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Message from the University President

A Momentous Time in Our History

The month of March was like none other in the history of Creighton University. The first significant event that will impact Creighton and all Catholic educational institutions was the election of Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, S.J., as Pope Francis.

There are many noteworthy “firsts” about the new pope that have been widely reported, but the one for which we at Creighton University are particularly grateful is the fact that he is the first pope to have been ordained and formed in the Society of Jesus.

In just his first weeks, Pope Francis sent clear signals that he takes seriously the Jesuit tenet of a preferential option for the poor, which is making the poor, the least among us, a priority.

As Catholic and Jesuit, Creighton embraces this value in a number of ways. Our faculty mentor students to become men and women for others; as best we can, we try to make available tuition assistance for talented students in need who desire to attend Creighton; and the whole Creighton community is actively involved in service, including service-learning as part of the curriculum as well as extracurricular programs. Last year, our students alone provided more than 398,000 hours of community service.

The founder of the Jesuits, St. Ignatius of Loyola, discovered an intimacy with Jesus that allowed him to live as a “contemplative” while serving in the everyday world. People who experienced Ignatius’ *Spiritual Exercises*, including his earliest companions, found they could become contemplatives in the midst of action — living, working and praying in the world, not secluded in a monastery. Ignatius encouraged his men to serve with *cura personalis* (Latin for personal care) and Creighton is guided by this principle in the education of our students.

The fact that the *Spiritual Exercises* helped form the center of Pope Francis’ apostolic energy and life, and that his formation has led him to such humility and simplicity, is enormously symbolic for our entire world. Pope Francis’ example speaks volumes, and we are filled with anticipation for great good to come from his papacy.

The second major event in March with historic implications for Creighton was the University’s affiliation with the Big East Conference, which is effective July 1. Becoming a member of the Big East is about much more than athletic competition, as membership in this group of academically respected and largely faith-based institutions will enhance the visibility of the University and improve our ability to recruit students in other

areas of the country.

As Creighton alumni, I know you have the same feelings of pride concerning our alma mater as I do. This magazine is filled with examples of the greatness exhibited by Creighton alumni, students and faculty.

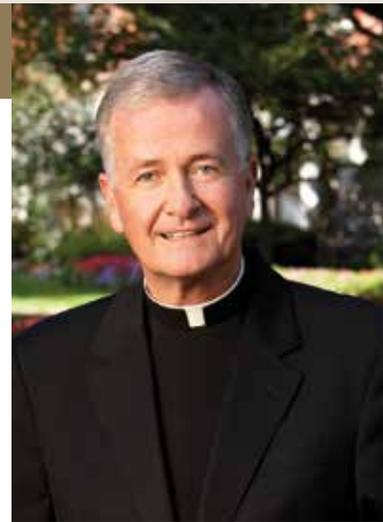
The task before us today is to ensure that our University continues to thrive as we encounter the challenges facing colleges and universities. Demographic, marketplace and technological trends are creating dynamic changes in higher education. I am confident we will confront these issues successfully as we leverage Creighton’s strengths for a new journey — one of resilience and innovation.

We are fortunate that as Catholic and Jesuit, Creighton is known internationally for educational traditions that graduate ethical leaders. Adjusting to change is in our DNA as a university — the Society of Jesus has successfully adapted throughout the centuries.

This is a momentous time in our history. Creighton University has incredible opportunities at hand. At the same time, we are committed to our values-centered culture and to collaboration, both within the University and with other organizations and institutions that share our values, such as our fellow members of the Big East Conference.

Great universities do not stand still. Understanding today’s realities, we are seizing this moment to ensure that Creighton will achieve the highest level of excellence and set the world on fire through the exemplary Catholic, Jesuit education and community that is Creighton University.

May God bless you and your families during this season of rebirth and all days.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Timothy R. Lannon, S.J." The signature is fluid and cursive.

Timothy R. Lannon, S.J.
President

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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.

Creighton Launches Business Institute

Creighton University has launched the Creighton Business Institute (CBI) as part of the College of Business. Dedicated to the development of business leaders, CBI offers continuing education opportunities for individuals as well as businesses and community organizations. Institute offerings include personal development programs, leadership studies, certifications in business management areas, technical skills training and workshops. Curriculum is available for individuals or can be designed for specific groups or companies by CBI directors.

"Creighton is a natural fit for this interdisciplinary approach of customizing educational offerings for business professionals. The University has a long history of partnerships and curriculum development across multiple schools and colleges that provide established programs, resources and networking opportunities for business professionals," said Anthony

Photo by Jim Fackler



Gisele Olney, left, and Jennifer Metzler are co-directors of the Creighton Business Institute.

Hendrickson, Ph.D., dean of the College of Business.

The CBI approach focuses on flexibility and customizing courses to the needs of the organization or the individual. The fee structure is based on the specific program offered.

Heading the effort are co-directors Jennifer Metzler and Gisele Olney, who together have more than 60 years of experience in continuing education and business consulting services.

For more information about CBI, visit businessinstitute.creighton.edu.

O'Connor Named Creighton's First Provost

Creighton University has named Edward "Ed" O'Connor, Ph.D., its first provost effective July 1. O'Connor comes from Quinnipiac University in Hamden, Conn., where he has served as professor and dean of the School of Health Sciences since 2007. As Creighton's provost, he will be the University's chief academic officer and will be responsible for the nine schools and colleges, along with Student Life and University Ministry.



O'Connor

"Dr. O'Connor has a wealth of experience and will be an invaluable member of the Creighton community as we invigorate the University through the strategic planning process and further our academic mission," said Timothy R. Lannon, S.J., Creighton University president.

O'Connor earned his doctorate in

pharmacology, toxicology and neuroscience from Albany Medical College in New York in 1992. He also completed the management development program at the Harvard Graduate School of Education in 2002. He obtained his master's in business administration in leadership in healthcare at Yale University School of Management.

"I am truly excited about coming to Creighton — a mission-driven University that understands its responsibility to its students and to our society," O'Connor said. "Creighton helps students develop their talents and inspires them to take those talents into the world to become agents of change wherever needed. As provost, I will give voice to the University's academic priorities, but I also plan to help generate across-the-campus ideas and energy grounded in the current and future realities of higher education."

A provost search committee, comprised of representatives of Creighton students, staff, alumni and the Board of Trustees, spent more than a year identifying candidates from across the country for this position. The entire Creighton community participated in the finalist evaluation process.

Jays Riding Crest of Success through Fall and Winter Sports Seasons

Creighton's athletic programs are riding a crest of success as they prepare to move to the Big East Conference.

This fall, the men's soccer, men's basketball and the volleyball teams all ranked in the top 25 in the nation, the first time in Creighton's history that three teams have been ranked simultaneously. Four teams entered the fall semester as reigning Missouri Valley Conference (MVC) champions: men's soccer, men's and women's basketball and baseball.

Men's Soccer

The men's soccer team, coached by MVC Coach of the Year Elmar Bolowich, lived up to expectations with a repeat trip to soccer's Final Four, the College Cup. Creighton finished the season with a 17-4-3 record, winning the MVC regular-season and tournament titles for a second straight year. The team entered the 2012 College Cup ranked eighth nationally on a 14-match unbeaten streak before falling to eventual champion Indiana in a national semifinal match. MAC Hermann Trophy finalist Jose Gomez and Andrew Ribeiro were named NSCAA All-America selections and Creighton placed six student-athletes on the MVC All-Conference teams.

Volleyball

Under Creighton's winningest volleyball coach, Kirsten Bernthal Booth, the team finished its best season in program history this fall. The team won MVC regular-season and tournament titles, advancing to the second round of NCAA Tournament play. It finished with a 29-4 season and ranked 24th nationally. Senior Megan Bober was named MVC Player of the Year and a Second Team Academic All-American. Booth was named MVC Coach of the Year.

Rasmussen Named to NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Committee

Bruce Rasmussen, director of athletics at Creighton University, has been appointed to the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Committee. Rasmussen's five-year term begins Sept. 1.

"It's a tremendous honor to be named to the men's basketball committee," Rasmussen said. "The tournament is one of the premier events that I have ever been associated with, and I look forward to serving with such an elite group in the coming years."

Rasmussen has been at Creighton for the past 33 years, serving as head women's basketball coach for 12 seasons. After serving as associate athletics director for two years, he was promoted to director of athletics, where he has spent the past 19 years leading the University to athletic prominence while setting new standards for fundraising and overseeing the completion of impressive facilities.

"Bruce's background with basketball and his leadership role with a university that has sustained excellence with its basketball program made the decision to appoint him to this committee a natural fit," said Dan Gavitt, the NCAA's vice president for men's basketball. "We look forward to his contributions."



Gomez



Bober



Nelson



Janning



Echenique



Wragge

Women's Basketball

This season, juniors Carli Tritz and Sarah Nelson became the 24th and 25th Bluejays to reach 1,000 career points and basketball coach Jim Flanery amassed the most wins of any women's coach in Creighton history. The women's team finished as MVC co-champions in the regular season, earning an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament. The team won its first game against Syracuse before falling to Tennessee in the second round.

Nelson and Marissa Janning were named to the All-MVC First Team, and Janning was also on the All-Freshman Team and named MVC Freshman of the Year. Ally Jensen and Nelson were MVC Scholar-Athletes.

Men's Basketball

Coach Greg McDermott's men's basketball team was ranked in the top 25 in the nation during much of the season, at one time ranking as high as 10th in the Associated Press poll. Two-time All-American Doug McDermott led the Bluejays to their eighth outright MVC regular-season title and its 15th overall — tied for most in league history. The team also won its 12th MVC Tournament title, going back-to-back for the third time, and earning an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament.

During the NCAA Tournament, the Jays won a second-round thriller against Cincinnati, before falling to Duke in the third round, finishing with a 28-8 record.

The National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) pegged Greg McDermott for Coach of the Year honors in District 16. Players receiving honors included: Gregory Echenique — MVC All-Defensive Team, selected to play in the NABC All-Star Game in April; and Ethan Wragge — MVC Sixth Man of the Year, MVC Scholar-Athlete First Team.

Doug McDermott became the all-time leading scorer in Creighton history, reaching 2,216 career points. Read more about McDermott's 2012-13 awards and achievements on the back cover of the magazine.

Study Shows New Promise for Stroke Rehabilitation

Creighton researchers published findings that could lead to new drug therapies to aid in the recovery of function after a stroke. The solution, their research suggests, could come from the depths of the sea.

Stroke is one of the leading causes of death and long-term disability in the United States, affecting more than 795,000 people every year. Although the brain tissue lost in a stroke can never be revived, the brain can be trained to redirect nerve impulses to healthy tissue nearby. Creighton's research team, led by Thomas Murray, Ph.D., associate vice president for Health Sciences Research and professor and chair of the Department of Pharmacology, believes that a compound found in the ocean called brevetoxin-2 could aid in the brain's recovery.

The researchers, along with teams at University of North Carolina Wilmington and Scripps Institution of Oceanography, used brevetoxin on mouse neurons in



Photo by Ford Jacobsen

Thomas Murray, Ph.D., is leading a Creighton study on a compound produced by marine algae that may hold treatment promise for stroke patients.

a culture dish. Their study found that the compound stimulated nerve cell growth and increased the neurons' ability to form connections with neighboring neurons — a crucial component of stroke recovery. Murray believes his team's findings, if supported by further studies in animals and humans, could have a profound impact on the pharmacological options for stroke recovery. There is currently no drug treatment available to promote neural repair for patients

following a stroke or other traumatic brain injury.

Brevetoxin is a neurotoxin produced by a tiny marine organism called *Karenia brevis* that is known to activate nerves to fire spontaneously. In high concentrations, it is responsible for the harmful red tides that cause respiratory irritation in humans and central nervous system paralysis in fish.

"It is a great advancement to show that this naturally occurring ocean compound can stimulate nerve cell growth in cultured mouse cells," said Dan Baden, Ph.D., director of the Center for Marine Science and founding member and executive principal of MARBIONC at University of North Carolina Wilmington. Baden has actively studied brevetoxin and other bioactive materials from *Karenia brevis* for use in biomedical research since the early 1970s.

The researchers published their findings in the Nov. 12 online edition of the *Journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

Watch a video about the research at creighton.edu/creightonmagazine.

Study Finds Recent Creighton Graduates Finding Jobs, Seeking Professional Degrees

More than 96 percent of 2012 Creighton University graduates are employed or enrolled in graduate or professional school, according to an annual study conducted by the University's career center. According to the center, the national average ranges between 70 and 80 percent.

"Successful outcomes for our graduating seniors in all undergraduate schools and colleges increased over last year, a clear indication that employers are seeking Creighton graduates. The caliber of students and the experience they have garnered through internships are significant factors in their success," said Jim Bretl, director of Creighton's John P. Fahey Career Center.

The research, completed nine months after graduation, boasts an 81 percent response rate, significantly higher than the national response rate of 50 percent or lower.

"A higher response rate on our outcomes survey translates to better data. Many surveys at other colleges and universities that have a low response rate skew toward a higher success rate than is actually true," Bretl added.

According to the Creighton survey, average starting salaries for graduates from all undergraduate schools and colleges are competitive with national averages, and the College of Business had a 4 percent annual increase and the School of Nursing a 6.5 percent increase.

The academic quality of 2012 Creighton University undergraduates is also reflected in their high rate of acceptance into graduate and professional programs. In the College of Arts and Sciences it is at 49 percent while at 32 percent for the entire graduating class.

Creighton Named to President's Community Service Honor Roll

Creighton University has been named to the 2013 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, the highest federal recognition a college or university can receive for its commitment to volunteering, student service-learning and civic engagement as well as meaningful community outcomes.

This is the sixth year Creighton has been recognized with the award, presented by the Corporation for National and Community Service. Creighton is one of 690 schools nationally recognized.

Launched in 2006, the award honors colleges and universities chosen based on a series of selection factors, including scope and innovation of service projects, percentage of student participation in service activities, incentives for service, and the extent to which a university offers academic service-learning courses.

Defense Department Awards Prostate Cancer Grants

The Department of Defense (DoD) announced the approval of more than \$650,000 in grants to help Creighton University School of Medicine researchers continue their work toward developing an improved treatment approach for prostate cancer.

Prostate cancer is the most common and second deadliest form of cancer in American men. There are treatments available, but their effectiveness is limited. The most prevalent option, a form of hormone therapy called androgen deprivation, is typically short-lived because the cancer progresses to an advanced stage or becomes resistant to treatment.

Yaping Tu, Ph.D., associate professor of pharmacology, was awarded more than \$500,000 to design a new drug that will block the growth of prostate cancers and keep them from spreading to other parts of the body. He will collaborate with Peter Abel, Ph.D., professor of pharmacology, and Poonam Sharma, M.B.B.S., associate professor of pathology, to expand on previous research, also funded by the DoD, in which he identified two genes at work in the development of prostate cancers.

"Because the Department of Defense only funds about 4 percent of applicants, they want to make sure we are studying something that has a real-world application," Tu said. "We hope to potentially have a drug to test on advanced prostate cancers in the next three to five years."

Xian-Ming Chen, M.D., professor of microbiology and immunology, will collaborate with Tu on a second recently announced DoD grant, worth \$108,375. Chen

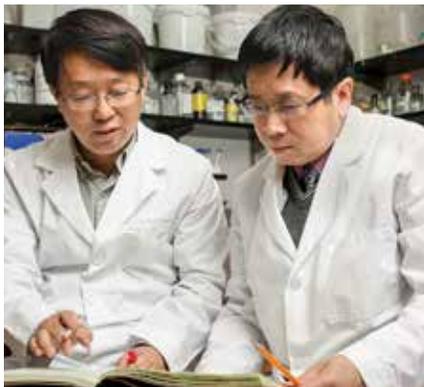


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Yaping Tu, Ph.D., left, and Xian-Ming Chen, M.D., have received Department of Defense grants to study prostate cancer.

will use the funds to study prostate cancer at the molecular level, specifically why these cancers develop a resistance to androgen deprivation therapy. The outcome of his research is to identify more effective targets for future therapeutic interventions.

"The fundamental reason why we can't treat a disease is usually because we don't know how it happens," Chen said. "Our research will generate data that we hope can be used to develop a new therapeutic strategy for prostate cancer."

Creighton will also support a third DoD grant awarded to the University of Nebraska Medical Center for the Nebraska Prostate Cancer Research Program. This grant pays for minority students at historically black colleges and universities to visit the state for training. Researchers, including Tu, mentor the students during their two-month visit.

These grants are part of the DoD's Prostate Cancer Research Program, a congressionally funded program that supports scientific investigations toward the goal of eliminating death and suffering due to prostate cancer.

Lynch Publishes Book on Personalized Cancer Care

Creighton University's hereditary cancer pioneer, Henry Lynch, M.D., serves as co-editor and major contributor to a new textbook aimed to change the way clinicians approach the treatment of hereditary cancers.

Lynch, a professor of medicine at Creighton University School of Medicine and director of Creighton University's



Lynch

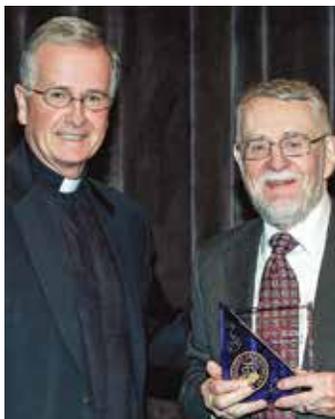
Hereditary Cancer Center, teamed with Dongfeng Tan, M.D., of the MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston to complete the book titled *Principles of Molecular Diagnostics and Personalized Cancer Medicine*.

"To my knowledge, this is the first book dealing with cancer which enunciates the need for a personalized medicine approach when dealing with hereditary forms of cancer," Lynch said.

Lynch and Tan co-edited 70 chapters written by a cadre of world-renowned experts in cancer research, pathology, clinical trials, molecular diagnostics, personalized therapy, bioinformatics and federal regulations. Lynch also contributed to the book, including a chapter on genetic counseling from Creighton University's Department of Preventive Medicine.

"A personalized approach to treatment is about more than just offering a diagnosis," explains Lynch. "It is about taking patients by the hand and treating their minds and how they are feeling along with the pathology."

Principles of Molecular Diagnostics and Personalized Cancer Medicine is now available for medical oncologists, pathologists, statisticians and any working physician who treats hereditary cancers.



University Honors Heaney

Robert Heaney, BS'47, MD'51, was honored with the University's Lifetime Achievement for Research Award during Creighton's Founders Day Convocation ceremony on Feb. 5. Heaney is a pioneer in the field of bone biology. He has been on faculty in the School of Medicine since 1957 and is the John A. Creighton University Professor. Several other faculty, staff and administrators were recognized during the ceremony. Watch a video of Heaney receiving the award at creighton.edu/creightonmagazine.

A BIG MOVE

by Robyn Eden and Cindy Murphy McMahon, BA'74

► Creighton's move to the Big East athletic conference presents an unprecedented opportunity for the whole University to broaden its footprint and elevate its stature

Ever since March 20, two words — Big East — have dominated conversations about Creighton from coast to coast.

That was the historic day seven member schools of the newly transformed basketball-centric Big East athletic conference announced three new members — Creighton, Butler and Xavier universities — effective July 1.

“This is our moment, this is our opportunity,” Creighton President Timothy R. Lannon, S.J., via teleconference from New York, told the Creighton community gathered for the announcement. “This is an incredible time in Creighton’s history.”

Fr. Lannon joined the nine other college presidents for the live nationally televised news conference. The three new members appeared with Big East Conference division schools Georgetown University, St. John’s University, Villanova University, Providence College, Seton Hall University, Marquette University and DePaul University.

The Big East schools are primarily Catholic and mission-centric, located in dynamic urban areas, and known for exceptional academic reputations. They also share storied basketball traditions.

Rumors swirled for days before the announcement was made; the news of Creighton leaving the Missouri Valley Conference (MVC) and being officially among the 10-member renewed Big East rapidly spread across the country.

So what does the athletic conference move mean for Creighton? Put simply, the move presents an unprecedented opportunity for the whole University to broaden its footprint and elevate its stature. Because athletic conference participation goes beyond courts and playing fields, affiliating with renowned academic institutions such as those in the Big East enhances Creighton’s visibility and reputation.

“A move to a new athletic conference can expose a university to new audiences of potential students, donors and fans,” according to Rae Goldsmith, vice president for advancement resources with the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) in Washington, D.C. “Savvy universities will take advantage of the transition to build and enhance visibility for their academic as well as athletic profiles, both immediately and over the longer term.”

Creighton has been a top Midwest regional university for decades, yet University leaders, Board of Trustees members, students, faculty, alumni and donors have long known it is more than that.

For example, Creighton has attracted increasingly academically talented freshmen over the years. Almost 40 percent of the current freshmen were in the top 10 percent of their high school class and 50 percent scored 27 or above on the ACT, placing them in the top 13 percent of students in the nation. In addition, Creighton graduates are highly sought by



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Presidents representing institutions of the Big East Conference assemble for a photo following a news conference on March 20 in New York. From left to right: Peter Donohue, O.S.A., Villanova University; A. Gabriel Esteban, Seton Hall University; John DeGioia, Georgetown University; Donald Harrington, C.M., St. John's University; Timothy Lannon, S.J., Creighton University; Dennis Holtschneider, C.M., DePaul University; Brian Shanley, O.P., Providence College; Michael Graham, S.J., Xavier University; Jim Danko, Butler University; and Scott Pilarz, S.J., Marquette University.

employers and graduate/professional schools — more than 96 percent of the University's most recent graduates are employed or enrolled in graduate or professional school. According to the University's John P. Fahey Career Center, the national average ranges between 70 and 80 percent.

"When the rare opportunity to join the Big East Conference presented itself to Creighton as a possibility, we examined Creighton's future closely," Fr. Lannon said. "After carefully weighing our options, we decided the new affiliation would improve the visibility of the University through increased national exposure, which in turn enhances the University's ability to recruit more students and faculty and cultivate philanthropic opportunities."

The staff of Creighton's Office of Admissions and Enrollment Management is enthusiastic about the conference change. "We anticipate the affiliation with an academically established group of institutions to improve our name recognition in the eastern part of the country," said Mary Chase, associate vice president for enrollment.

"We plan to take advantage of this opportunity and communicate to a wider audience the academic excellence and unique opportunities Creighton offers students through our nine colleges and schools and personal attention from faculty-mentors."

Chase added that she is hopeful the University will see an upsurge in Creighton's application pool in the next two to three years, with eventual enrollment growth. "Our goal will be to ensure that we get the message out about the tremendous value a Creighton degree offers."

C. Timothy Dickel, Ed.D., professor of education and former member of the Athletics Board and former faculty representative to the NCAA and the Missouri Valley Conference, said, "Creighton faculty members already feel some connection to

the Jesuit schools in the new Big East, and it will be great to be associated with other Catholic schools as well as Butler."

Dickel said the exposure on the East Coast will help "potential students and their parents realize that Creighton offers a high quality education at a very favorable price."

"There is certainly a buzz within the student body," said Creighton Students Union President John McCoy. "Everyone from freshmen on campus to fourth-year medical students preparing for residencies are talking about the move and the benefits that will accompany it."

McCoy said students are not only excited about Big East teams coming to Omaha to play Creighton teams, but they hope the increased exposure will help create a higher profile for Creighton across the country, attracting a larger and more diverse student body. McCoy said it is important that the conference members share the "core values we hold dear at Creighton. I hope this conference will shine as an example across Division I schools as a source of service and faith for college students and highlight the difference we can make as young adults."

Rick Virgin, vice president for University Relations, said he is hearing from alumni across the country who are proud that Creighton was invited into the competitive conference. "The invitation came because many talented and dedicated faculty,

staff, students and alumni have worked to strengthen our academic and athletic programs over a long period of time," he said.

"There is no denying that aligning with the schools in the Big East will add to Creighton's stature," Virgin said, noting the great opportunity to introduce the Creighton campus and Omaha to thousands of people who will come to the city, maybe for the first time, to watch college athletics.

Virgin also said Creighton will appropriately pursue resources to position Creighton both

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Quotes from the Sidelines

"We have joined the best soccer conference in the country based on last season's RPI ratings. It will be strong competition."

Elmar Bolowich
Men's Soccer Coach

Kirsten Bernthal Booth
Volleyball Coach

"We have loved playing in the Missouri Valley Conference. But this is the right move from both an athletics and academic perspective."

"In recent years, Creighton's national positioning has coincided with Omaha's emergence on the national stage. Creighton's partnership role in enhancing Omaha's image will continue to have a significant economic impact in this community. Big East fans will experience our dynamic, thriving urban environment, similar to the cities where other Big East schools are located. They will see first-hand why the Men's College World Series, the U.S. Swim Trials and the U.S. Senior Open find Omaha the perfect place to be."

David Brown
President and CEO
Greater Omaha Chamber

Kyle Korver, BA'03
Former Creighton men's basketball player, currently with the NBA's Atlanta Hawks

"As hard as it is to watch my Bluejays leave the Missouri Valley, I'm definitely excited for the potential of our program in the Big East. I've always felt like we could compete with the best in the country and now we will get the opportunity to prove it."

"This is a great opportunity for our women and men student-athletes. The bar has been raised for all aspects of our University — students, faculty, curriculum. It challenges us to compete in the broader community of education and athletics."

Connie Ryan, ARTS'75, HON'11
President, Streck, Inc.
Member, Creighton University Board of Trustees

Anthony Tolliver, BSBA'07
Former Creighton men's basketball player, currently with the NBA's Atlanta Hawks

"Joining the Big East is a big step for Creighton. The Big East will be really focused on basketball and I think it will elevate the level of play for all the schools in the conference. This is going to allow Creighton the opportunity to go to the next level in basketball, and other sports as well."

academically and athletically in the new league. "We will leverage this moment to build an even stronger University," he said. "This is our time to bring even more talented students from across the country to Creighton, and to ensure that Creighton continues to flourish and thrive for decades to come."

Athletically, the conference move means quick adjustments in preparing 2013-14 playing schedules for Creighton's 14 Division I teams. It also means potential adjustments in expectations as Creighton leaves the Missouri Valley Conference. But Director of Athletics Bruce Rasmussen believes Creighton's student-athletes and coaches are up to the task.

"I came to Creighton 33 years ago," Rasmussen said, "and in 1980 I heard from many in the Creighton community that while they were pleased with the MVC, their vision was to be in a conference of schools with similar faith-based missions, academic excellence and commitment to athletics."

In evaluating the risks and rewards of the conference move, Rasmussen said, "We tried to look ahead 10 or more years by evaluating trends in education at the college level and trends in Division I athletics."

Fox Sports and its Fox Sports 1 network acquires television rights to all Big East games as part of a 12-year contract. Under the broadcast partnership, Fox Sports will own television rights to a wide range of marquee Big East basketball games, including the annual Big East Conference tournament held in Madison Square Garden in New York. Creighton administrators have estimated that increased revenues from the conference media agreement and other sources will cover the additional expenses associated with the conference move.

Rasmussen said that in addition to the benefits for the whole University, joining the Big East Conference provides a greater opportunity to recruit, retain, develop and graduate outstanding student-athletes. He noted, however, that continued success and excellence in each of Creighton's athletics programs will not be easy.

"We chose to join the Big East not because it will be easy, but rather, because we know it will be difficult. We are taught at Creighton University that goals that are difficult to achieve are the most worthwhile. To achieve excellence, one has to care more than others think is wise, risk more than others think is safe, and expect more than others think is possible. Others may think we are not wise, that we have excessive risk, and our expectations are too high. We know the risks, we know what we expect, and we are excited about the journey."

Greg McDermott, head Jays men's basketball coach, agreed. "We know we have some challenges ahead and are confident we can navigate through them. We want to have all the elements and support necessary to be a championship program in the Big East, just like we have been in the Missouri Valley."

Creighton has proved itself in the Missouri Valley Conference, bringing home 39 regular-season MVC titles, 42 tournament championships and winning the MVC All-Academic Award seven of the past nine seasons. Three Creighton teams — men's basketball, men's soccer and



Creighton's Athletic Facilities

Alumni and friends who recognize the importance to the University of successful athletic programs have helped create an athletic/recreation corridor on the east side of the Creighton campus that boasts state-of-the-art facilities, including: one of the finest collegiate soccer stadiums in the country (Michael G. Morrison, S.J., Stadium, top left); one of the nation's best facilities devoted to women's sports (Wayne and Eileen Ryan Athletic Center and D.J. Sokol Arena, top right); the Rasmussen Fitness & Sports Center (bottom left); and soon, the Championship Center (rendering bottom right), the new training facility for men's basketball that includes dual courts and training and academic support centers for all Creighton student-athletes.

In addition, the men's basketball team plays home games in the NBA-caliber CenturyLink Center Omaha just blocks from campus, and the baseball team plays in the adjacent TD Ameritrade Park Omaha, a Major League-quality facility and home to the College World Series.

volleyball — were nationally ranked this season. Men's and women's basketball, men's soccer and baseball teams were reigning Missouri Valley Conference tournament champions coming into this season. So far in the 2012-13 academic year, men's basketball and soccer have repeated as tournament champions, women's basketball was a league co-champion, and the volleyball team finished first in the league.

Creighton's intensely loyal fan base (Creighton ranks sixth in the country in men's basketball attendance, averaging 17,155 per game) and its commitment to its athletic programs made it attractive to the Big East Conference.

"We have enjoyed our affiliation with the Missouri Valley Conference over the years and especially appreciate the fine leadership of MVC Commissioner Doug Elgin," Fr. Lannon said. "So when this exceptional opportunity was presented, we paused and carefully considered our options."

"There is no doubt that the bar has been raised by joining the Big East," Rasmussen said.

But he emphasized that in order for a Division I institution without football to have the success Creighton envisions in all of its athletic programs, "...we need to be in a conference that is intensely focused on being the best basketball conference in the country."

The seven core schools in the new conference and Butler have each been to the Final Four. Creighton and Xavier have experienced great success and have made tremendous commitments to their men's basketball programs. "The Big East

will also be very strong nationally in a number of other athletic programs," Rasmussen added.

The Big East was originally formed in 1979 to celebrate the student-athlete and showcase some of the nation's greatest collegiate athletic programs. The reconfigured conference marks "a return to the Big East's roots as a basketball-centric conference working in the best interests of our student-athletes," according to Fr. Lannon. "Along with Butler and Xavier as new members, we share a similar passion for college basketball and enjoy storied histories of excellence on the court and in the classroom."

Fr. Lannon said the new alliance will create long-term stability for basketball-centric schools at a time when many schools are motivated by factors related to BCS football programs. He also noted that the Big East Conference will receive a boost from Creighton's athletic program, student-athletes, coaches, fans

and the University as a whole. In an online article in March 2012, the *Washington Post* noted that if the NCAA Tournament would have been played according to graduation rates, the Creighton men's basketball program would have been in the Final Four with a 96 percent average, narrowly beaten by Harvard with a 98 percent graduation rate.

"Our new conference is a winning situation for all parties involved," Fr. Lannon said. "We couldn't be more excited for our students, our student-athletes, our faculty, our fans and the future of our University."

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BIG EAST CONFERENCE MEMBERS

Creighton University



Location: Omaha
Nickname: Bluejays
Colors: Blue and White
Enrollment: 7,736
NCAA graduation success: 94 percent
Top academic programs: Health professions, business, management, sciences, communication, law

Recent conference affiliation: Missouri Valley (1977-present)

Basketball arena: CenturyLink Center Omaha (17,390)

Men's basketball highlights: 19 NCAA Tournament appearances

Athletic programs (14): Baseball, basketball (men & women), crew (women), cross country (men & women), golf (men & women), soccer (men & women), softball, tennis (men & women), volleyball

Butler University



Location: Indianapolis
Nickname: Bulldogs
Colors: Blue and White
Enrollment: 4,771
NCAA graduation success: 83 percent
Top academic programs: Business, biology, chemistry, pharmacy, physician's assistant

Recent conference affiliations: Horizon League (1993-2012), Atlantic 10 (2012-present)

Basketball arena: Hinkle Fieldhouse (10,000)

Men's basketball history: 12 NCAA Tournament appearances; two Final Fours; 2010 and 2011 NCAA runner-up

Athletic programs (19): Baseball, basketball (men & women), cross country (men & women), football, golf (men & women), soccer (men & women), softball, swimming (women), tennis (men & women), indoor track & field (men & women), outdoor track & field (men & women), volleyball

DePaul University



Location: Chicago
Nickname: Blue Demons
Colors: Royal Blue and Scarlet
Enrollment: 25,398
NCAA graduation success: 93 percent
Top academic programs: Business, communication, liberal arts and sciences, social sciences, computer and information sciences

Recent conference affiliations: Great Midwest Conference (1991-1995), Conference USA (1995-2005), Big East (2005-present)

Basketball arena: Allstate Arena (18,500)

Men's basketball highlights: 22 NCAA Tournament appearances; two Final Fours

Athletic programs (15): Basketball (men & women), cross country (men & women), golf (men), soccer (men & women), softball, tennis (men & women), indoor track & field (men & women), outdoor track & field (men & women), volleyball

Georgetown University



Location: Washington, D.C.
Nickname: Hoyas
Colors: Blue and Gray
Enrollment: 17,130
NCAA graduation success: 94 percent
Top academic programs: Business, international relations, law, medicine, public policy

Recent conference affiliation: Founding member of Big East (1979)

Basketball arena: Verizon Center (20,300)

Men's basketball highlights: 30 NCAA Tournament appearances; five Final Fours; 1984 NCAA champion

Athletic programs (23): Baseball, basketball (men & women), crew (men), football, field hockey (women), golf (men & women), lacrosse (men & women), rowing (women), sailing (men & women), soccer (men & women), softball, swimming & diving (men & women), tennis (men & women), track & field (men & women), volleyball

Marquette University



Location: Milwaukee
Nickname: Golden Eagles
Colors: Blue and Gold
Enrollment: 11,800
NCAA graduation success: 91 percent
Top academic programs: Business, communication, engineering, health sciences, arts and sciences, law, nursing

Recent conference affiliations: Midwestern Collegiate (1988-1991), Great Midwest (1991-1995), Conference USA (1995-2005), Big East (2005-present)

Basketball arena: BMO Harris Bradley Center (18,600)

Men's basketball highlights: 32 NCAA Tournament appearances; 15 Sweet 16s; one Elite Eight; three Final Fours; 1977 NCAA champion

Athletic programs (16): Basketball (men & women), cross country (men & women), golf (men), lacrosse (men & women), soccer (men & women), tennis (men & women), indoor/outdoor track & field (men & women), volleyball

Providence College



Location: Providence, R.I.
Nickname: Friars
Colors: Black and White
Enrollment: 4,769
NCAA graduation success: 90 percent
Top academic programs: Business, social sciences, biological sciences, education, English and literature

Recent conference affiliation: Founding member of Big East (1979)

Basketball arena: Dunkin' Donuts Center (12,993)

Men's basketball highlights: 15 NCAA Tournament appearances; two Final Fours

Athletic programs (17): Basketball (men & women), cross country (men & women), ice hockey (men & women), soccer (men & women), swimming & diving (men & women), track & field (men & women), lacrosse (men), field hockey (women), softball, tennis (women), volleyball

Seton Hall University



Location: South Orange, N.J.
Nickname: Pirates
Colors: Blue and White
Enrollment: 9,830
NCAA graduation success: 92 percent
Top academic programs: Business, diplomacy, law, biology, health sciences
Recent conference affiliation: Founding member of Big East (1979)

Basketball arena: Prudential Center (18,500)

Men's basketball highlights: Nine NCAA Tournament appearances; one Final Four

Athletic programs (14): Baseball, basketball (men & women), cross country (men & women), golf (men & women), soccer (men & women), softball, swimming & diving (men & women), tennis (women), volleyball

St. John's University



Location: New York
Nickname: Red Storm
Colors: Red and White
Enrollment: 21,067
NCAA graduation success: 90 percent
Top academic programs: Law, pharmacy, business, communication, biological sciences, education, health professions

Recent conference affiliation: Founding member of Big East (1979)

Basketball arenas: Madison Square Garden (19,979), Carnesecca Arena (5,602)

Men's basketball highlights: 27 NCAA Tournament appearances; two Final Fours; seventh in all-time wins in college basketball history

Athletic programs (15): Baseball, basketball (men & women), fencing (men & women), golf (men & women), lacrosse (men), soccer (men & women), softball, tennis (men & women), track & field (women), volleyball

Villanova University



Location: Villanova, Pa.
Nickname: Wildcats
Colors: Blue and White
Enrollment: 10,626
NCAA graduation success: 94 percent
Top academic programs: Business, engineering, nursing, liberal arts and sciences, communication

Recent conference affiliation: Big East (1980-present)

Basketball arenas: Wells Fargo Center (20,328), The Pavilion (6,500)

Men's basketball highlights: 33 NCAA Tournament appearances; four Final Fours; 1985 NCAA champion

Athletic programs (22): Baseball, basketball (men & women), cross country (men & women), field hockey (women), football, golf (men), lacrosse (men & women), rowing (women), soccer (men & women), softball, swimming & diving (men & women), tennis (men & women), track & field (men & women), volleyball, water polo (women)

Xavier University



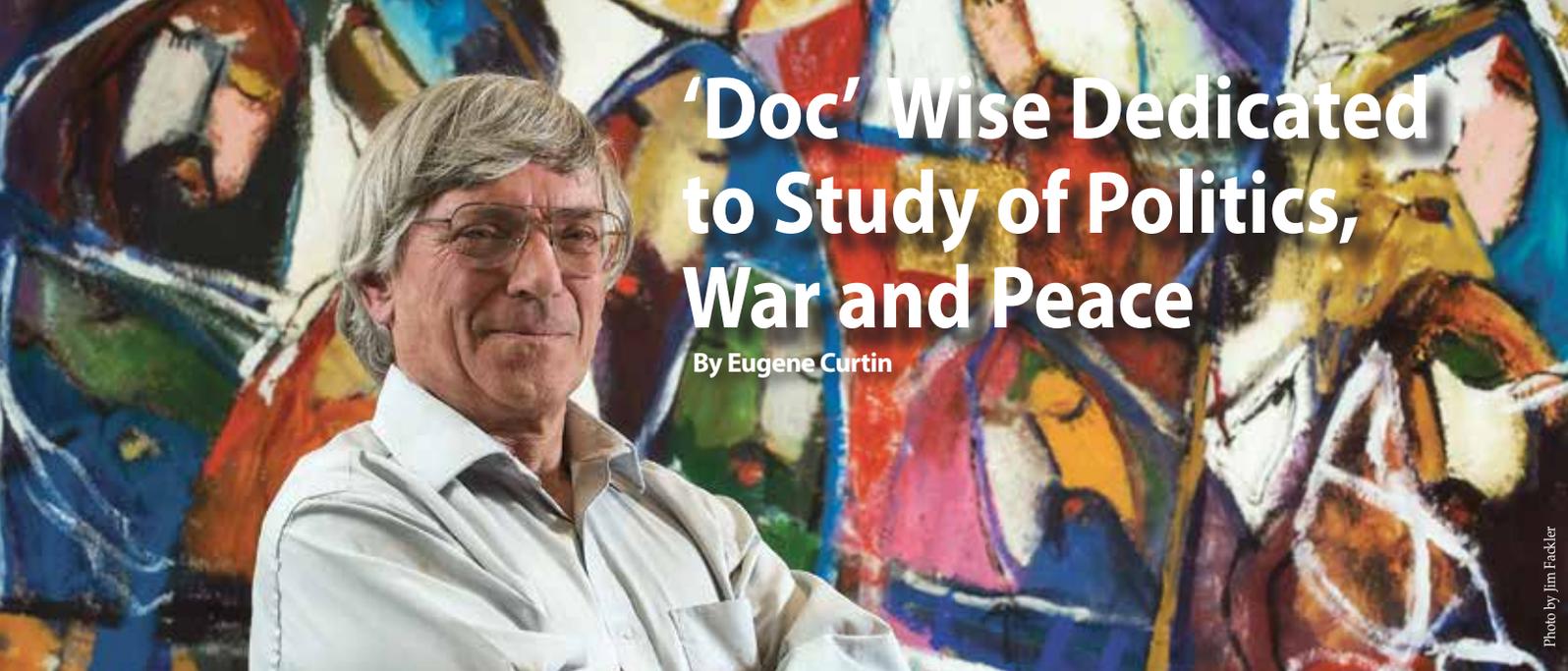
Location: Cincinnati
Nickname: Musketeers
Colors: Navy Blue, Gray and White
Enrollment: 6,945
NCAA graduation success: 97 percent
Top academic programs: Business, liberal arts, social sciences, health professions, biological sciences

Recent conference affiliations: Midwestern Collegiate Conference (1979-1995); Atlantic 10 (1995-present)

Basketball arena: Cintas Center (10,250)

Men's basketball highlights: 23 NCAA Tournament appearances; two Elite Eights; three Sweet 16s

Athletic programs (18): Baseball, basketball (men & women), cross country (men & women), golf (men & women), soccer (men & women), swimming & diving (men & women), tennis (men & women), indoor/outdoor track & field (men & women), volleyball



'Doc' Wise Dedicated to Study of Politics, War and Peace

By Eugene Curtin

Photo by Jim Fackler

The troubles of the world made themselves known early to Ken Wise. As a child, advancing through his first decade of life in 1940s Lincoln, Neb., Wise watched a stream of World War II refugees pass through his home. Freshly arrived in the U.S. from German resettlement camps, where they landed after fleeing invading forces of the Soviet Union, these people had stories to tell.

Harrowing stories: stories of crossing freezing terrain in the howling winters for which Mother Russia and her reluctant satellites were famous; stories of fleeing their Baltic homelands of Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia, for the hope of a better life in the West. Eating tree bark to stay alive, burrowing inside haystacks in search of warmth.

This fearful world, made visible to the young Wise through his father's work as director of Lutheran World Action's displaced persons program in Nebraska, a world so different from the corner stores and neighborhood schools that decorated his own little patch, stayed with him.

"Their stories live in me," Wise said, "and shape my attitude about war and peace and perseverance."

It has been roughly 60 years since those war-worn refugees made their way in and out of Wise's life, but their influence lasted. Now in his eighth decade, Wise can look back on a life dedicated to the study of politics, war and peace. He spent 41 of those years teaching at Creighton,

where he chaired the Department of Political Science and International Relations before assuming *emeritus* status in 2008.

Today, he lives in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, serving as the director of policy research at Dubai Consultancy Research and Media Centre, now renamed "b'huth," which is Arabic for "research."

Wise finds himself there in large part due to a philosophy of international relations that stresses "positive politics," an approach that caught the attention of former student Ahmed Obaid Al Mansoori, BS'95.

Today, His Excellency Ahmed Obaid Al Mansoori, a member of the UAE's Federal National Council, has been in charge of the nation's space program and is the founder of the research center where Wise now works.

Al Mansoori is a forceful proponent of science and technology who told the 10th Arab Conference on Astronomy and Space Sciences in Oman last year that the lack of a culture of research and development,

married to a lack of self-confidence, prevents the Arab world from excelling in the space industry. In hiring local Emirati engineers who designed, helped build and have launched satellites for Dubai, he has shown others what is possible.

Al Mansoori said Wise became his mentor during the years he studied at Creighton, and when he founded his research institute, Wise (and his philosophy of "positive politics") came to mind.

"He made me believe that positive outcomes can come through diplomacy and policymaking," Al Mansoori said. "Dr. Wise and his colleagues represent everything we envisioned about the United States, which to many people is not what it is today.

"He represents the ethical and moral high ground, the balanced and fair perspective, responsibility toward the globe and yet respect for the individual."

When Wise traveled to Dubai to brief a group of senior government officials, Al Mansoori made his move.

"I shared with him my recollections of his talk about 'positive policymaking' and asked him if he wanted to leave teaching for a chance to do what he preaches," Al Mansoori said. "He helps us see things from the other side of the fence and makes sure that our decisions are taken based on a rounded vision.

"I was happy that he decided to take up the offer."

Happily for today's Creighton

Ken Wise, left, and his wife, Kay, sponsored an art show by Syrian artist Suheil Baddor at Creighton in 2007. The exhibit, "Understanding the Middle East Through Art," was the first major show organized by Creighton's Asian World Center. Baddor created the painting, "Last Supper," while at Creighton and then donated the piece to the University. Wise stands in front of the painting which currently hangs in the Mike & Josie Harper Center.

students, Wise remains on the faculty and makes occasional trips back to campus for appearances and lectures. During those visits, the modern student might perhaps catch a glimpse of why he is held in such esteem by those who passed before them.

"I have fond memories of long van rides to places like New York City and Seattle, the latter complete with camping under the stars in Montana," recalls Karen Hult, BA'78, who today is a professor of political science at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Va.

These jaunts were part of Creighton's participation in the Model United Nations program, which simulates a diplomatic world of debate and policy formation.

John Schwietz, BA'04, MBA'11, who today is manager of global finance and credit for Valmont Industries, said Wise can be a hard man to describe, but gave it a try anyway.

"Obviously Doc is incredibly intelligent," he said. "He has an intuitive ability to read people of various cultural backgrounds. He's an excellent communicator and is big on possibilities, often focusing on what could be, as opposed to what is."

Wise demurs when asked to state his philosophy of education, preferring to let his students assess that for themselves. He tells a little story to illustrate his point.

Some professors were once asked to submit statements of their educational philosophies, and many responded with multiple pages.

Wise wrote simply: "I don't teach. Students learn."

In other words, the emphasis is on the students to respond to what is placed before them, to learn to think and analyze.

It is a natural reflex for Wise, and one he sees playing out even now as he directs his research fellows in Dubai.

Although Creighton University has long been home base for Wise, his influence has been felt globally throughout the years.

He has attended numerous international conferences, recently presenting papers concerning NATO strategy, global disputes and the concept of global citizenship. He has lectured at NATO headquarters in Brussels, Belgium, as well as at universities throughout Europe.

As an academic associate of the Atlantic Council of the United States, Wise was called on to attend several conferences in Europe from 1987-95. There, Wise personally experienced



Ahmed Obaid Al Mansoori, BS'95, and Ken Wise, Ph.D., in their offices in Dubai.

Vladimir Putin's prescient conviction that American business interests would fail to invest in Russia after the collapse of the Soviet Union; discussed how Germany might be peacefully unified, even as hammers demolishing the Berlin Wall could be heard outside the conference room; and watched Soviet forces exchange their paychecks for West German deutschmarks in West Berlin, about as stark a statement of the end of the Cold War as could be imagined.

In 2006, he met in the Arabian Desert with about 100 AK-47-equipped Arab sheikhs attempting to head off a tribal war. He remembers the discussion moving from poetic to angry in fairly short order, with the prominent "sheikh of sheikhs" of Yemen melodramatically suggesting that his fellow sheikhs shoot him if they could not trust him to render

a just settlement to their conflict.

The world can be an interesting place. But so can Creighton, and Wise has some tales to tell there, too.

Chief among them is how the pedestrian mall that is today such a key part of Creighton's identity, came to be.

He recalls how Timothy Lannon, president of Creighton's student body in the early 1970s, presented a list of 10 demands to the University administration. It was an attempt on the part of students to establish a role in Creighton's governance, something faculty members were equally eager to secure for themselves.

Wise found himself, as representative of the faculty, joining forces with Lannon, as student representative, in helping to start reshaping how the school was governed.

A key student demand was that California Street, still in those days a public Omaha street, be closed and dedicated to the campus. This was achieved, Wise recalls, after the Omaha City Council sold the street to Creighton for \$1 and Creighton built the mall where the street once ran.

It was an early achievement for Lannon, who, today, as Fr. Timothy Lannon, and the first alumnus to become president of Creighton University, no doubt looks forward to many more.

And then there's that "Doc" thing.

Creighton has a long list of Ph.D.'s, all of whom could carry the nickname.

Wise remembers it as an attempt on his part to strike a balance between the encroaching familiarity of the 1960s, and the formal respect accorded academics in preceding decades.

"In the late 1960s and early 1970s many social conventions in the United States changed," he said. "One, in the name of egalitarianism and demotion of authority, was to remove any titles or form of address that implied social distance.

"On many campuses 'professor' or 'doctor' disappeared. The first day a student greeted me as 'Ken,' I balked, looked for a middle ground, and took the moniker 'Doc.'

"It stuck."

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A Marian Pilgrimage in the City of Angels

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Photography by Dorothy Tuma

It really began as a homecoming, this seven-year periodic visitation to the Los Angeles metropolitan area. As a native of Southern California and resident of Nebraska for the past quarter century, going home meant many things: sharing time with my mother before her death, gathering up memories from my childhood and seeing my natal landscape again with new adult eyes.

What it became as an academic adventure (I use that word deliberately) was a pilgrimage. My own faith journey has been taken in concert with the Virgin Mary, although as a scholar I have not written much about her. On this journey homeward, the scholarly, yet very personal, question that emerged was, “What about Mary in Los Angeles?”

It was particularly apt to ask this question in this locale because Los Angeles is, in fact, a city originally named for Our Lady. Historians may still quarrel about the exact name given to the California hamlet founded in 1781 along *Rio Porciúncula* by settlers from Sinaloa and Sonora, but they all agree that Mary was the focal point. The most trustworthy possibility is *El Pueblo de Nuestra Señora de los Angeles del Río Porciúncula* (the village of Our Lady of the Angels on the Porciuncula River). The village, initially comprised of a mere 44 people of mixed Spanish, Native and African ancestry, was served by the Franciscan friars who 10 years before had established nearby San Gabriel Mission.

Today, Los Angeles is the largest Catholic archdiocese in the world. It covers 8,762 square miles, serves over 4 million Catholics from 287 parishes located in 120 cities, and holds liturgical celebrations in over 80 languages. The metropolitan basin is also what sociologists call a “minority majority” urban environment. Thus its Catholic community is a microcosm of the global church. You don’t have to travel the world to meet Mary in all the guises in which she is venerated around the world. You just have to visit her city.

I decided that the best way to begin my project of finding out about her here was to visit parishes and shrines under Marian

patronage and to simply see what was there, then talk with pastors, pastoral associates and people in the pews. I also did my academic homework — reading sociological and theological studies on various cultural devotions, Latin American colonial and California history, and the area’s waves of immigration, as well as church documents and so forth.

Marian shrines became important too, as did the stories of religious communities — the Immaculate Heart Sisters, Franciscans, Vincentians, Jesuits and many others — whose pioneering work brought the archdiocese to birth.

At the latter stages of my research, I brought Omaha photographer Dorothy Tuma with me, who helped capture some of the material expressions of Marian piety that appear all over the Southern California landscape.

A Multitude of Marys

On my pilgrimage, I met and spoke to Catholics from diverse cultural backgrounds and at all ends of the theological spectrum. What first struck me were the multitudes of Marys I came across.

The Virgin Mother, known by thousands of names, is beloved by the faithful from all parts of the world. To the



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1: Nuestra Señora de San Juan de los Lagos (patroness of Jalisco, Mexico), Guadalupe Sanctuary, East Los Angeles; 2: The Visitation (Mary's visit to her cousin Elizabeth, one of the "Joyful Mysteries" of the Rosary), Our Lady of Refuge Church, Long Beach; 3: Our Lady of Refuge (the earliest patroness of California), Our Lady of Refuge Church, Long Beach; 4: Dec. 12 devotional display for the feast of Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Oxnard (Guadalupe is the most venerated image in Southern California); 5: Nuestra Señora de Caridad del Cobre (Our Lady of Charity, the Patroness of Cuba), Our Lady of Loreto Church, Los Angeles; 6: Chinese Madonna, St. Bridget Chinese Catholic Community, Chinatown, Los Angeles; 7: Nuestra Señora de Peñafrancia, miraculous Virgin of the Bicol region in the Philippines, Immaculate Heart Church, Los Angeles; 8: Floral offerings to Guadalupe, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Guadalupe

9: Lourdes Grotto, St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church, Altadena (Lourdes is one of the church's "approved" apparitions, in this case in France in 1876, the Lourdes shrine is a center of healing); 10: Mary Star of the Sea, Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Church, San Pedro (patroness of seafarers, one of Mary's ancient titles designating her as the light who guides both sailors safely to shore and pilgrim souls toward Christ); 11: Nuestra Señora de Antipolo, Filipino miraculous Virgin, Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church, Sun Valley; 12: Our Lady of Peace, Our Lady of Peace Church, North Hills (this image was commissioned by the parish to give visual expression to the multicultural diversity of its parishioners)



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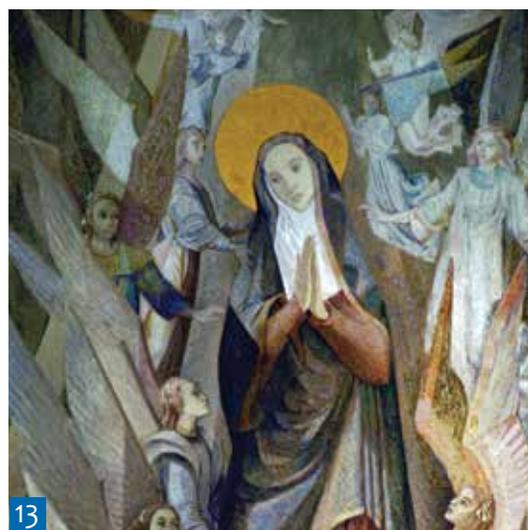
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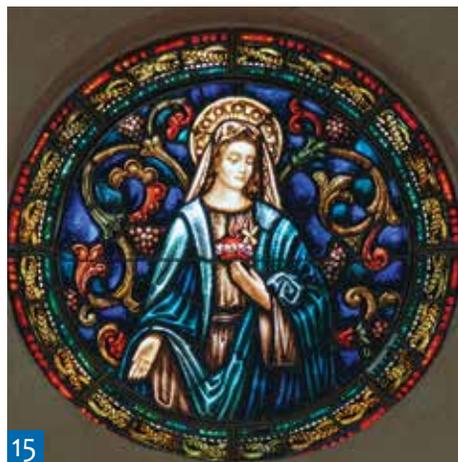
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13: The Assumption of Mary, Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Ventura (the Assumption is the teaching that the Virgin was taken up bodily to heaven at the end of her earthly life; she is thus a sign of redeemed humanity's ultimate destiny); 14: Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church, Los Angeles (Perpetual Help is popularly invoked for her maternal help, she is a favorite of Filipino Catholics; here she is shown in one of the "eastern rite" Catholic churches); 15: Immaculate Heart of Mary Window, La Casa de Maria Retreat Center, Montecito (the Immaculate Heart is an early modern devotional image that emphasizes Mary's interior virtues and her intimacy with her Son and His mission)

Vietnamese, she is Our Lady of La Vang who appeared in 1798 deep in the jungle forests of Quang Tri Province, where refugees had fled during an intense period of persecution of foreign faiths. For Polish Catholics, she is the Black Madonna of Czestochowa who has presided over their people from the 14th century.

The vibrant Filipino community here recognizes any number of Virgins claimed by differing regions in the Philippines. Among my favorites are Our Lady of Peñafrancia (a miraculous Virgin from the region of Bicolandia) and Our Lady of Perpetual Help, an image originally introduced into the islands by the Redemptorist Order but now claimed by the Philippine people. Wednesday night novenas to Perpetual Help draw thousands to parishes across the L.A. basin weekly.

Our Lady of Guadalupe — while she is venerated by many Catholics in the region (she was declared Patroness of the Americas and Empress of Latin America by Pope John Paul II in 1999) — is for the Mexican faithful an especially resonant presence. On the days before and on her Dec. 12 feast day, the entire archdiocese is alive with colorful celebrations. Processions and novenas are arranged, offerings of flowers and candles crowd parish altars, streams of devotees bring their praise and petitions to her images, and the pre-dawn *las mananitas* “wakens” the beloved Virgin in song.

From the western ports of San Pedro harbor; to the impoverished barrios of east L.A.; to the prosperous vineyards of Santa Barbara County; to the car-clogged suburban sprawl of the San Fernando Valley, where once upon a time orange groves flourished, Guadalupe reigns.

These “ethnic” expressions are everywhere and tell the centuries-long story of colonial expansion, changing political identity, and patterns of Catholic migration into the borders of what is now the United States. The histories of religious communities that have staffed the region are also evidenced by the Marian iconography that is visible everywhere.

In the late 1800s, the Vincentians brought Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal to the new world, she who appeared in 1830 to novice Catherine Labouré in the chapel at the Daughters of Charity motherhouse on *Rue de Bac* in Paris. The Immaculate Heart community, originally imported from Catalonia in Spain to staff schools on the American frontier, brought their titular Virgin to the area. And the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, the so-called Picpus Fathers, brought both the twinned hearts and Our Lady of Peace when they were welcomed into the Diocese of California after their expulsion from Hawaii in 1831.

Of course, the development of magisterial Marian teaching is also inscribed on the architectural landscape.

Churches built in the mid-20th century, around the time of the dogmatic proclamation of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary in 1954, often were named for that mystery, and artists across the region created unique versions of Mary being taken up body and

soul to heaven, the first fruits of her Son’s resurrection and a sign to all humanity of the human fulfillment promised by God.

Newer parishes, whose architecture and décor reflect the liturgical trends following the Second Vatican Council, tend to focus on the scriptural witness of Mary and show her receiving the announcement of the angel Gabriel at the Annunciation or visiting her cousin Elizabeth as described in the Gospel of Luke.

These biblical scenes and others, grouped under the Rosary-inspired titles of the joyful, sorrowful and glorious mysteries, along with her varying ancient appellations such as Mystical Rose, Star of the Sea, Tower of David and Arc of the Covenant, also appear in older church windows constructed when the

Litany of Loreto (Mary’s official litany; i.e., a form of prayer consisting of a number of petitions) was popularly prayed.

The Stories the Images Conceal

Histories of entire peoples have played out on the stage of Los Angeles, and they all feature Mary as a central character.

One cannot but think of the Italian and Portuguese fishermen who arrived from Europe looking for work in the mid-19th century when one visits the thriving parish of Mary Star of the Sea, situated on a hilltop in San Pedro above one of the world’s busiest harbors. A 30-foot gleaming bronze image of Mary sits atop the bell tower, her head crowned with a wreath of stars and arms spread wide. She is visible from the harbor and has been the beacon that lights the way home for generations of seafaring Catholics.

Similarly, a small church located not far from downtown L.A. that bears the name Queen of Martyrs has a story to tell. It was the early spiritual home of the Armenian Catholic community, a people who fled their country after the turn of the 20th century when over a million of their citizens were murdered at the hands of the Ottoman government of the Turkish Empire. Mary Queen of Martyrs here does not represent the ancient Roman martyrs or those who died in witness for their faith in recusant England or in 19th century Uganda; she is the one who holds the fresh

memory of slain uncles, mothers, brothers and friends.

Another story is told in a series of volcanic stone Lourdes grottos scattered throughout the archdiocese. These bear witness to the faith of a mid-20th century Catholic who, along with his fellow Japanese American compatriots, had been dispossessed of property and incarcerated in the West Coast internment camps set up during World War II. His vow to each year create a replica of the healing Marian shrine at Lourdes to celebrate his release is realized in these life-sized images of Mary nestled in the crevices of towering black stone grottos.

This is only a taste of the variety of Marian presences and stories that emerged for me on my pilgrimage route. Numerous conversations with Catholics across the cultural, linguistic, gender, age and theological spectrums convinced me that Mary



Deposition Window (Jesus is Laid in the Tomb: one of the traditional “Seven Sorrows of Mary”), Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Santa Barbara

is the symbolic location where Catholics of all sorts meet. No matter whether she is seen as a sister, a model of discipleship to which all can aspire, a powerful intercessor, a Lady of Sorrows who inclines to the deepest grief or an honored patron of a nation or cause, or whether she is revered for her place in the economy of salvation, admired for her virtues or simply loved, Mary is everywhere present. This was evident throughout my seven-year peregrination.

A Glimpse into the American Catholic Church of Tomorrow

What was revealed, as well, was the changing demographic of the American Catholic community and the pastoral issues that emerge from that shifting context.

In Omaha, the vast variety of expressions of the faith seen through this Los Angeles Marian kaleidoscope might seem exotic, but the truth is that a recent Pew Forum study on religion in America has shown that by 2030 Caucasians will no longer be a statistical majority among American Catholics. Whites will represent 48 percent of the Catholic population, with Hispanics at 41 percent, Asian Americans at 7.5 percent, and Africans and African Americans at 3 percent.

In addition, according to the National Association of Church Personnel Administrators, the ministers of the future in America will be increasingly global. Already, one-sixth of the roughly 40,000 priests serving in the United States are from abroad, and the American church adds about 300 new international priests annually. Increasingly, the pastoral work of the church in this country is dependent upon these foreign priests.

The same basic trend holds in religious orders, in graduate programs of theology and in various lay ministries in the church. As recently reported in the *National Catholic Reporter*, a greater share of Catholics doing ministry in America will be from abroad, reflecting the vitality of the faith in places such as sub-Saharan Africa and Southeast Asia.

This future that awaits all of us is already visible in the Los Angeles archdiocese. Conversations with pastoral staffs gave rise to questions about how we see ourselves, how we minister and how we celebrate together.

A Living Presence

But it was not only this glimpse of the vast and variegated global community to which I belong that piqued my interest during my homeward pilgrimage. The conversations that I held with diverse individuals and groups revealed the extent to which Mary is a living spiritual presence for people in sometimes surprising and often touching ways.

Catholics engaged in justice ministry see in her *Magnificat*, the upending of unjust structures and the raising up of those relegated to society's margins. Members of rosary groups recount tales of her intercession: a bond between sisters restored,

a husband's rage quelled, a mother's cancer healed.

A number of individuals cite her as the one who had acted in their lives in decisive ways. A former actor and volunteer sacristan told the story of his dramatic recovery from drug addiction with Mary as the recipient of his gratitude. A woman religious, a school administrator, saw in Mary, with her cloak spread wide to embrace her faithful, a model of generosity and availability that she wished to emulate.

Devotees of Guadalupe, even in the most marginalized barrios, know themselves as beloved by God because when Mary appeared in 1531 on the Mexican hill of Tepeyac, she chose the poor peasant Juan Diego to be her spokesman, her beloved. She chooses the poor and speaks to them of their dignity even today.

She speaks, in fact, in the dress and the vernacular of all of L.A.'s groups. Hondurans and Nicaraguans light candles before their national Virgins in the Pico Union district, where they have fled to avoid the bloodshed and violence that plague their native lands. Korean Catholics, from a culture that holds progenitors in high regard and has long acquaintance with the Buddhist goddesses of compassion, venerate her in the City of Angels as a compassionate mother.

Mary surrounded by the kneeling Irish saints Patrick, Brendan and Finnian is enshrined in the elegant stained glass window mounted high up in the priest's chapel at St. John's, the archdiocesan seminary in Camarillo. This Mary speaks not only of the longtime Irish contributions to the area (seven of its prelates have hailed from the Emerald Isles) but to the generosity of Estelle Doheny, a wealthy citizen and Papal Countess whose philanthropic giving to Catholic L.A., including much of the art at the seminary, enriched the region throughout the first half of the 20th century.

Much to my delight, at several points on my pilgrimage, I discovered Mary to be the face of reconciliation in parishes divided by race and ethnicity. One of my favorite stories came from a pastoral associate who told of a parish-wide decision to commission an L.A. artist to create a mixed-race image of Our Lady that could be claimed by all the cultural communities that worshipped there. Of course, the by now well-known sculpture of Our Lady of the Angels, crafted by Robert Graham and cantilevered above the great bronze doors of the new downtown Cathedral, is another racially unidentifiable girl. She is a true image of the many people over whom she presides.



Rosa Mistica (Mystical Rose) Window (one of Mary's titles from the traditional Litany of Loreto), Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe Church, El Monte

The Fruits of Pilgrimage

It is a truism among scholars who study ritual behavior that a pilgrimage is neither a vacation nor a tourist event. The physical act of traveling out of one's habituated environment to another differing one, especially to someplace charged with spiritual



Our Lady of Fatima Meditation Garden, La Casa de Maria Retreat Center, Montecito. Fatima is one of the Church's "approved" apparitions of the Virgin, in this case in Portugal in 1917. Wright is seated at the bench.

power, and with some intent and the hope of being changed, in fact changes one.

Los Angeles may seem, on the surface, to be an entirely secular metropolitan area, what with the omnipresent influence of Hollywood with all its shallow glitz and glam. But just scratch the surface and you will find a city at prayer, not only on Sundays but throughout the week. In Catholic churches across the archdiocese, people are at prayer and much of that prayer has a Marian cast.

So I ask myself: What has this meant, this long pilgrimage to my hometown in search of the figure of the Virgin Mary? On the academic side, I now have produced one monograph exploring the ways in which Mary, as found in L.A., gives insight into aspects of the Catholic sacramental imagination. I have, as well, a photographic gallery show, produced with Dorothy Tuma, that illustrates the visual fecundity of the Marian presence in L.A.

I also have a new book coming out by Liturgical Press — titled *Our Lady of the Angels and Her City: A Marian Pilgrimage* — that describes in detail the pilgrimage set against the backdrop of my childhood experiences in the city.

But a pilgrimage is not primarily an academic research trip either, despite the fact that research has emerged from it. It has been a more personal journey: a coming to know more fully the whole church of which my experienced corner is a very small part.

It has enabled me to encounter the hearts of others in my faith



Photo by Jim Fackler

Wright in her office with one of her favorite images of Mary in the background, the sculpture of Our Lady of Angels, crafted by Robert Graham, located at the downtown Cathedral in Los Angeles.

community who, in other circumstances, I would not ever come to know — not merely Catholics who speak in foreign languages and cultural idioms but those who do not share my theological orientation and who pray differently than I do.

Mary has been the reconciling presence who reaches heart-to-heart across all barriers and separation to create common ground.



Domestic Violence Project

Advocates for
Victims of Abuse

by Rosanne Bachman

Martha Lemar, BA'94, JD'11, has seen the same vicious cycle repeated time and again: A controlling husband or boyfriend becomes increasingly verbally or physically abusive. The abuse escalates. Threats turn into violence and violence into the unrelenting fear of bodily harm, harm to children of the relationship or even death.

If she can afford legal representation, the victim of the abuse might pursue a protection order, a motion for child custody and support, perhaps even divorce.

But without the economic means, her options are bleak. Women in the lowest income households are abused at seven times the rate of those in high-income households. Lack of personal income and debt entanglements with their abusers keep many victims of domestic violence miserably and dangerously entrapped with their abusers. Experts agree: Access to affordable legal services may be the single most important factor that can help a victim escape abuse.

Now, building on its reputation in the Omaha legal community for being a strong and effective representative of the poor in other legal issues, the Milton R. Abrahams Legal Clinic on the Creighton campus has expanded to include the Domestic Violence Project. Funded by a private foundation, as well as individual donors, the project offers hope and help to low-income victims of domestic abuse.

Called to Legal Advocacy

Lemar, the project director, came to the law comparatively late in life. Lemar initially enrolled at Creighton as an undergraduate with an eye toward law school, but her career took a detour, she says, through education.

After earning a bachelor's degree at Creighton, Lemar taught theology for five years at the high school level before leaving the field to work at an Omaha homeless shelter and later as a case advocate at an agency dedicated to helping the homeless and near-homeless locate safe and affordable housing.

But thoughts of law school persisted.

"The whole time I was working other jobs, I would come into contact with victims of domestic violence, and I would always ask myself, 'What more could I be doing for these people, if I had a law degree?' I saw so many victims of violence — people struggling in violent relationships — and the barriers they came up against when they tried to improve their lives. My thoughts always came back to, 'What more could I be doing to help them stay safe?'"

Lemar returned to Creighton.

In law school, Lemar became a research assistant to Ronald Volkmer, BA'66, JD'68.

"Martha had a clear goal in mind," Volkmer said. "It was evident that her faith commitment was to the lived faith. She wanted to be an effective

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advocate of the disempowered, a voice for those who had no voice. She was building her legal career based on a model of servant ministry."

Lemar was involved in the Public Interest Law Forum and the school's mentorship program. She participated in the Institute for Latin American Concern/Dominican Republic immersion trip. In 2009, she received the Judge Donald E. O'Brien Scholarship and, the following year, the Carl M. Peter Scholarship. She was the recipient of the Outstanding Service



Photo by Jim Fackler

Martha Lemar, BA'94, JD'11, left, and Kate Mahern of the Milton R. Abrahams Legal Clinic. Mahern is the director of the clinic and Lemar leads the Domestic Violence Project within the clinic.

to the Community Award.

Lemar obtained her license to practice in December 2011 and was hired by Creighton the same month to head up a new project designed to help victims of domestic violence legally break free of the insidious cycle of abuse.

Helping Victims of Domestic Violence

In its inaugural year, the Domestic Violence Project has already extended a substantial level of assistance to victims. Lemar has been involved in nearly 50 cases — though not all involving abuse — including several appeals. Domestic abuse cases are also handled by Kate Mahern, the director of clinical programs and the Connie Kearney Chair in Clinical Legal Education, who oversees all cases at the Milton R. Abrahams Legal Clinic.

Both women say it is difficult to accurately count exact numbers of cases, as there is a cascading effect to domestic violence issues. Over time, as a client's legal problem is addressed and resolved, others may surface.

Lemar cites an example in which a client came to the clinic seeking custody of a child. In addition, the client had lost her eligibility for a Section 8 voucher, due to the actions of her abuser, constituting a second issue to be addressed. One case can cascade into three or four more. What may start out as a restraining order may eventually lead to divorce, custody and financial support issues. The clinic is designed to be comprehensive, able to respond to a wide range of issues. Domestic abuse case files are kept open for two full years, allowing clients to return to the clinic for additional legal support as needed.

To date, the clinic has assisted clients in seeking and receiving protection orders; filing complaints for paternity and custody; filing complaints for divorce; and obtaining support orders for child support and spousal support. In addition, it has assisted clients in re-establishing housing benefits, correcting

identification cards and obtaining innocent spouse relief with the Internal Revenue Service.

An added benefit of the clinic is that it provides valuable training to third-year law students. In the coming year, Lemar will assist Mahern in supervising students assigned to work on domestic violence cases and also be involved in the classroom component of the clinic, training students on appropriate legal strategies.

Through the Eyes of a Victim

“That level of commitment to the community is exactly what I would have expected of Creighton University,” says Julie Medina, JD’07, a Douglas County (Neb.) deputy attorney who is one of three attorneys in that office who vigorously prosecute cases of domestic violence. “No one at Creighton ever shied away from the tough topics.”

“There is a tremendous need for programs like Creighton’s. On my end, I see victims who will recant [accusations of abuse] because they just can’t afford to leave the relationship. Their abusers may control the finances. They have no income of their own. [Financial dependency] is often a way in which abusers exert control over their victims.

“We can get victims partially through the process. We do offer some support through victim’s assistance, but as far as prosecuting civil matters, we can’t get involved in that. What Creighton is doing is helping to meet a need.”

Medina is an expert by virtue of experience as well as education. She was a victim of a sexual assault in her home state of Illinois in 1997, raped at work by a boss. The perpetrator was fired but never prosecuted, because the statute of limitations in the state had expired by the time Medina was fully able to recount the episode. She believes she may have been drugged or traumatized to the point of repressing the memory for a prolonged period of time.

The experience — and her long road to recovery — led Medina to pursue a career in law, to help other victims of sexual assault and abuse. Medina enrolled in the Creighton School of Law. During the academic year, she pursued courses; during the summers, she clerked for Judge Vernon Daniels in the Separate Juvenile Court of Douglas County.

Creighton proved to be a good fit for Medina — faculty and staff were supportive of her past struggles as well as her

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future plans.

“When I approached [then assistant dean] Tricia Brundo Sharrar, BA’93, JD’96, with my idea of starting a survivor program in which I could speak to students and educate them about sexual assault through my own experience, there was no hesitation on her part to discuss it.

“Dean Sharrar did not know before that day that I was a survivor. I came to her with nothing more than an idea of what I wanted to accomplish. She was unbelievably supportive and immediately began to think of a way to make my idea a reality. Before I knew it, she had arranged for me to give my presentation to Creighton law students. More than 150 students, faculty and staff attended that first presentation in 2006. Thanks to her continued support, that small idea grew, and I now give presentations to thousands of area high school and college students each year.

“Creighton understands well the need to help people and helping victims of domestic violence fits well within its mission. Creighton is an active part of this community. That it would be willing to take on the Domestic Violence Project is huge.”

Medina says that through personal experience she understands where victims are coming from and that provides a constant incentive to want to help them — by bringing assailants to justice and restoring peace and balance in victims’ lives.

“I know what it is like to be in a position where you have no power and no control and everything — including your self-respect — has been stripped from you. In fact, two-thirds of sexual assault crimes go unreported, largely because of stigma and fear. There is a definite correlation between sexual assault and domestic violence, the latter often being an ongoing victimization. But at their core, both are about power and control. We need both civil and criminal resources available to victims.”

Serving a Diverse Audience

Potential clients of the Domestic Violence Project are screened initially by law students. Applicants must be from Douglas County and meet low-income guidelines. To date, all of the clients accepted have been female — statistically predictable, since 95 percent of victims of domestic violence are female, according to the U.S. Department of Justice. Most clients at the clinic are between 20 and 40 years old, although a few have been older. Clients are not required to pay for attorney services and donors to the project have established a fund to cover filing



Photo by Alyssa Schukar / Omaha World-Herald

fees and fees for depositions and other services.

“Certainly there is no shortage of need for the services we offer,” stresses Mahern, “but there is certainly need for additional funding. We are trying to remove as many of the obstacles as possible that prevent individuals from breaking out of the cycle of abuse. Adequate funding will always be key to our success.”

Once a case is identified as involving domestic violence — be it physical, verbal, sexual or even financial — the application is referred to Lemar for an intake assessment. Part of the decision to accept the case depends on the clinic’s workload — if available personnel can offer an acceptable level of representation. Lemar currently works with about 25 clients.

Through its civil law clinic, the Creighton University School of Law puts social justice theory into practice and in the process, inspires students. The clinic has launched the careers of many Creighton attorneys seeking work in public advocacy.

Though Lemar might be considered a novice by the number of years she has been in the legal profession, she approaches her specialty with a doggedness more typical of seasoned attorneys, while at the same time remaining emotionally centered. She credits a strong personal and professional support system and the spiritual fulfillment she receives from a career spent in the service of those whose needs are often both immediate and critical.

And the scenarios clients bring to the clinic

are alarming. Many victims have been sexually assaulted or battered. Some have had their lives — or those of their children — threatened. Some have been brought into this country, along with their children, and abandoned. Some have had difficulty accessing family funds or financial records. Some are so beat down by humiliation and intimidation tactics that they find it difficult to verbalize the specifics of their situations.

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Putting Social Justice Theory into Practice

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It operates as a small firm, staffed by third-year law students under the supervision of Mahern. It offers assistance to low-income residents of Douglas County, Neb., and has earned a reputation as an aggressive and successful advocate for the poor in tenant-landlord cases, subsidized housing matters and fair housing issues. The clinic’s Fair Housing Act litigation includes cases that were important in protecting women from sexual harassment and people with disabilities from exploitation by landlords.

“Exposure to this type of advocacy has helped educate not only Creighton University law students, but the Bar as a whole, on housing rights, especially,” says Mahern.

Mahern and Lemar maintain an active presence in the area’s Domestic Violence Council, a nonprofit organization comprised of representatives from law enforcement, the courts and the nonprofit community. The council promotes prevention, intervention and treatment techniques that are based on research and data collection. Mahern says that by coordinating services between agencies, the council can better advocate for system changes that will make victims of domestic violence safer and more autonomous and hold offenders accountable.



Milton R. Abrahams Legal Clinic

Through the Milton R. Abrahams Legal Clinic, Creighton University puts social justice theory into practice.

- In one calendar year, the clinic provided advice and referrals to more than 1,100 low-income people and represented more than 100 individuals in cases ranging from administrative hearings to appellate arguments, in matters as varied as preservation of housing subsidies, family law issues and limited immigration matters.
- The clinic was the first winner of the Inez Fitz Community Service Award, presented annually by the Fair Housing Center of Nebraska-Iowa, honored for its effectiveness in assisting economically disadvantaged people, allowing them to enjoy the protections afforded by housing law.

Martha Lemar talks about the legal clinic in a video at creighton.edu/creightonmagazine.

“We are part of a community response team that identifies existing and potential problems and formulates appropriate responses — both proactively and reactively. For example, if members of law enforcement have direct exposure to victims, they may be in a position to provide those victims with information about services such as Creighton’s.”

With the addition of the Domestic Violence Project, Creighton has increased the clinic’s capacity to help the most vulnerable in society — low-income persons who have been victimized — while at the same time, training law students for careers in public interest law.

Jennifer Cerutti Wilkerson, JD’06, was a student in the clinic during law school and says the experience helped her discover what she was meant to do with her life. Wilkerson is an attorney with Iowa Legal Aid, a network of 10 offices in the state. The Sioux City office serves 13 counties. Her workload — she closed more than 300 cases last year — includes cases in addition to domestic abuse, but she derives immense satisfaction from working the abuse cases.



Wilkerson

“I am fortunate to be part of a network that is adept at building bridges with other legal offices, agencies, shelters, community health centers and victim advocates, to work together to address the problem of domestic violence. Our interconnectedness better serves our clients,” she says.

Wilkerson also feels that people are often reluctant to consider the magnitude of domestic violence because “people don’t like to believe bad things happen where they live.”

“The fact of the matter is, domestic violence does happen where you live. It happens everywhere and you couldn’t spot an abuser even if you tried.”

Like Lemar and Medina, Wilkerson feels compelled to serve.

“Domestic violence cases can be gut-wrenching. Many times a victim needs to move forward and get out of a bad situation but is just not ready. In some cases, abusers convince their victims that they have changed. A lot of times I will see those victims again in the future. And who knows — that might be the time they move forward. Sometimes the specifics of the case are highly emotional. We are fortunate that victim advocates help counsel clients. We are attorneys, not therapists. To be of the most help to clients, we need to stay focused on our professional role.

“I try to take away the positives. I get to see clients break free of the cycle of abuse. I can help end a bad situation for someone and help create a new beginning. I’ve heard a client say at the end of a hearing, ‘Thank you — I thought I was all by myself.’ That is absolutely the most gratifying thing.”

Lemar agrees.

“Even if, through our work, a client is able to address only a small part of her problem, we’ve made something easier for her. We’ve given her a sense of empowerment. She’s taken a step toward a life free from her abuser. And our door remains open when she’s ready to take the next step.”

Prevalence of Domestic Violence

As a service to practitioners and advocates, the American Bar Association Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence collects and publishes excerpts of statistical data from multiple sources.* Of note:

34 percent of women are victims of sexual coercion by a husband or intimate partner in their lifetime

1.3 million women
& **835,000** men
are physically assaulted by an intimate partner every year in the U.S.

Intimate partner violence makes up **20** percent of all nonfatal violent crime experienced by women

Wives are more likely than husbands to be killed by spouses:
81 percent of spouses killed were wives

2/3 Of females killed with a firearm, almost two-thirds are killed by intimate partners

* For complete sources, including years data were collected, visit:
americanbar.org/groups/domestic_violence/resources/statistics

Making John a Soldier

By Eugene Curtin

Alumnus John Malloy Sr. has written a book accounting the contributions he and other Creighton men made during World War II.

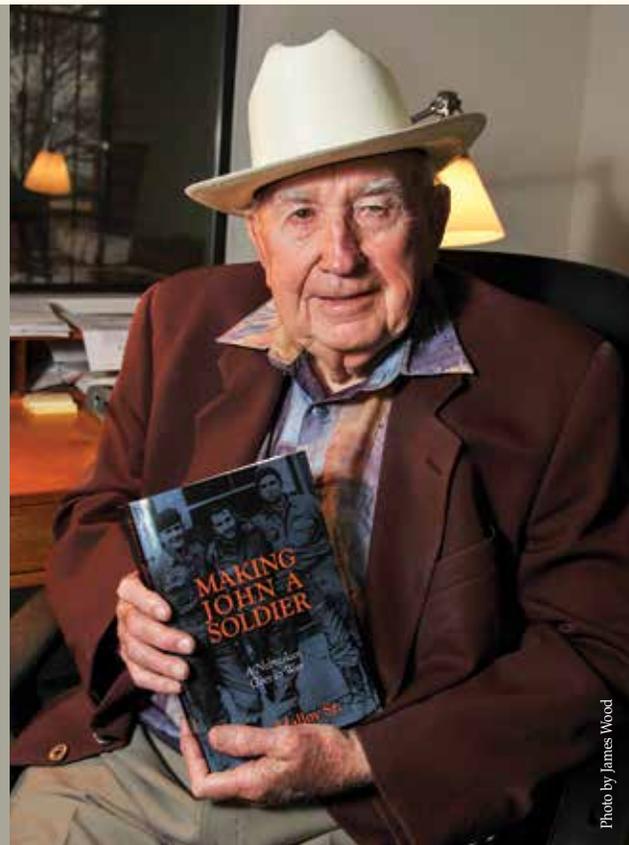


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Adolf Hitler famously supposed Americans to have been fatally weakened by intermarriage with non-Aryans, compromised by Jewish immigration, distracted by racial disputes and dedicated to no higher purpose than accumulating personal wealth.

In this, he failed to account for John Malloy Sr., BS'47, MA'50, Ph.D., and 118 fellow Creighton University students who joined the Army's 75th Infantry Division, learning their martial skills among the swamps, chiggers and snakes of Louisiana. They were quickly subsumed into their 15,000-man division, joining 16 million Americans who fought the Axis powers.

And they were not alone. All told, 195 Creighton students fought in various theaters of World War II, and, like Malloy's 75th Infantry colleagues, rarely saw each other until the war was over.

Malloy and his fellow Creighton students were not, as the Axis powers would discover, the pushovers of Hitler's fantasy.

Hardened by years of struggle during the Great Depression, inspired by the frontier stories of his near-ancestors and infused with hope by the election of a new president promising a New Deal, Malloy was typical of the young Americans of 1940 who were about to write a chapter of American history perhaps unequalled since 1776.

Malloy is retired today and living in Tucson, Ariz., as he nears his 90th birthday.

He has written a book titled *Making John a Soldier: A Nebraskan Goes to War*, a colorful, often touching, 560-page account of his involvement in World War II and the contributions Creighton men made to that global conflict.

Malloy entered Creighton University in 1940 and lived the promising life of a pre-engineering student until the press of global war brought a call to action in 1943.

That call kicked off a circuitous route that saw the 119 Creighton students assigned to war-related studies at the City College of New York (CCNY). Being college men, Malloy recalled, they assumed they were being groomed as officers, until reality struck and they found themselves among 1,000 CCNY men assigned to basic training in Louisiana's swamps, which was, Malloy recounts in his book, "foreign country to all of us."

It was there, he said, that the Creighton men began to lose track of one another.

"We completely lost our identity," he said. "You became a small cog in a good-sized unit."

After being assigned a rifleman, a role he did not relish, Malloy, because of his civilian electrical experience, was made a combat telephone crew chief — one of those whose calm under fire makes it possible for generals to instruct and guide troop movements. The fog of war, as Malloy mentions, is dense, and communications lines are constantly being blown up, either deliberately or collaterally. Either way, the lineman had to make the needed repairs.

His skills were especially called into play during the historic Battle of the Bulge, Hitler's last-gasp, and ultimately unsuccessful attempt in the winter of 1944-45, to prevent Allied Forces from advancing into Germany. The battle, waged in Belgium's Ardennes Forest, took almost 20,000 American lives and inflicted 89,000 American casualties.

On March 23, 1945, Allied troops prepared to cross the Rhine River. That night Malloy and his crew braved artillery fire to reopen their failed line to a forward observation post on the Rhine.

"The earth shook constantly," Malloy recounted. "The greatest artillery barrage in history illuminated the sky. We were scared to death and sweating bullets, but we had to go and we got the job done."

For this action he was later awarded the Bronze Star Medal with the V for Valor emblem.

His fate, Malloy recalls, was happier than that visited upon Navy Ensign John Joseph Parle, BSC'42, who was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor after dumping a burning smoke pot overboard during a clandestine operation. The smoke would certainly have alerted the enemy, but Parle died of his burns several days later.

Parle was, Malloy recounts, one of seven Nebraskans to receive the award, the nation's highest, during World War II. All seven stories are recounted in his book.

Malloy came home at war's end, earning his bachelor's and master's degrees from Creighton and a doctorate from the University of Nebraska. A full and successful life followed, both in the halls of academe and in business.

He left Marquette University in 1956 as a tenured professor and went on to spend 26 years as chief executive of Modern Machine Works, where he built the company's revenues from \$1 million a year to \$9 million, in the process fulfilling a childhood dream of becoming an entrepreneur.

The men who returned from war were not at all the boys who entered it, Malloy recalls.

Resuming their interrupted studies they found themselves surrounded by significantly younger students. Imbued with gratitude for having survived the war and possessed of a deeply serious approach to their studies, they took full advantage of the GI Bill, which covered their college expenses.

"Many, perhaps 80 percent, came from families that had never had a

member of the family attend college," he said. "They were primarily concerned about getting into the work world and making money and a career. They were serious adults who had little respect for incompetence or sloth."

The World War II generation grabbed the future with both hands and transformed the nation, Malloy said, paving roads and building the interstate highway system many of us take for granted, erecting universities and bringing widespread prosperity.

"The result was millions of Americans had education and training unlike any place or time in previous history," he said. "This made great changes in the American way of life for decades and changed the country profoundly."

Malloy ends his work with the hope that the sacrifices of his wartime colleagues shall not have been in vain.

"I want to salute my comrades-in-arms," he writes, "both the living and the dead.

"I hope, for America's future, it will remain true to the principles set down by our Founding Fathers in the Declaration of Independence and later re-articulated by Lincoln in his Gettysburg Address."



Left to right, Dean Lusienski, PhB'43, MSEdu'54; John Popa, PhB'43; and John Malloy, BS'47, MA'50, at Camp Roberts, Calif., in May 1943.



John Malloy at Camp Breckenridge, Ky., in 1944.

Alum Items

55 William H. Fogarty, BS, Houston, was inducted in the 2012 Class of the Southwest Advertising Hall of Fame by the Tenth District of the American Advertising Federation in October 2012. **Connie K. Spittler, BS,** Omaha, wrote the book, *Powerball 33*, published by RJVS in October 2012.

66 Lawrence L. Lien, BA '65, MSGuid, Sonoma, Calif., authored "Chapter 10: Coal Mining Extraction and Technology" in the textbook, *Coal Utilization in Industry*. Lien was also the keynote speaker at the Mine Site Automation and Communication Conference in Johannesburg in July 2012.

69 Patricia Koza, BA, Warsaw, Poland, wrote the book, *Handbook of Common Errors in Polish Translations of Business English*, published by the University of Social Scientists.

70 William Glenn, BA, Santa Rosa, Calif., and Prescott Hafner were awarded the Light in the Grove Award from the National AIDS Memorial Grove in San Francisco on Nov. 30, 2012, in recognition of their 30 years of leadership of and service to the community on the 30th anniversary of the beginning of the AIDS epidemic.

72 Dr. Patrick H. Heaston, BSBA '68, MBA, Des Moines, Iowa, received the 2012 Madelyn M. Levitt Teacher of the Year Award from Drake University.

75 John Bresnahan, BS '71, MD, Rochester, Minn., was

recognized as Laureate for the Division of Cardiovascular Diseases for his clinical contribution to the Mayo Clinic. **Marc Salle, JD,** Kansas City, Mo., joined Stinson Morrison Hecker LLP as a partner in the Corporate Finance Division in the Kansas City office.

76 Daniel E. Monnat, JD, Wichita, Kan., was honored as one of the Top 100 Lawyers in Kansas and Missouri by the magazine *Missouri & Kansas City Super Lawyers* – 2012, for the eighth consecutive year. In addition, the law firm of Monnat & Spurrier, Chartered, ranked in four categories: Appellate Practice; Criminal Defense: Non-White-Collar; Criminal Defense: White-Collar Litigation; and Criminal Defense: White-Collar Governmental Investigations on the "Best Law Firms" Report and *Best Lawyers*.

77 Robert Doerr, MAIR, Garden Ridge, Texas, wrote the book *No One Else to Kill*, published by Total Recall Publications Inc. in December 2012.

78 Mary Rieve Murcott, BA, Fort Worth, Texas, was part of a group of CEOs who met with President Barack Obama on the subject of insourcing jobs back to America. Murcott is currently the CEO of NOVO 1.

80 Randy K. Newby, DDS, Wichita, Kan., gave the presentation, "A Potpourri of Uses of TADs in Orthodontics," at the American Orthodontic Society national meeting in Memphis, Tenn., in October 2012. In addition, Newby and his orthodontic assistant, Kay Kissick, were the recipients

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of the Dr. Robert Gerety Outstanding Clinical Case of the Year competition.

81 Diane Duren, BSBA, Omaha, was named executive vice president for Union Pacific in October 2012.

83 Stephen Shapiro, JD, Denver, was selected for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America 2013* for his insurance recovery practice.

84 Mark P. Dooley, BA, Milwaukee, was featured in an article in the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* for battling bipolar disorder and Parkinson's disease while working as a criminal prosecutor.

85 Lt. Col. Richard Posey, BSBA, Virginia Beach, Va., retired from the United States Marine Corps in 2012. * **Casey Tighe, JD,** Golden, Colo., was sworn in as Jefferson County Commissioner in January. Tighe also retired from the Colorado Department of Transportation after 24

years of service in April 2012.

86 Stephen M. Nagengast, MD, Lincoln, Neb., received the Outstanding Rural Health Practitioner Award from the Nebraska Rural Health Association in September 2012.

87 Mark Miller, BSPha, and **Cindy Rothfuss Miller, BSPha,** Grand Island, Neb., purchased U-Save Pharmacy North in Grand Island. Mark manages the retail pharmacy store, while Cindy is currently the oncology pharmacist at the Morrison Cancer Center associated with Mary Lanning Healthcare in Hastings, Neb.

98 Shiloh McCool Corrin, BSN, Neola, Iowa, received her Master of Science in Nursing, Educator, from Nebraska Methodist College in December 2012. **David R. Patterson, BS,** Omaha, was selected as one of the Omaha Jaycee's Ten Outstanding Young Omahans for 2012.

Alumni Relations Adds Two, Promotes One

The Office of Alumni Relations has added two new staff members and promoted one: Kathleen Glow, BA'08, Stephanie Van Veen, BSBA'11, and Amy Lounsberry.

Glow joins the Alumni Relations Office as assistant director of regional and outreach programs. She works with, oversees and coordinates programming in the following regional alumni club areas: Dallas/Fort Worth; Lincoln, Neb.; Los Angeles; Milwaukee; Orange County, Calif.; Portland, Ore.; San Diego; Seattle; Sioux City, Iowa; and the Twin Cities. In addition, Glow recruits and manages volunteers for alumni clubs, Alumni Homecoming Weekend and oversees all alumni service initiatives. Prior to joining the office, Glow worked for three years as a communications specialist for Westside Community Schools.

Van Veen, who most recently served as program coordinator for the Alumni Relations Office, has been promoted to an assistant director of regional and outreach programs. Van Veen works with, oversees and coordinates programming in the following regional alumni club areas: Bay Area, Calif.; Chicago; Denver; Des Moines, Iowa; Kansas City, Mo.; New York; Phoenix; St. Louis; and



Glow



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Lounsberry

Washington, D.C., as well as the Omaha Recent Alumni advisory board (previously the Omaha Young Alumni advisory board). In addition, she recruits and manages volunteers for alumni clubs and Alumni Homecoming Weekend and oversees student alumni initiatives.

Lounsberry comes to Alumni Relations as program coordinator. After earning a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Iowa, she worked for 11 years at Immanuel Medical Center and most recently at Union Pacific Railroad. Lounsberry works with all programs hosted by Alumni Relations, supports the office, manages registration processes and student employees.

Iverson Grateful for Creighton Education

It was just supposed to be a way to pay for a university education. But the ROTC scholarship that first brought Erica Iverson to Creighton University launched a 13-year career that so far has taken her to South Korea, Europe, Iraq, Afghanistan and now the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

She is Maj. Iverson now, speechwriter for the commanding general of the U.S. Army. Back in high school in Vermillion, S.D., Iverson wanted to be a doctor. "That was my dream, and the ROTC scholarship was going to help me get it," she said. A three-day

she was the youngest, least experienced and the only female leading her platoon of 40 men. "There wasn't any supporting infrastructure when we got there," she said. "It was 118 degrees during the day. We had to bury our two-liter ration of water in sand to keep it from boiling. We all had sand fleas. I cut my pony tail off at the scalp. But you adapt," she said.

She earned the first of her two Bronze Stars, which she gave to her grandfather, and learned what it meant to be part of the Army family. "It was an amazing compliment to have a soldier tell me that he would take a bullet for me," she reflected.

After serving several other Army assignments in Europe and the U.S., Iverson

She and her team also worked with Afghan orphanages with the support of churches and organizations stateside. They put together backpacks with puzzles, candy and stuffed animals that children, even teenagers, cherished "because it was theirs." The people there have such big hearts, Iverson said, but so many of the children have no families, no homes, no support systems. "They live in a culture of violence and the year might as well be 1390. The teachers work hard with few resources." Still, she added, "Sometimes when you look at a child, you can see the hate in their eyes."

The Army has taken note of Iverson's writing talents. She was first tapped as a speechwriter for the commanding four-star



Photo left: Kuwait, March 19, 2003, the "tip of the spear" initial invasion into Iraq lined up along the Kuwait border. Photo center: Awarded a Bronze Star medal for service during her Afghanistan deployment during 2011. Photo right: With Congresswoman Grace Napolitano (D-CA), who invited Iverson as her guest to attend the State of the Union address in 2012.

visit to campus and a recruiting call from a Creighton alumnus cemented her decision to attend Creighton as a biology major. But a sophomore English class with Greg Zacharias, Ph.D., changed her mind about a medical career. Iverson graduated in 2000 with a degree in English.

Commissioned as a second lieutenant the day before her college graduation, Iverson knew she owed the Army four years, and she did not think her commitment would be more than that. She also knew that she did not want to be a desk jockey, so on her first assignment at Fort Lewis in Washington, she chose to work in an engineering unit. "It was close to the action. And we were taught everything from how to install a toilet to building airfields and blowing things up," she quipped.

Her first deployment was in South Korea, then Germany. When orders were received to invade Iraq in 2003, Iverson was one of the soldiers at the "tip of the spear." In the desert,

found herself headed to Afghanistan with an engineering unit. Charged with teaching Afghans, she organized a conference for construction workers. Amidst a culture in which women occupy the lowest rungs of society, she was the only female there, and the Afghan men at the conference would not acknowledge her. When she learned enough of their language to address them using one of their own familiar sayings, "Drop by drop, a river makes," some of them made eye contact. "A few actually clapped. I will never forget that," she said.

She made much quicker progress with the Afghan women. She helped them found the Society of Afghan Women in Engineering and Construction, a name they voted on. It soon grew from three to 100, some college students, others business owners. Iverson taught them everything from democratic theory and organization to how to establish a bank account. "It was like they suddenly had a voice and they mattered," she said.

general in Korea and today is the primary writer for the Army Chief of Staff, Gen. Raymond Odierno. She has also worked with senators on Capitol Hill and was involved with preparation materials for the confirmation hearings for Sen. Chuck Hagel, who was sworn in as Secretary of Defense in February. Her next assignment will allow her to use her writing skills as an Army strategist.

"Wherever I've gone around the world, people know Creighton," Iverson said. "My professors at Creighton were life-changing. I've been truly blessed to be surrounded by a supportive family and supportive Army family who deserve any and all credit. My mom has ingrained in me to 'always remember your roots' — and no matter the job, no matter the title, no matter the place, I'll always be eternally grateful to Creighton, where I developed the skills, values and ethics — through ROTC, and in my personal and professional education — that carries over into what I do every day."

Creighton Announces New NAB Members

Four new members of the National Alumni Board began their terms of service on the board this past fall. They are: Julie Oswald Bautista, BA'99, of Kansas City, Mo.; Lenli Corbett, BS'05, of Omaha; Jeff Huber, BA'91, JD'94, of Omaha; and Rod Kestel, BA'78, of Omaha. They will represent alumni for the next three years.

Bautista, who received her law degree from the University of Missouri-Columbia, is a law clerk to the Hon. Christine Sill-Rogers, Division 31 of the Jackson County Circuit Court, in Missouri. She has been a member of the Kansas City Alumni Advisory Board, serving as president from 2011-12, and served as the Creighton Alumni Day of Service chairperson from 2006-10.

Corbett is a development coordinator with Partnership 4 Kids in Omaha. Prior to her current position, she was director of compliance at the University of San Francisco Athletic Department. She received her Master of Arts in Sport Management from the University of San Francisco in 2007.

Huber is president and COO of Home Instead, Inc., the franchisor for Home Instead Senior Care franchise network. He served on the Heartland Family Services Board and the St. Margaret Mary Parish Council. Currently, Huber is on



Bautista



Corbett



Huber



Kestel

the Bergan Mercy Charitable Council and the Creighton Prep Alumni Council.

Kestel is executive vice president for Waitt Outdoor LLC. He has been a Creighton Jaybacker since 1980, serving as president from 1990-91, and as lead organizer for the Jaybacker Jamboree for two years. He was a member of the Creighton Parent Council from 2004-12 and is a past member of the Omaha Area Alumni Advisory Board.

The National Alumni Board meets twice a year on the Creighton campus to discuss various University issues, alumni concerns and alumni program plans.

99 Jean Nordin-Evans, DDS, Groton, Mass., was named one of the Top 25 Women in Dentistry for 2012. Nordin-Evans specializes in holistic dentistry and healing.

00 Meghan Beatty Klassen, BA, Denver, has been named executive director of The Rise School of Denver, a preschool for children with special needs, in August 2012.

02 Jeana S. Goosmann, JD, Sioux City, Iowa, is owner of Goosmann Law Firm, PLC. Goosmann's firm was honored with Preservation Iowa's "Preservation at Its Best Award" for restoring the historic Lerch Building in downtown Sioux City.

03 Nathan S. Busch, JD, Lincoln, Neb., has been appointed protection and safety policy chief in the Children and Family Services Division of the Department of Health and Human Services in Lincoln.

05 Kendra Quinn Bowman, JD, Anchorage, Alaska, became a

partner at the law firm of Delaney Wiles, Inc., in Anchorage.

08 Myra Gottl, BA, Denver, received her juris doctor and certificate in environmental law from the University of Denver's Sturm College of Law in May 2012. Gottl joined the First Judicial District of Colorado as a law clerk. **Erin E. Swanson, BA'02, MA,** Omaha, was selected as one of the Omaha Jaycee's Ten Outstanding Young Omahans for 2012.

11 Christopher J. Welch, JD, Dubuque, Iowa, was named one of Dubuque's 2012 Rising Stars for his service to the community and business by *Telegraph Herald*.

12 Theresa Kay Cusic, BA, Newark, N.J., is volunteering with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps. Cusic is working at Covenant House in Newark. **Asiale Drews, BA,** Brooklyn, N.Y., is volunteering with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps. Drews is working at Cristo Rey Brooklyn High School.

Mitchell Knutson, BSBA, New Hampton, Iowa, joined First Data as a financial analyst. **Allison Lynn, BS,** Scranton, Pa., is volunteering with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps. Lynn is working at St. Joseph's Center in Scranton. **Abbie M. Schurman, JD,** Omaha, joined the law firm of Gross & Welch as an associate. **Claire Schuster, BA,** Minneapolis, is volunteering with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps. Schuster is working at Open Access Connections in Minneapolis. **Mary M. VanSteenberghe, BSN,** Christiansburg, Va., joined the Lewisgale-Montgomery Regional Hospital in Blacksburg, Va., as a RN II in the emergency department.

Marriages

76 Anastasia M. Higgins and **James H. Bernard Jr., JD,** Sept. 6, 2012, living in Overland Park, Kan.

01 Sarah K. Randolph, BS, and **Daniel J. Park, BA'02,** Sept. 7, 2012, living in Seattle.

03 Cortney A. Hansen, BA, and **Christopher P. Bauer, BA'05,** Oct. 5, 2012, living in Omaha.

06 Suzanne K. Hickey and **Philip W. Christy, BSBA,** July 14, 2012, living in Houston.

10 Dessa A. Consbruck, BSN, and Jamie Farrand, Aug. 25, 2012, living in Hastings, Neb. **Joanna R. Olson, BSBA,** and **Jeffrey R. Murnan, BSBA'09,** Aug. 11, 2012, living in Milwaukee.

12 Laura Goracke, OTD, and **Zachary W. Anderson, JD,** Oct. 13, 2012, living in Phoenix.

Births

94 James K. Mogler, BSBA, and Jobeth Mogler, Aledo, Texas, a daughter, Emilia, Dec. 29, 2012.

95 Nagi T. Ayoub, BSChm'91, MD, and **Jennifer Oliveto Ayoub, BS, MD'00,** Omaha, a son, Nicholas Nagi, July 2, 2012.

96 Lt. Col. Kyle Remick and **Troy Altman Remick, BSN,** Haddonfield, N.J., a son, Tobin Luke, March 23, 2012.

97 Tad Plantz and **Christine Meis McAuliffe, BS,** Tempe, Ariz., a daughter, Ava Emily, July 5, 2012.

99 Galo Garces and **Katherine Ross Garces, BSN,** Denver, twin sons, Sebastian Matthew and Javier Alexander, April 11, 2011.

00 Benjamin Jacob and **Kathryn Green Jacob, BSW,** Dallas, a son, Judah Pailo, March 9, 2012. Tim Nordyke and **Phoebe Ryckman Nordyke, BA,** Holton, Kan., a daughter, Nora Esther, Aug. 12, 2012. Dave Nutsch and **Heather Brady Nutsch, BA,** Omaha, a son, Declan John, Sept. 25, 2012. **Michael W. O'Hare, BSBA'97, JD,** and Rebecca O'Hare, Omaha, a son, Elliot John, Oct. 5, 2012.

02 **Patrick J. Cross, DPT,** and **Audrey K. Cross, OTD,** Vermillion, S.D., a son, Carter Everett, Dec. 7, 2012. **Kurtis T. Morrison, BA,** and Rachel A. Reiter-Morrison, Denver, a son, Robert K., Oct. 2, 2012.

03 **Sebastian O. Fischer, BSBA,** and **Leslie Morrow Fischer, BA'02,** Arlington Heights, Ill., a son, Martin William, May 12, 2012. **Jason F. Knoblauch, BSBA,** and Kari Knoblauch, Decatur, Ga., a daughter, Julia Mae, May 31, 2012. **Adam W. Stryker, BSBA,** and **Brittany Bennett Stryker, BSHS'06, OTD'06,** Las Vegas,

a son, Parks Page, Sept. 13, 2012. Stephen T. Vickers and **Jennifer Burns Vickers, BA**, Omaha, two sons, Connor Jon, March 26, 2010, and Samuel Allen, Dec. 16, 2012.

04 Steve Henderson and **Rachel Brodersen Henderson, BA'99, JD**, Elkhorn, Neb., adopted a son, Henry Dean, Oct. 23, 2012. **Brendan J. Keating, BSBA**, and **Kati Heine Keating, BA'03**, Las Vegas, a daughter, Ireland, Nov. 14, 2012.

05 Mathew Beeman and **Elizabeth Valenta Beeman, BS**, Scott AFB, Ill., a son, Joshua, July 15, 2012. **Matthew J. Cimino, JD**, and Kate "Katie" Cimino, Minneapolis, a son, Luca Valente, Oct. 22, 2012. **Andrew P. Gard, BSChm**, and **Amber Galli Gard, BA'06**, Omaha, a son, Andrew Joseph, Nov. 28, 2012.

06 Kris Norman and **Alyssa Danze Norman, BA**, Omaha, a daughter, Molly Marie, Dec. 7, 2012.

07 Michael Duggan and **Stephanie Carlstrom**

Duggan, BSBS, DPT, Maple Grove, Minn., a son, Nicholas John, Oct. 29, 2009, and a daughter, Madelyn Joy, July 2, 2012. **Nicholas J. Langel, BSBA**, and **J. Mattea Campbell Langel, BSBA**, Omaha, a son, Sebastian Joseph, March 11, 2012. **Michael D. Lindeman, BSBA'03, MBA'04, JD**, and **Paula Faber Lindeman, BA'03**, New York, a daughter, Lyla Catherine, July 3, 2012.

10 **Gerhard Posch, MA**, and **Amber Ackerman Posch, BSMth'04**, Omaha, a daughter, Lucilia Elizabeth, Sept. 14, 2012.

Deaths

35 **Mary Walla Duff, SJN**, Hingham, Mass., Jan. 2, 2013.

41 **Marie Dubsky Dailey, SJN**, North Platte, Neb., Oct. 26, 2012. **Arthur D. Leach Jr., ARTS**, Omaha, Oct. 12, 2012.

43 **Urban H. Polking, ARTS**, Carroll, Iowa, Oct. 25, 2012. **Thomas A. Weisbecker Sr., BSC**,

Omaha, Oct. 7, 2012.

44 **James W. "Jim" Bearss, ARTS**, Omaha, Oct. 7, 2012. **Clare Phelan Harris, BusAdm**, Omaha, Sept. 23, 2012.

45 **Rosemary C. Neville, SJN'44, BSN**, Omaha, Dec. 13, 2012. **John F. Schnurr, ARTS**, Mason City, Iowa, Dec. 24, 2012.

46 **Keith P. Abbott, BSD'45, DDS**, Grand Island, Neb., Oct. 9, 2012. **Bernice E. "Bea" Harris Walsh, SCN**, Omaha, Oct. 10, 2012. **Howard D. Wilson, ARTS**, Omaha, Oct. 3, 2012.

47 **Rev. Martin Boler, O.S.B., BSM'46, MD**, Pine City, N.Y., Nov. 7, 2012. **Patricia "Patt" Lynch Rotolo, BS**, Omaha, Sept. 19, 2012. **Elizabeth Scannell Shanahan, BS**, Seattle, Jan. 4, 2013.

48 **Gertrude L. "Gracie" Feeken, SJN**, Omaha, Nov. 14, 2012.

49 **Bernard Burack, MD**, New York, Sept. 30, 2012. **Robert L. Gleason, BSC**, Dallas, Dec. 22, 2012. **Maurice D. "Maury" McCann, BSC**, Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 8, 2012. **Robert C. Kocina, BSC**, Omaha, Nov. 15, 2012.

50 **Vincent J. Catalano, ARTS**, Rio Del Mar, Calif., Dec. 25, 2012. **James E. "Sam" Donahue, BSC**, Omaha, Jan. 3, 2013. **John F. "Jack" Kinney, JD**, Sioux City, Iowa, Jan. 18, 2013. **Warren E. Pizinger, BusAdm**, Cathedral City, Calif., Sept. 12, 2012. **Paul F. Reilly, BSC**, Westminster, Colo., Nov. 17, 2012. **James W. "Jim" Smith, BSC**, Omaha, Jan. 4, 2013.

51 **Shirley Miller Belknap, BSMT**, Omaha, Oct. 1, 2012. **Hon. John E. Clark, JD**, Omaha, Jan. 19, 2013. **George E. Craft, BS**, Papillion, Neb., Jan. 15, 2013. **Mary Geiser King, BS**, Crown Point, Ind., Jan. 2, 2013. **Donald L. Stern, JD**, Omaha, Sept. 16, 2012.

52 **Richard A. Kern, JD**, West Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 1, 2012.

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Udoug Establishes Scholarship in Entrepreneurship Program

Entrepreneurism runs deep in the Udoug family of Fort Smith, Ark. It is one of the reasons Richard "Dick" Udoug, BSBA '59, has established a scholarship for students, preferably from Arkansas or southern states, in the Entrepreneurship Program in the College of Business.

Udoug's grandfather and his grandfather's six brothers, two sisters and their families came to Fort Smith from the Arkansas wine country around Alphas after immigrating from Switzerland and Austria. When one of Udoug's uncles started a furniture business, Udoug's father invested in the growing venture and began selling merchandise in Omaha and Denver.

When in Omaha, Udoug's father stayed at a hotel on the corner of 24th and Dodge streets near Creighton. The more he found out about the Jesuit university the better he liked it, and the more determined he was to send his son Richard to Creighton.

But Udoug was already a student at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. When his father informed him that he was going to spend his final two years in Omaha at Creighton University, Udoug was less than thrilled. "I didn't want to go," he said. "But I respected my father and decided to abide by his wishes." Besides, Udoug said, he always had the philosophy that if you find yourself in a situation you do not like you have two choices: you can deny it or jump in with gusto. He chose the latter.

Udoug came to Creighton in the fall of 1956. Creighton was not at all like Fayetteville, where football reigned supreme. Udoug and a group of friends formed an intramural football team called the "Irmanites," named after the famed Irma Trumbauer. He and his friends also formed a social group, IKE,

which eventually petitioned and became a chapter of the national fraternity Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

What he really enjoyed, however, was how being at Creighton crystallized what he had been taught in years of Catholic schooling with the Benedictines and the Sisters of Mercy. "Creighton emphasized moral values, how you treat others, the importance of helping people, that you must value people and treat them with dignity. It solidified my religion."

It also opened his eyes to social issues, including the civil rights movement. "I came away from Creighton with the conviction that integration would work." Creighton solidified in him a moral conviction of what is right. "It's a feeling in the soul. It seeps into you," he said.

Udoug graduated in 1959 with a

full-line furniture business, eventually becoming the largest furniture company west of the Mississippi. One of their customers was Louis Blumkin of Nebraska Furniture Mart.

Udoug said he always wanted to give something significant back to Creighton and decided now was a good time. The Richard J. Udoug Endowed Scholarship Fund in Entrepreneurship is his way of encouraging students to think beyond current business trends and fields that are being passed by in the rapidly expanding technological age.

Udoug believes a good entrepreneur must be willing to sacrifice, be informed about what is going on in the world, be able to express himself or herself well, be passionate about social issues and be willing to participate on a personal level.



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marketing major and philosophy minor. A stellar Army ROTC student, he contemplated the military. Then his uncle offered him a job at the furniture factory. "I thought it was a good opportunity because all the principals were old, you know, 30 or 40 at least," he said with a chuckle. So after a brief stint in the Army he returned to Fort Smith. "I got married to Mary Catherine Youman on a Saturday and started working at the furniture company on Tuesday," Udoug said.

The Riverside Furniture Company was growing. It had started small, making occasional tables, baby cribs and bunk beds. But the company expanded into a

He believes fervently in the values system of the American Midwest. The strong work ethic and adherence to moral standards fostered in this area help entrepreneurs to "do what's right."

"Young people today are aware of America's global challenges," he said. "They know they have to be responsible for themselves — there's not going to be a retirement waiting for them at the end of the rainbow. Whether they want to or not, they have to take on the responsibility for this country. They are the future and what they do and how they handle it will determine how America ends up."

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54 Louis E. "Ed" DePauli Sr., LAW, Albuquerque, N.M., Oct. 23, 2012. **Thomas J. Meany, MD**, Minneapolis, Nov. 20, 2012.

55 Howard F. Poepsel, MD, Omaha, Nov. 25, 2012. **Rosemary Fitzgerald Quigley, BS**, Minneapolis, Oct. 4, 2012. **Jeanette Lechner Semin, SJN**, Bellevue, Neb., Sept. 25, 2012.

56 Fred F. Bartholet, BSPha, Omaha, Jan. 8, 2013. **Jeanice "Jean" Schott Franco, MA**, Omaha, Nov. 5, 2012. **Dr. Conal Furay, BSC'50, MA**, Creve Coeur, Mo., Nov. 12, 2012. **Elaine B. Leise, SJN'54, BSN**, Omaha, Oct. 27, 2012. **Sr. M. Evelyn A. Schumacher, O.S.F., MSEdu**, Manitowoc, Wis., Jan. 4, 2013. **Rev. Patrick J. Waite, MSEdu**, San Diego, Dec. 30, 2012.

57 Robert E. Craven, MD, Lake Oswego, Ore., Dec. 29, 2012. **M. JoAnn Lehnen Kirlin, BusAdm**, Walton, Neb., Dec. 8, 2012. **Raymond J. "Ray" Pierson, BSBA**, Omaha, Oct. 13, 2012. **James H. Ward, BSBA**, Bellevue, Wash., Nov. 1, 2012. **Margaret M. Williams, BSN**, Albuquerque, N.M., Dec. 25, 2012.

58 A. Robert Egan, BSBA, Omaha, Sept. 20, 2012. **Dr. Rosemarie Valenta Hartley, SJN**, Omaha, Oct. 3, 2012. **James L. Maciejewski, BSBA**, North Platte, Neb., Nov. 4, 2012.

59 John F. "Jack" Belitz Sr., BSPha'55, DDS, Omaha, Jan. 2, 2013. **James M. McSharry, ARTS**, San Leandro, Calif., Jan. 16, 2013.

60 Donald R. Kern, BSPha, Omaha, Nov. 1, 2012. **Lawrence G. Kuncel, ARTS**, Columbus, Neb., Dec. 18, 2012. **Daniel E. Timms, BSBA**, Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 21, 2012. **Leo F. Weiler, MD**, Omaha, Sept. 16, 2012.

61 Sr. Caroline Miller, O.P., BS'52, MA, St. Catharine, Ky., Oct. 3, 2012. **Richard P. Suddick, BS'58, MS'59, DDS**, San Antonio, Oct. 19, 2012.

62 Thomas J. Pluhacek, BSBA, Omaha, Nov. 25, 2012. **Sharon Leisen Watts, BA**, Omaha, Oct. 29, 2012.

63 William P. "Bill" Hussman, DDS, Tucson, Ariz., Dec. 25, 2012.

64 Thomas R. Dolan, BSPha, Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 15, 2012. **John R. Nicksick, BSBA**, Omaha, Dec. 3, 2012.

65 Robert V. Herink, BSC'50, MBA, Omaha, Nov. 4, 2012.

66 Sr. M. Cabrini Camel, R.S.M., MSEdu, Omaha, Jan. 17, 2013.

67 Mary Beth Reeves Clark, BA, Omaha, Oct. 11, 2012. **Patricia Rice Matthews, BS**, Milwaukee, Dec. 3, 2012. **David G.**

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68 Mary Prudhon Gundersen, SJN, Omaha, Sept. 22, 2012. **Robert J. Rezek, BA**, West Des Moines, Iowa, Aug. 31, 2012.

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72 Timothy Galm, BSBA, Everly, Iowa, Sept. 21, 2012. **Jean Mandl Storm, SJN**, Omaha, Nov. 2, 2012.

73 John A. Dowell, BS'69, MD, Omaha, Oct. 8, 2012.

76 Michael M. Marsh, BA, Norfolk, Neb., Nov. 16, 2012.

77 Dr. W. Scott Clark, BA'62, MSEdu, Festus, Mo., Oct. 2,

2012. **Capt. Joseph D. Scranton, JD**, Annapolis, Md., Nov. 8, 2012.

78 Sr. M. Celeste Lynch, S.A.C., MChrSp, Huntington, W.Va., Dec. 2, 2012.

80 Michael T. Hanna, JD, Omaha, Jan. 17, 2013. **Sr. Brigid Kelliher, O.S.B., MMIN**, Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 21, 2012. **Raymond E. Speer II, BA'76, JD**, Omaha, Dec. 4, 2012.

81 Gerald E. Niemeier, BSRT, Omaha, Dec. 20, 2012.

82 James J. Murphy, BSBA, Belleville, Ill., Oct. 17, 2012. **J. Joseph Raymond III, BSBA**, St. Louis, Nov. 14, 2012.

86 Rosemary Kellen Boyle, BSPhy'85, MS, Seattle, Oct. 26, 2012. **Rev. James M. Sullivan, MD**, Helena, Mont., Sept. 14, 2012.

87 Walter W. Wood, BS, Clearwater, Fla., Nov. 7, 2012.

90 Randy J. Houston, BA, Omaha, Dec. 11, 2012.

Remembrance

At the annual President's Convocation in February, Creighton honored and prayed for members of the University community who died during the previous year. Find a listing of those departed, along with a special prayer of remembrance, online at creighton.edu/creightonmagazine.



Congratulations, Doug!

Creighton University salutes Bluejay standout Doug McDermott on becoming the most decorated basketball player in school history.

- > For the second consecutive season, McDermott earned First Team All-American honors from both the U.S. Basketball Writers Association and the Associated Press
- > Named to the Lute Olson All-America Team, the NABC Division I All-District 16 Team, the USBWA District VI Player of the Year
- > Finalist for the Oscar Robertson Player of the Year Trophy, the Lou Henson Award for mid-major players, the Naismith Men's College Player of the Year and the prestigious John R. Wooden Award
- > Became the all-time leading scorer in Creighton history, reaching 2,216 career points
- > Won second consecutive MVC Player of the Year award, joining just seven other two-time winners, including Larry Bird, Xavier McDaniel, Hersey Hawkins and former Bluejay Kyle Korver
- > First junior in MVC history to reach 2,000 career points

