National Bank in Boise as a member of the board.

69 Howard H. Potter, BSBA'66, JD, Denver, is chief financial officer and managing partner at Intuitive Captive Solutions in Castle Rock, Colo., a company that creates private insurance companies for closely-held companies. The company was featured in an article that appeared in *Colorado Company*. **Jon F. Sailer, BSBA**, Schleswig, Iowa, president of Bank Iowa in Schleswig, has retired after over 34 years in banking. He will remain on the Bank Iowa board of directors.

70 Dr. John F. Decker, JD, Stockton, Ill., professor of

law at the DePaul University College of Law in Chicago, was the recipient of the DePaul University College of Law Via Sapientiae Award, the university's highest academic award, at the College of Law's commencement exercises. **Kenneth L. Noller, MD**, Schrewsbury, Mass., gynecologist-in-chief at Tufts-New England Medical Center in Boston, was named the 58th president of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists based in Washington, D.C. He also is the Louis E. Phaneuf professor and chair of the ob-gyn department, and a professor in the department of family and community medicine at Tufts University in Boston. **Paul J. Strawhecker, BA**, Omaha, president and founder of Paul Strawhecker, Inc., a leading fundraising consulting and resource development firm based in Omaha that works exclusively with nonprofit organizations, will lead the board of directors of the Association of Fundraising Professionals Foundation for Philanthropy in 2007.

71 Dr. Gary D. Michels, BSChm, Omaha, associate professor of chemistry at Creighton University, was the recipient of the Distinguished Faculty Service Award presented by the University at the President's Convocation. **John F. O'Malley, MS'69, PhD**, South Bend, Ind., assistant dean *emeritus* and former director of the Indiana University School of Medicine-South Bend, was a recipient of the Glenn W. Irwin Jr. M.D. Distinguished Faculty Service Award presented by the school at its Spring Medical Alumni Weekend.

72 Gary R. Major, BSBA, Lockport, Ill., was named superintendent of the West Chicago Park District in West Chicago. **Gerard W. Van Valkenburg, BA**, Cedar Park, Texas, has been promoted to account executive for Microsoft Corporation's State and Local Government team from Austin, Texas.

73 John B. Atkins, JD, Omaha, was named vice president and senior trust officer for Union Bank & Trust in Omaha.

74 Ronald T. Boro, BSPhy'72, MS, Omaha, has been appointed division manager of fuels for the Omaha Public Power District in Omaha. **S. James Patterson, BA'71, JD**, Omaha, assistant vice president and senior general counsel for Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Company in Omaha, was selected as the 2007 Distinguished Kiwanian by the Kiwanis Club of Omaha.

75 Edward J. Kelleher, BA, Omaha, senior vice president at American National Bank of Omaha, was elected to the board of directors at the bank. **Patrick J. Kelly, JD**, St. Paul, Minn., a senior partner with the St. Paul law firm of Kelly and Fawcett, P.A., was named Attorney of the Year for 2006 by the *Minnesota Lawyer*. He also is serving as president of the Minnesota State Bar Association. **Diane Pritchard McDaniel, BSN**, Sierra Vista, Ariz., owner of Office Smart, Inc., in Sierra Vista, and a Sierra Vista Regional Health Center board of trustees member and former chairperson of the hospital board, was selected to serve as a member of the Regional Policy Board Eight of the American Hospital Association. There are nine Regional Policy Boards across the country, with the mission of each board member to provide regional input to the American Hospital Association. Her company was honored by the Sierra Vista Chamber of Commerce with the "Small Business of the Year Award." Office Smart has been active in Sierra Vista for more than 13 years, and was the recipient of the Better Business Bureau's 2006 Business Ethics Award for its contribution to approximately 100 local nonprofit events and organizations. Last year, the company received the Tucson Better Business Bureau's "Ethics in Business Award." **James V. Ortman, BA'71, MD**, Omaha, a physician in Omaha, and assistant clinical professor of medicine at the Creighton University School of Medicine, was the recipient of a 25-Year Faculty Service Award presented by the University at the President's Convocation. **Charles Taylor, MD**, Bellevue, Neb., associate professor of surgery (neurosurgery) at the Creighton University School of Medicine, was the recipient of a 25-Year Faculty Service Award presented by the University at the President's Convocation. **Charles L. Veys Jr., BSBA**, Omaha, was named vice president of the private banking group at First National Bank in Omaha.

76 Thomas W. Gebes, BA, Littleton, Colo., president of BuilderMT, a software development company for production homebuilders with clients in four countries, was named No. 40 out of the Top 50 Most Influential People in Homebuilding in the United States by *Builder Magazine*. He also was named a 2006 Finalist for the Rocky Mountain Entrepreneur of the Year Award by Ernst and Young. **Sebastian J. Troia, MD**, Omaha, a physician at Pediatric Ophthalmology Associates, P.C., in Omaha, and assistant clinical professor of surgery

Message from Estate and Trust Services

Donors, University Benefit from Pension Protection Act

Alumni and friends provided an overwhelming response to the fall 2006 *Creighton University Magazine* article about the Pension Protection Act of 2006 (PPA'06). Since

August 2006, the University has received more than \$800,000 in gifts from this groundbreaking piece of legislation that allows individuals to make tax-free transfers from their IRAs of up to \$100,000 in 2006 and again in 2007 directly to charity.

You may have read the article in the summer 2007 magazine about several Creighton donors who benefited from this legislation, and directed transfers from their IRAs to create their legacies at Creighton. These were but a few of the many donors who warmly responded to this tax-planning opportunity.

As of this column's writing, your chance to take advantage of this opportunity ends Dec. 31, 2007. Please consider making a gift to



Creighton under PPA'06 before year's end.

Remember, you may make tax-free contributions from your IRA or Roth-IRA if:

- You are 70½ years old or older.
- Your gifts are received by Dec. 31, 2007.
- Your gifts do not exceed \$100,000.
- Your gifts are outright and not to donor-advised funds, charitable remainder trusts or charitable gift annuities.
- Your gifts transfer directly from your IRA or Roth-IRA to a qualified public charity, such as Creighton University.

Gifts made from IRA or Roth-IRA assets by Dec. 31, 2007, may provide you with a number of benefits including:

- Transfers to qualified charities can help satisfy your minimum distribution requirement.
- Gifts from your IRA can be made independent of the 50 percent limitation on charitable cash gifts.
- Direct transfers of IRA assets to Creighton will not increase your adjusted gross income for federal purposes (check your state's tax rules for how this may affect you).
- These gifts are not subject to the 2 percent reduction rule for itemized deductions.
- Non-itemizers can utilize these assets for charitable purposes.
- A gift from your IRA can be used to build your legacy through the creation of a perpetual endowment or can be directed to the school or college of your choice.

If you have questions about donating to Creighton through PPA '06, please contact us at (402) 280-1143, (800) 334-8794 or giftplanning@creighton.edu. We will coordinate with you and your fund custodian to complete a direct transfer from your IRA or Roth-IRA to Creighton.

Steve Scholer, JD'79

Director of Estate & Trust Services

at the Creighton University School of Medicine, was the recipient of a 25-Year Faculty Service Award presented by the University at the President's Convocation. **Alfred C. Vacanti, BSBA '73, JD**, North Fond du Lac, Wis., is village administrator for the Village of North Fond du Lac.

77 Gerald L. Friedrichsen, JD, Omaha, a shareholder and chair of the litigation department at the Omaha law firm of Fitzgerald Schorr Barmettler & Brennan, P.C., has become a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. **Donald W. Kleine, JD**, Omaha, Douglas County Attorney in Omaha, was the recipient of the 2007 Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee Prosecutor Award. The

award was in recognition of his work with law enforcement to achieve justice. He also is a legal instructor certified by the Nebraska Commission of Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice, and is on the faculty at Creighton University School of Law and the University of Nebraska at Omaha. **Dr. Michael J. Rooney, BA**, LaSalle, Ill., a partner with Eye Care Professionals in Peru, Ill., was re-elected vice-chairman of the board of directors of Peru Federal Savings Bank in Peru.

78 William P. Fitzgibbons, MD, Fremont, Neb., assistant clinical professor of family medicine at the Creighton University School of Medicine, was the recipient of a 25-Year Faculty Service Award presented

by the University at the President's Convocation. He also is a physician at Skyline Medical Center in Elkhorn, Neb. **Edward A. Horowitz, MD**, Omaha, associate professor of medicine at the Creighton University School of Medicine, was the recipient of a 25-Year Faculty Service Award presented by the University at the President's Convocation. **Robert L. Lepp, JD**, Omaha, a partner with the Omaha law firm of McGill Gotsdiner Workman & Lepp, P.C., is president-elect of the Jewish Federation of Omaha, and serves on its executive committee. **William T. Naughton, BA '74, DDS**, Omaha, is an associate professor of general dentistry at the Creighton University Medical Center in Omaha. **Richard A. Pitt, JD**, Burlington, Wash.,

has joined Grays Harbor County Public Utility District No. 1 in Aberdeen, Wash., as general counsel. **Mark F. Schlenker, JD**, Indianola, Iowa, an attorney at the Indianola law firm of Hall & Schlenker, was a recipient of the Federal Cross of Merit on behalf of the president of the Federal Republic of Germany. The Federal Cross of Merit is the highest tribute the president of Germany can pay to individuals. Schlenker was granted this award for his outstanding service as Honorary Consul of Germany in Iowa and Nebraska. He rendered consular assistance to Germans standing in need of help, and was instrumental in organizing visits of official delegations to Iowa.

79 Stephen L. Rosman, BA '75, JD, Council Bluffs, Iowa, an attorney in Council Bluffs, was named Pottawattamie County Magistrate by the Judicial Magistrate Appointing Commission.

80 Leo P. Dobrovoly Jr., JD, Alliance, Neb., was named a state district court judge for the Nebraska 12th Judicial District in Gering, Neb. **Edwin P. Gambs, MSEdu**, Logan, Iowa, retired administrator with Logan-Magnolia Community Schools in Logan and a graduate of Dunlap High School in Dunlap, Iowa, was inducted into the Iowa School Administrators Hall of Fame at the Iowa High School Athletic Association Basketball Championships. He now assists Iowa schools and libraries with their E-Rate applications. **Denise A. Hill, JD**, Omaha, was promoted to vice president, general counsel and corporate compliance officer at Preferred Professional Insurance Company, an Omaha-based medical liability insurance firm. **Stephen M. Kalthorn, JD**, Omaha, has joined Keystone Group in Omaha as chief operating officer.

81 Daniel E. Hilleman, PharmD, Omaha, professor of pharmacy practice at the Creighton University School of Pharmacy and Health Professions, was the recipient of a 25-Year Faculty Service Award presented by the University at the President's Convocation. **Jeffery M. Hurst, BA '77, DDS**, Lakewood, Colo., a dentist in Lakewood, was the recipient of the Colorado Dental Association's 2007 Distinguished Leadership Award for his exemplary service to organized dentistry, to the future of dentistry and to advocacy on behalf of the dental community. He also was inducted as a Fellow in the International and the American College of Dentists, and is serving as president-elect of

the Colorado Dental Association. **Robert F. Rossiter Jr., JD**, Omaha, a shareholder/director in the Omaha law firm of Fraser Stryker, P.C., has become a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

82 John D. Barnes, BSBA, Alexandria, Va., has been named chief executive officer for the American Physical Therapy Association in Alexandria. **Margaret R. Haberman, BA**, Portland, Ore., has been promoted to Portland news team leader at the *Oregonian*. She was one of the staff members who worked on reports about a family stranded in a southern Oregon snowstorm last winter. The reports won the *Oregonian* staff a Pulitzer Prize for breaking news coverage earlier this year. **Arthur R. Masoero Jr., BA**, Dunkirk, Md., is program manager for Pragmatics, Inc., in McLean, Va. He also purchased the Downtown Sports Exchange (DSX), a sports bar in downtown Baltimore near the Baltimore Convention Center and Camden Yards. **Patrick A. McDermott, BS**, Omaha, was named director of strategy and business development for Cassling Diagnostic Imaging, Inc., in Omaha. **John L. McKay Jr., JD**, Seattle, is senior vice president and general counsel for Getty Images in Seattle, the world's leading creator and distributor of visual content.

83 Martin W. Beerman, BA, Omaha, was named vice president for marketing and community relations at Children's Hospital in Omaha. **John "Doug" Goodman, MPA**, Council Bluffs, Iowa, president of Peoples National Bank in Council Bluffs, was named a grand marshal of the 2007 Celebrate Council Bluffs Parade. **Frank J. Mihaluka, BA '80, JD**, Omaha, a partner in the Omaha law firm of Fitzgerald Schorr Barmettler & Brennan, P.C., has been admitted as a Fellow in the American College of Mortgage Attorneys, an organization that recognizes achievement in the practice of real estate secured lending.

84 Paula K. Coffee, BA '78, DDS, Greenwood Village, Colo., a dentist in Parker, Colo., was the recipient of the 2007 Outstanding Service to the World Community Award presented by the Metropolitan Denver Dental Society. Coffee has served the underprivileged in Third World countries, providing dental services since 1983, and has been responsible for sending thousands of dollars worth of dental supplies overseas. **James C. Healy, BS '80, MD**, Omaha, was promoted to



Dougherty Crowley

Dougherty Crowley Promoted to Assistant Vice President

Diane Dougherty Crowley, BA '82, has been promoted to assistant vice president for Alumni Relations in Creighton's University Relations Division. Dougherty Crowley has been at the University since 1991. She served as an undergraduate admissions counselor before joining the Alumni Relations Office in 1994 as assistant director. Since 1999, she has been director of Alumni Relations, overseeing the activities of the National Alumni Board and alumni programs across the country.

Under Dougherty Crowley's direction, the Alumni Relations Office is broadening school/college specific programs to better engage alumni in support of the mission of Creighton University. The office is reaching out to young alumni and promoting volunteer opportunities that link alumni with Creighton. Recently, the Alumni Relations Office unveiled a newly redesigned website to better connect alumni with each other and the University (see back cover).

professor *emeritus* of pathology at Creighton University. The award was presented by the University at the President's Convocation. **Cynthia Sleder Lambert, JD**, Omaha, is vice president-legal for First National Bank of Omaha.

85 Karen Doyle Dike, BSBA '82, JD, Lincoln, Neb., was promoted to second vice president and associate general counsel for Ameritas Life Insurance Corporation in Lincoln.

87 Terrance S. DeWald, BSBA '85, JD, Omaha, has joined Securities America in Omaha as senior vice president and general counsel. **Jerry L. Peters, MBA**, Omaha, has joined the management team at Green Plains Renewable Energy, Inc., in Shenandoah, Iowa, as chief financial officer.

88 Darla R. Heggem, BS, Scottsbluff, Neb., is employee recruitment manager for Twin Cities Development in Scottsbluff. **Dr. Michael P. Kelly, BS**, Des Moines, Iowa, was promoted to lieutenant commander with the U.S. Public Health Service. He also is chief pharmacist with the Federal Detention Center, a section of the Bureau of Prisons in Seatac, Wash. **F. Edward Mulholland II, BA**, Las Vegas, has joined Pinnacle Entertainment in Las Vegas as associate general counsel. **David C. Nelson, JD**, Omaha, has joined the Omaha law firm of Abrahams Kaslow & Cassman, L.L.P., as counsel to the firm.

89 David J. Arkfeld, BSBA, Omaha, was named vice president at First Westroads Bank in Omaha. **Dr. Enass N. Eskandar-Rickards, BS**, La Jolla, Calif., is chief of orthopedic surgery at Scripps

Memorial Hospital in La Jolla. **John A. Hilgert, JD**, Omaha, director of the Department of Veterans Affairs, was named director of the Division of Veterans' Homes for the state of Nebraska in Lincoln by Nebraska Gov. Dave Heineman. He will have dual responsibility for veterans' affairs and for overseeing operations of the state's four veterans' homes. **Thomas A. Judge, BA**, Chicago, is director of campus ministry at DePaul University in Chicago. **James F. Kanatzar, BA**, Kansas City, Mo., was appointed Jackson County prosecuting attorney for Jackson County, Mo. **Terrence J. Kennedy, MBA**, Omaha, is economic development consultant for the city of Ralston in Ralston, Neb. **J. Scott Searl, JD**, Omaha, general counsel for the *Omaha World-Herald*, has been promoted to vice president and general counsel. **Molly J. Zillig, BA '86, JD**, Milwaukee, is principal assistant corporation counsel for Milwaukee County Corporation Counsel in Milwaukee.

90 Michael J. Ebeling, BSBA, Elkhorn, Neb., was promoted to assistant vice president of telesales for Physicians Mutual in Omaha. **Kevin J. Miller, JD**, Omaha, was promoted to vice president-associate general counsel for Securities America, Inc., in Omaha.

91 W. Gary Gates, MBA, Omaha, president and chief executive officer of the Omaha Public Power District, has been elected to the Mutual of Omaha board of directors. **Jeffrey M. Kilborn, BS '89, BSPha**, Omaha, is owner of Elmwood Pharmacy in Omaha. **Matthew A. Lathrop, BA '88, JD**, Omaha, has opened a private law office in Omaha specializing in automobile accidents, personal injury

claims and worker's compensation cases. **Rachel J. Muir, BSN**, Dillingham, Alaska, is a public health practitioner at the Dillingham Public Health Center.

92 Matthew B. Haney, BSBA, St. Paul, Minn., president of Universal Network Solutions, Inc., in St. Paul, celebrated the 10th anniversary of the founding of his company. **Bridget E. Westhoff, BA**, Kirkwood, Mo., is director of Weber Shandwick Worldwide in St. Louis.

93 Joseph M. Acierno, BS '83, MD '87, JD, Omaha, an attorney in the Regulation and Licensure section of the Nebraska Health and Human Services System's Legal Services Division, and an emergency department physician at Bergan Mercy Medical Center in Omaha, was named deputy chief medical officer for the Nebraska Health and Human Services System in Lincoln, Neb. **Barry J. Bedlan, BA**, Snellville, Ga., news editor for the Associated Press in Georgia, has been promoted to assistant chief of bureau for Texas based in Dallas. **Craig H. Borlin, JD**, Omaha, was selected as city administrator for Missouri Valley, Iowa. **Julie Pottorff Knutson, BA '74, JD**, Bellevue, Neb., a partner in the health care division of the Omaha law firm of Baird Holm, L.L.P., has earned the highest rating available from Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Ratings in recognition of her exceptional legal skills and professional ethics. **Brenda M. Maloney, BSN**, Phoenix, a health law attorney with the Phoenix law firm of Quarles & Brady, has been selected by Arizona Gov. Janet Napolitano to serve on a blue-ribbon panel conducting a national search for candidates to oversee the Arizona Department of Veterans

Services. **Kathryn M. Wells, MD**, Firestone, Colo., medical director at the Denver Family Crisis Center, attending physician at Denver Health and the Children's Hospital, and assistant professor of pediatrics at the University of Colorado in Denver, was the recipient of the National Collaborative Leadership Award presented by the National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare. She also was the recipient of the Commissioner's Award presented by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families, Administration on Children, Youth and Families. The award was in recognition of her outstanding leadership and service in the prevention of child abuse and neglect.

94 Dr. Jack R. Gabel, BS, Omaha, has joined the physics department at Creighton University in Omaha as an assistant professor. **Jason P. Richards, BSBA**, Omaha, was promoted to director of enterprise applications for MarketSphere Consulting, L.L.C., in Omaha.

95 Dena Ellis Belfiore, SJN 68, MS, LaVista, Neb., has been named vice president of quality/outcomes for Children's Hospital in Omaha. **Tory L. Lucas, JD**, Bellevue, Neb., is district office director for Nebraska Congressman Lee Terry in Omaha.

96 Timothy J. Buckley, JD, Omaha, has joined the law firm of Adams & Sullivan, P.C., in

Papillion, Neb. **Erin Hytrek, DPT**, Merville, Iowa, has joined the staff at Physical Therapy Specialists, P.C., in Sioux City, Iowa, specializing in women's health care physical therapy. **Lynn N. Schmitz, DPT**, Harlan, Iowa, has joined the physical rehabilitation staff at Alegent Health Community Memorial Hospital in Missouri Valley, Iowa.

97 Jodi L. Louks Duttenhefer, BSW, Buffalo, S.D., is associate director of the Sky Ranch for Boys in Sky Ranch, S.D. **Dr. Michael W. Essner, BA**, Puerto Rico, has earned a doctor of philosophy degree in organizational management from Capella University. He is a captain for Cape Air Lines based in Puerto Rico. **Sandra Lorenzo Montville, JD**, Parker, Colo., was promoted to general counsel at Traveler's Insurance Company in Denver. **Kimberly Psota Sweetser, BSBA**, Essex, Iowa, has joined the *Grand Island Independent* in Grand Island, Neb., as retail sales manager.

98 Jeffrey F. Putnam, JD, Omaha, has opened a solo practice in Omaha specializing in personal injury law with an emphasis on workers' compensation, auto accidents, and other injury claims.

99 Michael K. Bird, BSBA, Omaha, has joined Lund-Ross Constructors, Inc., in Omaha as director of business development. **James R. Thibodeau Jr., JD**, Omaha, is director of labor relations-general

counsel for Metropolitan Community College in Omaha.

00 Julie A. Chang, MD, Honolulu, won the title of Mrs. Hawaii United States 2007, and represented Hawaii at the national Mrs. United States pageant in Las Vegas. **Jacob M. Kusmak, PharmD**, Sioux Falls, S.D., has earned a doctor of medicine degree from Sanford School of Medicine at the University of South Dakota in Sioux Falls. He is specializing in dermatology, and his first post-graduate year of residence is being completed in Sioux Falls. **Christopher A. Stanosheck, BS 96, DDS**, Omaha, dentist/owner of the Smile Design Studio in Omaha, has completed advanced training in neuromuscular treatment of TMJ and bite disorders at the Las Vegas Institute of Advanced Dental Studies.

01 Renee Pudenz Coughlin, BA, Omaha, was promoted to client services director at the Steier Group in Omaha. **Wyatt J. Greenwood, BSBA**, Council Bluffs, Iowa, has been named vice president in charge of small business lending and new business development in Iowa for Peoples National Bank in Council Bluffs. **Dr. Mandi L. Johnson, BSW**, Grand Forks, N.D., has earned a doctor of medicine degree from the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences in Grand Forks. She is completing her residency training in family medicine at Altru Health System in Grand Forks. **Melissa M. Simpson, JD**, Alexandria, Va., is deputy under secretary for the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C. **Alyssa L. Windham, MBA**, Omaha, has been named vice president, commercial relationship manager for TierOne Bank in Omaha.

02 Ryan M. Sewell, JD, Council Bluffs, Iowa, has joined the Stuart Tinley Law Firm in Council Bluffs as an associate. **Kenneth M. Wentz III, JD**, Omaha, has joined the Omaha law firm of Berens & Tate, P.C., as an associate.

03 Dr. Beth J. Arnold, BS, Omaha, has earned a doctor of medicine degree from the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha. She is doing a three-year residency in internal medicine at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington, Ky. **Dr. Kate M. Giddings, BS**, Fargo, N.D., has earned a doctor of medicine degree from the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences in Grand Forks, N.D. She is completing her residency training in obstetrics and gynecology at Sparrow

Hospital in Lansing, Mich. **Gregory B. Jumbeck, JD**, Chicago, is a partner with the law firm of Reich Orloff & Jumbeck, L.L.P., in Joliet, Ill. **Dr. Jill Detwiller Klemm, BS**, Bismarck, N.D., has earned a doctor of medicine degree from the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences in Grand Forks, N.D. **Sara A. Buckmiller Lamme, JD**, Omaha, has joined the Omaha law firm of Erickson & Sederstrom, P.C., as an associate with a practice in litigation. **Paula Faber Lindeman, BA**, New York, has earned a master's degree in public administration, focusing on nonprofit management, from the University of Nebraska at Omaha. **Brian M. Lodes, BSBA, MBA**, Papillion, Neb., has joined the audit practice at McGladrey & Pullen, L.L.P., in Omaha. **Dr. Hanh T. Nguyen, BS**, Orange, Calif., has earned a doctor of medicine degree from the Medical College of Virginia School of Medicine in Richmond, Va., and has joined the medical staff in the department of family medicine at the University of California Irvine Medical Center in Orange. **Rev. Aaron D. Warwick, BSBA**, Tuckahoe, N.Y., was ordained to the priesthood at St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church in Omaha. He is attached to St. Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Cathedral in Brooklyn, N.Y., while completing his seminary studies. **Michael H. Wheeler, MBA**, Omaha, has been named vice president and relationship manager for Wells Fargo's Nebraska regional commercial banking office in Omaha.

04 Haley Cox Clements, BSN, Iowa Falls, Iowa, is an emergency room nurse at Ellsworth Municipal Hospital in Iowa Falls. **Alaina M. Stedillie, BA**, Boulder, Colo., has earned a *juris doctor* degree from the University of Colorado School of Law in Boulder, and is a judicial law clerk to the Hon. W. Thomas Sullins for the 7th Judicial District in Casper, Wyo. **Kristi M. Weber, BSN**, Hampton, Neb., director of health care admissions at Epworth Village in York, Neb., a psychiatric treatment center for children and adolescents, has earned a master's degree in nursing, and a family nurse practitioner degree from Clarkson College in Omaha.

05 Matthew N. Daeges, BS, Omaha, has been appointed to financial advisor for Renaissance Financial in Omaha. **Sandra K. Liljestrand, BSN**, Lincoln, Neb., a registered nurse, has joined the Nebraska Nursing Consultants in Lincoln. **Jeffrey S. Naglosky, JD**, Duluth, Minn., has joined the law firm

Thanksgiving Day Alumni Mass and Breakfast

Thursday, Nov. 22, 2007
9 a.m.

St. John's Church
Creighton University Campus

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

of Newby Lingren & Westermann in Cloquet, Minn., as an associate. **Zachary G. H. Origitano, BA**, Omaha, has joined Envoy, Inc., in Omaha as a web designer. **Cynthia R. Pappan, BS '00, PharmD**, Belcourt, N.D., is a pharmacist at the Quentin Burdick Indian Health Service Pharmacy in Belcourt. **Danette M. Sughroue, OTD**, Bartley, Neb., an occupational therapist, has joined the therapy team at Alpha Rehabilitation in Kearney, Neb.

06 Lydia A. Ayad, PharmD, MBA, Diamond Bar, Calif., is a regulatory operations officer for the U.S. Government FDA in Rockville, Md. **Jason J. Biss, JD**, Lafayette, Ind., is deputy prosecutor for the Tippecanoe County Prosecutor's Office in Lafayette. **Jeffrey P. Daneff, BSBA**, Bellevue, Neb., has joined Renaissance Financial in Omaha as a financial advisor. **Theresa E. Farrage, BA**, Council Bluffs, Iowa, has joined the Omaha-based public relations firm of Leslie Kline Lukas & Associates as an account associate. **Janice Holmes, JD**, Omaha, has joined the Omaha law firm of Kutak Rock, L.L.P., as an associate in the firm's commercial litigation practice. **Wendy L. Holmes, BSBA**, Omaha, was named director of recruiting for Renaissance Financial in Omaha. **Ranae Brester Upton, JD**, Omaha, has joined the law firm of Adams & Sullivan, P.C., in Papillion, Neb.

Marriages

73 Sheila M. McQuillan, BA, and William J. Campbell, June 24, 2006, living in Omaha.

78 Susan M. Dunn, BSN, and Dr. Alexander Tsoucatos, June 2, 2007, living in Denver.

82 Diane H. Dougherty, BA, and Thomas G. Crowley, May 18, 2007, living in Omaha.

86 Colleen Donahue, BS, and Jon Freeman, May 24, 2006, living in St. Robert, Mo.

88 Dr. MaryBeth E. Lake, BS, and Joseph K. Hasson, Nov. 25, 2006, living in Evanston, Ill.

90 Dr. Michele Waslin, BA, and Kenneth Clair, April 14, 2007, living in Arlington, Va.

92 Carolyn Snyders, NUR, and Nathan Hecht, May 18, 2005, living in Palmer Township, Pa.

93 Carla Meyers and **Jason R. Calek, BA**, Dec. 1, 2006, living in Omaha. Angela C. Medrano and **Matthew A. Esquibel, Arts**, April 28, 2007, living in Santa Fe, N.M.

95 Dr. Julienne M. Hill, BSChm, and Frank Krennrich, June 16, 2006, living in Ames, Iowa.

96 Antonia Batistich, BSN, and Steve Meacham, Oct. 21, 2006, living in Chicago.

00 Sarah Ingalls, BSBA, and Anthony J. Sartori, May 12, 2007, living in Arlington, Va. Sara Cross and **Dr. Daniel S. Wientzen, BA**, April 21, 2007, living in Des Moines, Iowa.

01 Dr. Sarah M. Olsasky, BSBA, and Trevor Bair, April 20, 2007, living in Tampa, Fla. **Kristin C. Petersen, BA**, and Damian D. Haas, Dec. 31, 2006, living in Brooklyn, N.Y.

02 Lindsey Bailey, BSN, and Matthew Major, Jan. 13, 2007, living in Lincoln, Neb. **Carmin D. Ballou, JD**, and John B. Liebert, Jan. 20, 2007, living in Chicago. **Jean R. Ortiz, BA**, and Shaun J. Jones, June 2, 2007, living in Lincoln, Neb. **Stacey Ullrich, BSN**, and Jeremy DeMaranville, Jan. 2, 2007, living in Spring, Texas. **Nicole A. Wise, BA**, and David J. Rischling, April 21, 2007, living in Omaha.

03 Kelly E. Brewer, BS, and Jeffrey F. Wernimont, April 28, 2007, living in San Antonio. **Mai-Linh T. Frascarelli, BS'99, MD**, and Nathan J. Hu, Feb. 24, 2007, living in Kailua, Hawaii. **Brandi Lesch, BA**, and Adam Pieken, Oct. 14, 2006, living in Avoca, Iowa. **Amber Lowe, MS**, and Andy Wolf, Dec. 1, 2006, living in Bancroft, Iowa. **Erica L. Siebern, PharmD**, and **Calvin T. Pham, PharmD**, June 19, 2007, living in Vallejo, Calif. **Molly J. Wickham, JD**, and **Jacob M. Steinkemper, JD'02**, March 17, 2007, living in Phoenix.

04 Haley Cox, BSN, and Tom Clements, May 5, 2007, living in Iowa Falls, Iowa. **Donalee I. Hartman, BSN**, and Daniel A. Kennedy, June 2, 2007, living in Gretna, Neb. Kimberly Bredthauer and **C. Justin Kral, DPT, BSHS**, Sept. 30, 2006, living in Bellevue, Neb. Lizbeth L. Hansen and **John S. Pryor, BSBA**, Dec. 30, 2006, living in Omaha. **Erin Reichenbach, BSN**, and **Jeffrey M. Halpin, PharmD'06**, July 29, 2006, living in Little Chute, Wis. **Shannon C. Riley, BS**, and **Jeremiah J. Nordquist, BA**, Dec. 30, 2006, living in La Vista, Neb.

05 Anne M. Armitage, JD, and Stephen R. Rogers Jr., March 24, 2007, living in Atlanta. **Carrie A. Ferguson, JD**, and **Eric D. Strovers, JD'01**, Nov. 10, 2006, living in Omaha. Kimberly A. Cerny and **Joseph R. Hefflinger, JD**, Oct. 14, 2006, living in Omaha. Anne E. Martino and **James E. Hougas III, BSChm**, July 7, 2006, living

in Bellevue, Neb. **Megan Moore, MEd**, and Matthew Thompson, March 10, 2007, living in Gretna, Neb. Marla M. Mach and **Bradley K. Stuva, BS**, Aug. 19, 2006, living in Omaha. **AnnMarie Wagner, BSBA**, and **Andrew J. Fereday, BSBA'04**, June 2, 2007, living in Chicago.

06 Christina Alcorn, BA, and Dustin Goodsell, Aug. 5, 2006, living in Omaha. Kathryn "Katie" Gaudreau and **Nicholas M. Brewer, MD**, May 26, 2006, living in Augusta, Kan. **Victoria B. Lee, BSBA**, and **Troy A. Haecke, BSBA'04**, Sept. 16, 2006, living in Omaha. **Laura B. Manor, BS**, and Chad A. Austin, July 22, 2006, living in Mountain View, Calif. **Alyson S. Novak, BSN**, and Timothy T. Vrooman, July 21, 2006, living in Lincoln, Neb. **Amanda J. Peavy, BS**, and Joshua K. Cordoba, July 29, 2006, living in Omaha. **Jill A. Price, PharmD**, and Erik Jacobson, Sept. 2, 2006, living in Lincoln, Neb.

Births

70 Richard B. Leander Jr., BSBA, and Ma. Virginia P.L. Leander, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, a daughter, Margaret Kate "Meghan," Feb. 6, 2007.

82 William C. Graft, BA, and **Mary Fitzpatrick Graft, BSN'84**, Barrington, Ill., a son, Benedict Michael, April 4, 2007. **Arthur R. Masoero Jr., BA**, and Lauren Masoero, Dunkirk, Md., a son, Daniel James, Aug. 3, 2006.

84 Kent A. Coxe, BSBA, and **Kimberly Swanson Coxe, BSN'85**, Kansas City, Mo., a son, Jonathan Michael, Jan. 22, 2007.

86 James D. O'Meara, BA'82, DDS, and **Christina Hanners O'Meara, Arts, BSMT'87**, Omaha, a son, Matthew Aidan, April 23, 2007.

88 Andrew T. Fabian and **Marylauriel Grogan Fabian, BS**, Sauk City, Wis., a son, John Paul, July 13, 2006.

89 Scott Marroquin and **Michelle A. Mauck Marroquin, BA**, San Antonio, twins, a daughter, Madeleine Rose, and a son, Marc James, Sept. 10, 2004, and twin sons, Luke Scott and William Ernest, April 17, 2006. **Lt. Col. Todd V. McCaghy, BA**, and Peggy A. McCaghy, Papillion, Neb., a son, Connor Aiden, May 4, 2007. Kevin D. McNamara and **Andrea Roehner McNamara, BA**, Dublin, Ohio, a daughter, Brigid Burk, April 10, 2007.

90 Dr. Tri H. Tran, BS, and Tami C. Tran, Omaha, a son, Andrew Harry Schultz, Feb. 6, 2007. Jeffery A. Wright and **Marlene A. Wall Wright, BSBA**, St. Paul, Minn., a son, Jac Theodore, Sept. 29, 2006.

91 Robert F. Kennedy, BS, and **Lori J. Gard Kennedy, BS'93**, Shorewood, Ill., a daughter, Emeline Mia Caitlin, March 2, 2007.

92 Paul S. Brienza and **Kristin M. Monday Brienza, BS**, Shorewood, Wis., a son, Timothy Paul, Jan. 5, 2007.

93 Martin A. Bartness, BA, and **Melissa A. Carstensen Bartness, BA**, Lutherville, Md., a son, Liam Patrick, Oct. 4, 2006. Torry Akins and **Maria E. Buszek, BA**, Kansas City, Mo., a daughter, Sofia Rosario "Sofi Rose," Jan. 28, 2007. **Christopher J. Symkowitz-Rose, BA**, and Anna Symkowitz-Rose, Sacramento, Calif., a son, Caleb James, Dec. 11, 2006.

94 Christopher Geier and **Janet C. Conney, MD**, Westminster, Calif., a son, Kevin Geier-Conney, Sept. 22, 2006. **Dr. Jack R. Gabel, BS**, and **Pamela C. Font-Gabel, BSEvs**, Omaha, a daughter, Leah Elizabeth Font-Gabel, Feb. 9, 2007. **Karl J. Monson, BA**, and Kathryn Monson, Apple Valley, Minn., a son, Noah Ray, Jan. 3, 2007.

95 Dr. Andrew D. Coen, BSChm, and **Julie M. Giandinoto Coen, BSEvs'94**, Lincoln, Neb., a son, Eli James, March 21, 2007. Stace T. Hamon and **Daniella Flanagan Hamon, BSBA**, Irvine, Calif., a son, Javan Austin Cole, May 3, 2007. **Mark T. Menghini, BSBA**, and Tara Menghini, Chandler, Ariz., twins, a son, Carter Thomas, and a daughter, Marin Elizabeth, Feb. 22, 2007. Michael J. Murnan and **Erin Shonsey Murnan, BSBA**, Omaha, a daughter, Madison Kathleen, March 25, 2007. Johnnie L. Spinks III and **Kathleen A. Traster Spinks, BSN**, Papillion, Neb., a son, Matthew Raymond, Feb. 10, 2007.

96 David J. "DJ" Alameddin and **Ann-Marie Donaldson Alameddin, BA**, Phoenix, a daughter, Camille Elaine, April 3, 2006. **Kyle R. Sarton, DPT**, and **Julie Carter Sarton, DPT**, Trabuco Canyon, Calif., a son, Noah Carter, Feb. 7, 2007.

97 Matthew R. DeWall and **Diane Hughes DeWall, BSOT**, Indianola, Iowa, a son, Andrew James, Oct. 24, 2006. **Frank A. Oliverio, JD**, and Amy Oliverio, Morgantown, W.Va., a daughter, Julia Rose, Jan. 30, 2007. **Dr. Brent J. Prosser, BS**, and Dana Prosser, Columbia, Md., a

Alumnus Honored with Courage Award

Matthew Twit, BA'07, was one of six individuals honored with a Courage Award from Voices Against Brain Cancer during the organization's second annual "Sounding Off for a Cure" benefit in New York on June 7.

Twit struggled with severe headaches for two years, resulting in two emergency-room visits and consultations with more than a dozen doctors, before he was correctly diagnosed with brain cancer.

Doctors thought Twit was suffering from migraines. But after he crashed his car shortly after his second ER visit, an MRI revealed brain tumors.

He would undergo four rounds of chemotherapy. Each round consisted of five days of treatment, followed by two weeks off. He also went through 36 doses of radiation to his spine and brain.

And now?

"I am doing great," Twit said. "I feel better today than I have in the past four years. I am still working on a few medication doses with my endocrinologist. I will be on full hormone replacement for the rest of my life."

Twit said his classmates at Creighton were behind him 100 percent in his struggles — providing much needed support and encouragement.

Friends John Gross, BS'05, MS'06, and Rachele Hruska, BA'05, both of whom have been involved with Voices Against Brain Cancer, shared Twit's story with one of the organization's founders, Adam Lichtenstein. Adam's brother, Gary, died of brain cancer on Oct. 1, 2003, at the age of 24. Soon after, the Lichtenstein family started what would become Voices Against Brain Cancer. The



Matthew Twit, right, who was honored for his fight against brain cancer, is joined by Creighton friends John Gross and Rachele Hruska at the Voices Against Brain Cancer (www.voicesagainbraincancer.org) charity event.

organization's mission is to find a cure for brain cancer by advancing scientific research, increasing awareness with the medical community, and supporting patients and families afflicted with the disease.

Twit's message to others: "Do not let illness stand in the way of being the person you want to be. Be creative and try new things. Staying positive and never giving up the fight is the best advice I could ever give."

Twit received the Courage Award on his 25th birthday. Later that evening, he joined the band on stage at New York's famous Hammerstein Ballroom to play electric guitar in front of more than 700 gala attendees. He also has assisted with a website designed to help cancer patients share their stories — www.myhopespace.com.

"I can handle anything," Twit said. "I am living strong."

son, Evan Daniel, May 9, 2006. **Ryan A. Swaney, BA**, and Shannon M. Swaney, Omaha, a daughter, Morgan Lorene, March 31, 2007. Gerard A. Venteicher and **Monika Holmberg Venteicher, BSN**, Council Bluffs, Iowa, a son, Hunter Lawrence, Jan. 23, 2007. Jeremiah D. Wilson and **Renee M. Cornelius Wilson, BSOT**, Bend, Ore., a daughter, Shayla May, March 19, 2007.

98 Dr. Michael S. Bauer and **Dr. Elizabeth Sather Bauer, BS**, Columbus, Ohio, a son, Samuel Michael, June 7, 2007. John R. Crosby and **Ann E. Paper Crosby, BSEvs**, Kansas City, Mo., a son, John Colin, March 3, 2006. Eamon A. Javers and **Maureen A. Mathews Javers, BS**, Silver Spring, Md., a daughter, Evelyn Anne, Sept. 15, 2006. Jon Pesce and **Amy M. Nepple Pesce, BA**, LaVista, Neb., a daughter, Lauren Clare, Nov. 30, 2006.

99 Gabe Romero and **Anne L. Bishop, BA**, Omaha, a son, Trysten Diego Romero, April 13, 2007. Chris S. Jackson and **Leslie A. Powell Jackson, BSOT**, Converse, Ind., a son, Andrew Richard, Feb. 25, 2007. **Dr. Neil**

D. Jones, BS, and **Jennifer Rodgers Jones, BS, MEd'04**, Wilmington, N.C., a daughter, Ansley Christina, Aug. 24, 2006. **Dr. Joseph A. Ursick, BS**, and **Kristina N. Miller Ursick, BSOT'00, OTD'02**, Merriam, Kan., a son, Soren Joseph, May 14, 2007.

00 **John A. Dickmeyer, BSChm'94, MBA**, and **Charissa A. Heng Dickmeyer, BSBA'95**, Elkhorn, Neb., a son, Lawson Ryan, May 21, 2007. Garrett K. Dietzel and **Rachel Collen Dietzel, BSChm**, Overland Park, Kan., a son, Wyatt Charles, Aug. 18, 2006. Eric Schermerhorn and **Mary T. Finnegan, MS'96, MD**, Omaha, a son, Riley Joseph, Dec. 17, 2006. **Patrick E. Jankowski, DDS**, and **Amy Pistillo Jankowski, BA'96**, Eudora, Kan., a son, Maxwell Patrick, April 5, 2007. **Jacob M. Kusmak, PharmD**, and **Amy Trankle Kusmak, BA'97, JD**, Sioux Falls, S.D., a son, Jack Raymond, May 28, 2006. **Scott A. McCarthy, BSBA'87, MBA**, and **Laurie Williams McCarthy, BA'88, MBA'91**, Omaha, a daughter, Ava Joy, Sept.

13, 2006. Philip Michalec and **Claire Connolly Michalec, PharmD**, Chicago, two sons, Connor, June 10, 2004, and Philip, Jan. 31, 2007. **Casey J. Moeller, DPT**, and Shannie Moeller, Lincoln, Neb., a son, Crew Hudson, Dec. 20, 2006.

01 **Chadron S. Araki, DDS**, and Sharyn L. Araki, Ewa Beach, Hawaii, a daughter, Sarah Jeanne S. E. "Sashimi/Sashi," March 29, 2007. Michael K. Britten and **Jennifer Krueger Britten, BSBA'99, JD**, Woodbury, Minn., a son, Henry Joseph, Aug. 3, 2007. **Matthew E. Eck, BSBA'99, JD**, and **Brandy Chambers Eck, BS'00, BSN**, Omaha, a son, Kyle Evan, Nov. 15, 2006. **Joshua I. Leigh, PharmD**, and **Tara Stamp Leigh, BSN'00**, Kansas City, Mo., a son, Matthew Brian Long, April 12, 2007. Frank P. Addiego and **Tiffanie J. Leon-Synnott, JD**, Vacaville, Calif., a daughter, Lucia Joyce Addiego, Feb. 4, 2007. **Donald W. Lux II, BSBA'96, MS'00, MBA**, and Alison Lux, Omaha, a son, Ryne Benjamin, Dec. 23, 2006. Jon C. Novacek and **Stephanie K.**

Luft Novacek, DPT, Olathe, Kan., twins, a son, Connor Christopher, and a daughter, Morgan Conroy, March 31, 2007. **Matthew J. Smith, BS'97, MD**, and Emily Smith, Philadelphia, a son, Grant Matthew, Sept. 8, 2006.

02 Justin A. Bond and **Lauren Chaput Bond, BA**, Council Bluffs, Iowa, a daughter, Luca Elizabeth, Dec. 28, 2006. Rhett D. Goy and **Melinda "Mindy" Corder Goy, JD**, Tabor, Iowa, a daughter, Adalie Kay, Jan. 10, 2007. **Jason M. Kelecic, DPT**, and **Jean M. Koenig Kelecic, DPT'01**, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., a son, Michael William, Oct. 5, 2006. **Stephen P. McAvoy, BS'98, MD**, and **Heather Sorensen McAvoy, BA'01**, Milwaukee, a son, Brady Andrew, Feb. 21, 2007. Christopher Obermeier and **Jennifer S. Donlin Obermeier, PharmD**, Doniphan, Neb., a daughter, Cydney Kathryn, May 7, 2007. Ryan Reasland and **Tiffany Tarr Reasland, PharmD**, Omaha, a daughter, Addyson Jane "Addy," Oct. 19, 2006. **Kenneth M. Wentz III, JD**, and Melody Wentz, Elk Grove, Calif., a daughter, Josephine

Harper, March 30, 2007.

03 Richard Wheeler and **Anastasia McCaffrey Wheeler, BA**, Denver, a son, Timothy Alan, March 31, 2007.

04 **Benjamin G. Hardy, BS'00, DDS**, and **Paige Peterson Hardy, BSN'00**, Omaha, a son, Owen Benjamin, Jan. 15, 2007. Eduardo A. Acosta and **Rebecca A. McClung-Acosta, JD**, Bellevue, Neb., a daughter, Isabella Louise, March 11, 2005, and a son, Carter Adolfo, March 2, 2007. C. Brock Taylor and **Andrea Baalman Taylor, BA'99, DDS**, Denver, a son, Luke Edward, Feb. 8, 2007. **David L. Vogel, BA'00, MD**, and **Angela C. Burton Vogel, BA**, Grove City, Ohio, a son, Ignatius Anthony, Sept. 11, 2006.

05 Joseph Bender and **Stevielee Raymer Bender, BSEMS**, Goodland, Kan., a son, Steven Richard, Oct. 2, 2006. Nicholas J. McLaren and **Abbi Jones McLaren, BA**, Omaha, a daughter, Amaya Jo, March 27, 2007.

06 **Travis W. Palmer, DPT**, and Lindsay S. Palmer, Caldwell, Idaho, a daughter, Eliza Paige, Aug. 15, 2006.

Deaths

32 **Julia A. Capek, SJN**, Omaha, April 23, 2007. **Richard J. Petersen, Law**, Laguna Woods, Calif., Feb. 12, 2007.

33 **Ella M. Myers, PhC**, Gering, Neb., March 26, 2007.

34 Elizabeth N. Leary, **wife of John A. Leary, BSC**, Omaha, May 18, 2007.

36 **Hon. Allen A. Sekt, JD**, Green Valley, Ariz., May 25, 2007.

37 Howard L. Danahy, **husband of Theresa (Walla) Danahy, SJN**, Omaha, May 18, 2007. **Eileen (O'Brien) Natta, PhB**, Park Ridge, Ill., March 16, 2007.

39 Eleanor Norton, **wife of Charles W. Norton, Arts**, Omaha, March 23, 2007.

40 **Marjorie (Jacobsen) Barrick, BSC**, Las Vegas, April 29, 2007. **Ruben Lippett, BusAd**, Omaha, May 7, 2007. **Richard A. Matlock, MD**, Long Beach, Calif., Feb. 24, 2007.

42 **Joseph "Joe" Burke, Arts**, Casper, Wyo., May 6, 2007. **Mary (Tooher) Harman, SJN**, Omaha, April 1, 2007. **Patricia R. (Cummysky) Kennedy, Arts**, Omaha, June 14, 2007.

Guy B. Stinson Jr., BSC, Norfolk, Neb., April 4, 2007. **Evan A. Tessier, BSC**, Mitchell, S.D., April 7, 2007.

43 **Edwin L. Becker, BSPHa**, Moreno Valley, Calif., May 27, 2007. Dee King, **wife of Dorsey R. King, DDS**, Long Beach, Calif., June 6, 2005.

44 **James E. Hazuka, BSPHa**, Papillion, Neb., June 24, 2007. **Beverly (Rich) Schroeder, SJN**, Clarkson, Neb., March 24, 2007.

46 **Robert J. Burford, JD**, Omaha, June 8, 2007. **Mary (Herbst) Cubillos, BA**, Norfolk, Neb., March 5, 2007.

47 **Robert T. Frock, Arts, husband of Beverly (Vasko) Frock, Arts'48**, Lansing, Kan., May 25, 2007. Jayne Hays, **wife of Samuel N. Hays, BSC**, Rhonert Park, Calif., February 2007. **Ida S. Smith, SJN'41, BSN**, Omaha, April 12, 2007. **Joan M. (Wicke) Severin, SCN**, Omaha, June 24, 2007. **Marvin V. Weber, BusAd**, Torrance, Calif., March 5, 2007.

48 **Jerome Benson, MD**, Miami Beach, Fla., May 15, 2007.

James H. Cremin, MD, Los Angeles, April 2, 2007. Jeanne Higgins, **wife of William P. Higgins, JD**, Omaha, April 8, 2007. **Felix J. Kerrigan, BS**, Omaha, March 14, 2007. **Deloris (Lory) Mangiamiele, SJN**, San Diego, June 2, 2007. **Robert D. Markel, JD**, Omaha, June 8, 2007. **Marguerite (Morse) Nussbaum, BA**, Topeka, Kan., March 15, 2007. **James L. Webb, JD**, Franktown, Colo., May 2007.

49 **Rita D. (Grogan) Cusack, SJN'48, BSN**, Clear Lake, Iowa, May 21, 2007. **John L. Dewey, MD**, Palm Springs, Calif., June 15, 2007. Arnold J. Winkelbauer, **husband of Josephine S. Winkelbauer, BusAd**, May 16, 2007.

50 **Morris Barnert, MD**, Palos Verdes Estates, Calif., Jan. 31, 2007. **Robert C. Heithoff, JD**, Council Bluffs, Iowa, March 13, 2007. **H. Ed Hurt, JD**, Scribner, Neb., April 12, 2007. **Daniel E. Laughlin, BusAd, husband of Patricia (O'Connell) Laughlin, SCN'47**, Omaha, May 17, 2007. **Edgar J. McBride, BusAd**, Lincoln, Neb., April 30, 2007.

51 **Jack H. Bankead, MD**, Sachse, Texas, March 13, 2007. **Sr. Carmen Burg, S.S.N.D., BS**, Mankato, Minn., May 25, 2007.

52 **Joseph Q. Joynt, JD**, Tahoe City, Calif., June 8, 2007. **Patrick J. McCarthy, JD**, Omaha, June 9, 2007. **Maynard D. Wichman, Arts**, Kearney, Neb., May 16, 2007.

53 **William F. Craycroft, DDS**, Louisville, Ky., April 24, 2007. **Gerald "Jerry" J. Reznicek, BSC**, Omaha, April 10, 2007.

54 **Elizabeth "Betty" G. (Kohn) Dunn, BS**, Mesa, Ariz., Feb. 10, 2007. **Paul S. Mahoney, MD**, Camarillo, Calif., March 26, 2007.

Robert F. Welsh, BSC, Naples, Fla., June 12, 2007.

55 **Raymond L. Casnick, BSC**, Newton, Maine, March 15, 2007.

56 **Terrance R. Brennan, MD**, San Jose, Calif., May 29, 2007.

57 **Bernard C. Chaloupka, BS**, Littleton, Colo., March 7, 2007. **J. Richard "Dick" Nolan, BSM'44, MD'45, MSM**, Omaha, April 15, 2007. **Sr. M. Dolores Pavlik, de N.D., BA'34, MSEdu**, Omaha, April 19, 2007. **Charles W. Sanders, BS**, Fairfax, Va., May 26, 2007.

58 **Hector W. Rojas, DDS**, Pueblo, Colo., May 5, 2007. **Richard D. Schultz, BS'54, MD**, Omaha, June 12, 2007. **John P. Waldron, BS**, Omaha, June 2, 2007.

60 Zona R. Doerr, **wife of Thomas C. Doerr, BS'57, JD**, Bellevue, Neb., March 22, 2007. **McGrew T. "Mac" Foley, DDS**, Wichita, Kan., June 6, 2007. **Dr. Charles J. Reilly, MD'60, MS**, Schenectady, N.Y., April 11, 2007.

62 **Dennis J. Daly, BA**, Aurora, Colo., March 3, 2007. **Joseph P. Kelly, DDS**, Sigourney, Iowa, May 17, 2007. **Eileen (Brooks) Lieben, MA**, Omaha, April 12, 2007. **Harry F. Smith, Arts**, Armidale, Australia, March 9, 2007. **Rev. Donald P. Schmitt, MS**, Dubuque, Iowa, March 17, 2007.

63 **Donald E. Vagt, DDS**, Visalia, Calif., March 8, 2007.

64 **Hon. Lawrence J. Corrigan, JD**, Omaha, June 23, 2007.

65 **Mary M. Buksas, BS**, Phoenix, March 18, 2007. Mary E. Kirchofer, **wife of Adam A. Kirchofer, MA**, Omaha, June 21, 2007. **Bruce Lauritsen, BA**, Dubuque, Iowa, May 20, 2007.

66 Joyce Comerford, **wife of Joseph T. Comerford, R.P.H., BSPHa**, Willowbrook, Ill., Dec. 16, 2006.

68 **Daniel L. Dienstbier, MBA**, Omaha, April 13, 2007.

Joanne (Mabie) Kuhn, BA'66, MS, Waterloo, Ontario, May 25, 2007.

69 **Diana M. Berk, BA**, Elgin, Ill., June 14, 2007. **Michael P.**

Shanahan, BA'66, JD, Overland Park, Kan., June 23, 2007.

70 **Douglas J. Dempster, BS**, Collierville, Tenn., March 15, 2007. Judith Kubat, **wife of George J. Kubat, BSBA'67, JD**, Omaha, March 19, 2007. **Kathleen Ring, BS**, Omaha, March 18, 2007.

71 **Steven H. Lee, BA**, Omaha, May 4, 2007.

72 **Gerald M. "Jerry" Enis, Arts**, Omaha, May 4, 2007.

74 **Alan Rosenthal, DDS**, Coral Springs, Fla., June 21, 2007.

75 **Thomas J. McMahon, BA**, Des Plaines, Ill., March 13, 2007. Bobbi Schultz, **wife of Denny Schultz, DDS**, Kalispell, Mont., December 2006.

76 **Gregory Banz, BA**, Wyoming, Ill., April 27, 2007.

77 Astrid Pockey, **wife of John M. Pockey, MS**, Napa, Calif., Aug. 22, 2006.

78 **Jacqueline S. "Jackie" (Railing) Delehant, MA, wife of Timothy R. Delehant, BSBA'79**, Omaha, April 7, 2007. Joan Hogan, **wife of Rev. Richard D. Hogan, MDiv**, Bella Vista, Ark., March 5, 2007.

81 **Michael G. Angel, BSBA**, San Diego, Dec. 15, 2006.

82 **Daniel B. Cullan, JD'70, MD**, Omaha, May 11, 2007. **Edward H. McDaniel, BSN'73, MS**, Columbia, Mo., March 26, 2007.

83 **Jolynn (Jenison) Schrage, BS, wife of David G. Schrage, BSBA**, Granger, Ill., Jan. 9, 2007.

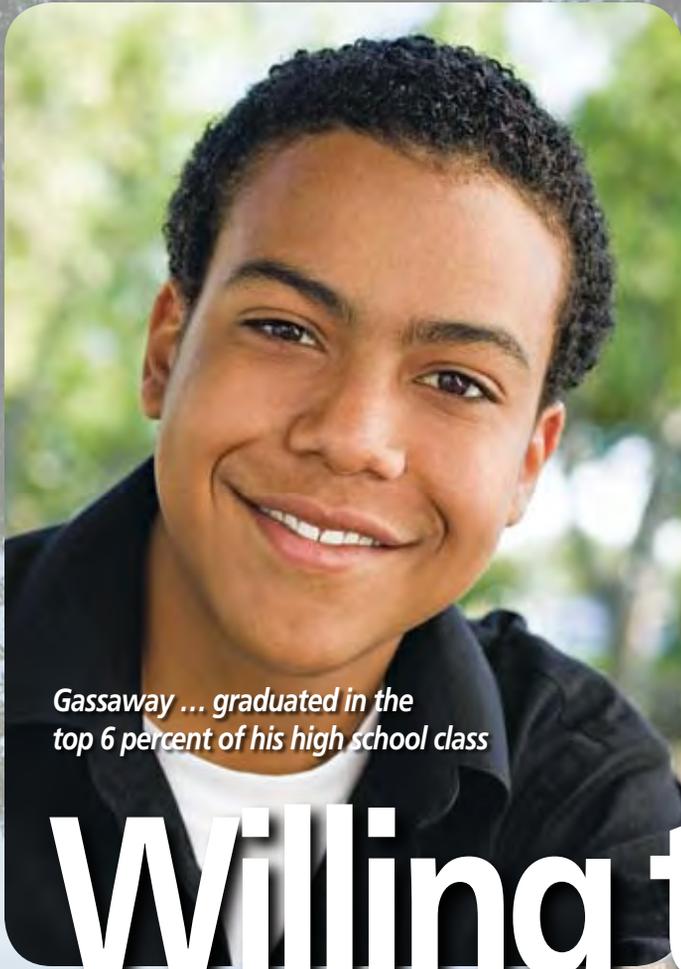
86 **John O'Kane Jr., JD**, Honolulu, April 6, 2007.

88 **Lois R. Suzuki, BSN**, Ventura, Calif., Sept. 29, 2005.

96 **Paul A. Abraszewski, MD**, Pocatello, Idaho, June 24, 2007.

98 **Duane E. Kosmicki, husband of G. Jeanine Kosmicki, MS**, Fremont, Neb., May 15, 2007.

03 Kathrine Rielly "Kate" and Isabelle Renee "Izzy" Tierney, **infant twin daughters of Brent J. Tierney, BS'00, MS, and Kelli (Miller) Tierney, BS'00, BSN'01**, Omaha, June 14, 2007.



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