



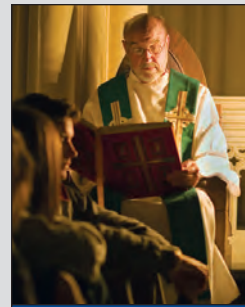
Dream



Excel



Grow



Believe



Innovate



Serve

### Are You Willing ...

To join Creighton University in its most ambitious private fundraising campaign ever?  
To invest in our students (both now and for generations to come), in life-saving research initiatives,  
in our expanding campus, in our Jesuit, Catholic values, and in our vision for the future?

A successful \$350 million campaign will signify that we're  
willing to believe ... to innovate ... to grow ... to excel ... to serve ... to dream.

And, above all, that we're ... *Willing to Lead.*



## WILLING TO LEAD

THE CAMPAIGN FOR CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY

Learn more about *WILLING TO LEAD: THE CAMPAIGN FOR CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY*  
in this issue and online at [www.creighton.edu/development](http://www.creighton.edu/development).

View the magazine online at:  
[www.creightonmagazine.org](http://www.creightonmagazine.org)

SPRING 2006

# UNIVERSITY MAGAZINE CREIGHTON



12

### A Night to Remember ..... 12

With alumna and former CNN anchor Mary Alice Williams serving as mistress of ceremonies and video tributes that included comedic legend Bob Newhart and alumnus and NBA star Kyle Korver, Creighton's Campaign Inaugural Celebration Dinner was truly a night to remember.

### The Campaign for Creighton ..... 16

Creighton publicly announces its next capital campaign. The \$350 million fundraising campaign — the largest in Creighton's history — looks to reshape the University and secure Creighton's place as one of the finest Jesuit, Catholic universities in the United States.



16

### 'Big Cat' Scan ..... 24

Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Creighton University Medical Center join together to perform a CAT scan on a Malayan tiger. A New York photojournalist plans to use the images in a tiger exhibit that would travel to zoos worldwide.

### Letters from Death Row ..... 30

For seven years, beginning in the late 1980s, Creighton's vice president for Academic Affairs, Christine Wiseman, defended Texas death row inmate Billy Conn Gardner. She now shares their letters — a riveting, sometimes emotional, account of an attorney and a client she believes was wrongly accused.



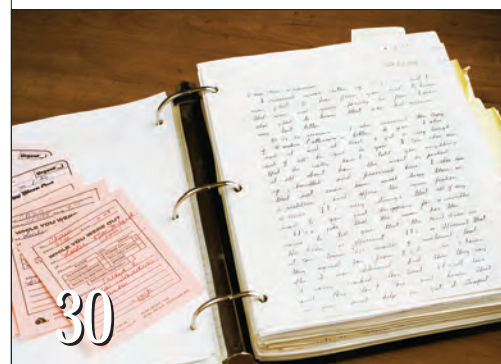
24

### Letters to the Editor ..... 4

### University News ..... 6

### Alumni News ..... 38

### The Last Word ..... 47



30



Publisher: Creighton University; Rev. John P. Schlegel, S.J., President; Lisa Calvert, Vice President for University Relations. *Creighton University Magazine* staff: Kim Barnes Manning, Assistant Vice President for Marketing and Public Relations; Rick Davis, Editor; Sheila Swanson, Associate Editor; Pamela A. Vaughn, Features Editor. Editorial Advisers: Cam Enarson, M.D., M.B.A.; Christine Wiseman, J.D.; Richard O'Brien, M.D.; Diane Dougherty; Rev. Donald A. Doll, S.J.; Tamara Buffalohead-McGill; and Jayne Schram.

*Creighton University Magazine* (USPS728-070) is published quarterly in February, May, August and November by Creighton University, 2500 California Plaza, Omaha, NE 68178-0001. Periodicals postage paid at Omaha, Nebraska, and additional entry points. Address all mail to Public Relations and Information, Omaha, NE 68178. Postmaster: Send change of address to *Creighton University Magazine*, P.O. Box 3266, Omaha, NE 68103-0078.

For more enrollment information, contact the Undergraduate Admissions Office at 1-800-282-5865, admissions@creighton.edu.

To make a gift to the University, contact the Development Office at 1-800-334-8794.

For the latest on alumni gatherings, contact the Alumni Relations Office at 1-800-CU-ALUMS (800-282-5867) or check online at [www.creighton.edu/alumni](http://www.creighton.edu/alumni).

Send letters to the editor to Rick Davis at [rcd@creighton.edu](mailto:rcd@creighton.edu); fax, (402) 280-2549; Creighton University, Marketing and Public Relations, 2500 California Plaza, Omaha, NE 68178.

Update your mailing address or send alumni news (births, weddings, promotions, etc.) electronically through [www.creighton.edu/alumni](http://www.creighton.edu/alumni), call 1-800-334-8794 or mail to Development Office, Creighton University, 2500 California Plaza, Omaha, NE 68178.

View the magazine online at [www.creightonmagazine.org](http://www.creightonmagazine.org)

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

Copyright © 2006 by Creighton University



Printed with Soy Ink

**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.



# Letters to the Editor

## Economic System Amoral

I read with interest your article about social justice, "Challenging the Corporate Paradigm," presented by Marjorie Kelly (Winter 2005). My observations and studies in this regard leave me disagreeing with her conclusion that the business community will really deal with issues of morality in the capitalistic sector. Capitalism and free markets provide the world's best economies. However this economic system is, by its very nature, amoral and unfair. A careful study shows the reality of this statement. The business community can perhaps help deal with the issue by instituting a governmental body of its own, but capitalism itself does not deal with ethics. We must recognize that a basic function of government is to require morality of the capitalistic sector and to empower the people in their quest for fairness. Government, as the voice of the people, provides the checks and balances that can civilize capitalism and make it responsive to the needs of the country and the people. I see the current efforts of Congress and the free marketers to make our government an arm of capitalism as wrong. Our government of, by and for the people must maintain its strength and focus in providing the checks and balances required for the proper functioning of our capitalistic economy. People are not commodities to be subjected to and impoverished by the vagaries of the free market system.

Ward R. Anthony, MD '54  
Boulder, Colo.

## Happy Memories

I was very happy to see the article in the Fall 2005 issue of the *Creighton University Magazine* on Sebastian Basilico, BS'54 ("Gift Honors Late Husband"). When I came to Creighton as a freshman in 1952, Subby was a junior and very much in the forefront of student activity. I knew he was a veteran, but didn't realize that he was so much older than the rest of us. If he was 91 when he died in 1991, he must have been pushing 50. But he fit in wonderfully with the other students, and was very friendly and welcoming to the

newcomers to campus like me. Seeing the picture of him and his wife, Catherine, brings back happy memories of those days, and I for one am very grateful to her for her gift in Subby's honor.

Andy Kelly, ARTS'56  
Los Angeles

## A Great Loss

This December, the Creighton Education Department suffered a great loss. Karin Levine's passing was devastating to me and to the entire community. Karin was the embodiment of Creighton's Jesuit values and ideals. She battled cancer for 10 years, but never gave up hope. She was courageous, positive and challenged her students to find ways to reach every student. Karin was about living life to the fullest inside and outside of the classroom. She was like a mother to me and many others. She taught me not only how to teach, but to love my students like they were my own. Her guidance and friendship continued even after I graduated from Creighton.

I came to Creighton with hopes of being a lawyer, like many CU freshmen. After my first education class with Karin, I knew I was being called to teach. So many articles in your magazine have been written on research or books by Creighton professors. Karin, and many other CU education professors, write their books and research on the hearts of their students. Karin's legacy lives on in my daily life and classroom. Whenever I am standing in front of my first-graders, I remember Karin's words, "Have fun, inspire and teach your heart out!" Thank you to Mike and Arielle Levine for sharing your wife and mother with us. Her love lives on in classrooms across the United States.

Katie (Sullivan) Mason, BS'99  
Omaha, first-grade teacher,  
Oakdale Elementary

## Message from the University President

### Willing to Lead

With renewed enthusiasm and hope, we enter this new year with great challenges and opportunities ahead of us. Change is not only on the horizon, but it is at our doorstep.

I spoke of this change to our graduates during December commencement. For during their years at Creighton, major events have shaped a world that no one could have imagined previously. The tragedy of Sept. 11, the wars on terrorism and in Iraq and natural disasters of epic proportions, both at home and abroad, have forever changed the world in which we all live.

This upheaval can seem daunting, even intimidating. However, as I told our graduates, my experience says that a Jesuit-inspired education prepares women and men not only to confront change but, indeed, to provide leadership for change.

It is this Jesuit, Catholic identity that sets Creighton apart. As I have said before, without it, Creighton is just another good, or even excellent, comprehensive university.

Sustained and inspired by our faith tradition, Creighton seeks to educate women and men who are not only proficient in their particular professions but who are enlivened with a spirit of service and emboldened to create a more just world. We call on our graduates to be leaders — to be "agents of change" at home in their communities, as well as nationally and globally.

As we ask our graduates to lead in an ever-evolving world, we, too, as a university, must be willing to lead. We must be willing to reinvent ourselves in core areas to provide the best learning environment for our students. We must accept the challenge to move Creighton forward, to meet higher expectations, to truly live our mission and to give life to our expanding dreams and aspirations.

That is the driving force behind **WILLING TO LEAD: THE CAMPAIGN FOR CREIGHTON**.

Change, for certain, is afoot at Creighton. It is evident in the physical changes on campus and the activities in our classrooms and laboratories. We are on the cusp of new beginnings; we are forging a "second founding." As I told those gathered at our campaign inaugural event: This is our moment of possibility!

I am bullish about our future. Creighton is poised to be one of the finest Jesuit, Catholic institutions of higher education in the United States. This \$350 million campaign — the largest in the University's history — will set the course for a bold tomorrow.

Our mission states that "Creighton exists for students and learning," and this campaign fully supports that credo.

A major initiative of this campaign is to increase our endowment, which will support student scholarships, academic and research programs and faculty excellence. This is the heart

of our campaign — accounting for more than half of the goal. This campaign also seeks to strengthen our Jesuit, Catholic identity, provide for major science and technology initiatives, and finance our historic growth to the east. This, of course, is just a brief overview.

More information about the campaign can be found inside this issue, and we will keep you updated about our progress in future correspondence.

Building on the accomplishments of past decades, we fully embrace our future. As I shared with those at the inaugural campaign launch, the mantle of leadership has been passed. Now the privilege and responsibility to nurture Creighton rests with us. This campaign is an invitation to each of you to assist in leading Creighton forward. I am confident in our success because I am confident in *you*.

This is a monumental effort we are undertaking, but one that can be truly transformational for Creighton.

In this time of great global uncertainty, I exhorted our December graduates to heed Jesus' directive: "Do not hide your light under a bushel basket, but let it shine forth to give light. Be bearers of light to make this a better world."

That is the heart of a Creighton education.

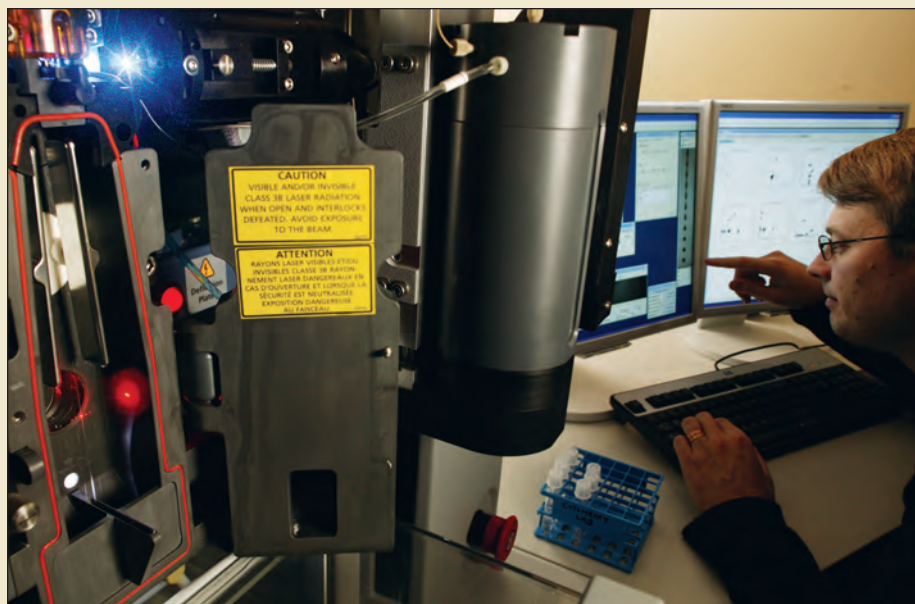
As Jesuit poet and scientist Teilhard de Chardin wrote: "Someday, after mastering the winds, the waves, the tides and gravity, we shall harness for God the energies of love, and then, for a second time in the history of the world, we will have discovered fire."

As this campaign unfolds, we move forward with passion in our souls and confidence in our hearts that, for the second time in history, we will rediscover, redefine and re-found Creighton University.

Please enjoy this issue of the magazine. May God bless you and your family in this new year.

John P. Schlegel, S.J.





Photos by Mark Rommeser

Creighton's Patrick Swanson, Ph.D., associate professor of medical microbiology and immunology, works with the new BD FACSAria flow cytometer, which can sort cells 10 times faster than any previous instrument.

## New Cell Sorter Offers Great Promise

Through new cutting-edge technology recently installed at Creighton, scientists can identify, quantify, analyze and isolate the myriad cells in blood, organs and other tissues faster than ever before — which promises to accelerate the pace of valuable research.

"The ability to sort cells is essential for analyzing the ones that cause disease and how they react to different treatments," said Creighton's Patrick Swanson, Ph.D., associate professor of medical microbiology and immunology. "When we have millions of cells to identify and sort, the speed at which we can do that definitely moves our research forward much more quickly."

These sophisticated cell-sorting devices, known as flow cytometers, use fluorescent-colored dyes and lasers to sort and identify the different cell types.

Creighton's new cell sorter, among the first of its kind, uses recent improvements in technology that were integrated into the machine based on Creighton's specifications.

The end result? Creighton's new BD FACSAria flow cytometer can sort cells at a rate of 30,000 per second — or 10 times faster than any previous instrument.

Swanson, who directs Creighton's flow cytometry facility, compared cell sorting to making soup.

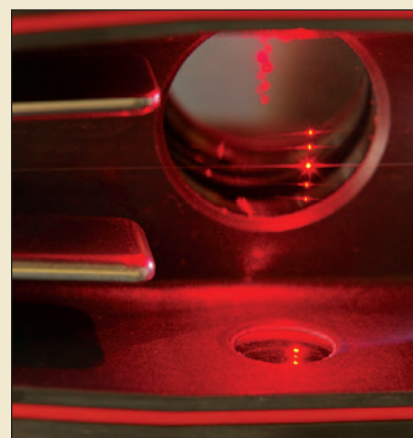
"Suppose you want to make potato soup but your grocery bag is full of all sorts of food," he

said. "This technology helps us pull out only the potatoes for our soup."

The process of cell sorting uses antibodies that are attached to specific cell types. The antibodies are tagged by fluorescent-colored dyes, which allow the researcher to distinguish the different cell types by their color tag.

The cell sorter takes cells that have been stained with the colored antibodies and forces them through tiny tubes, arranging them in "single file" formation. Lasers then read and provide information on each cell as it passes through the sorter.

While previous technology only allowed analysis of four colors, Creighton's new flow cytometer can simultaneously analyze 12 colors — making the process of identifying cell types extremely accurate and precise.



Creighton's new flow cytometer uses three different lasers to sort and identify the millions of cells in the human body.

## Flow Cytometry One of Core Research Facilities

Creighton's flow cytometry laboratory, which includes the sophisticated new BD FACSAria flow cytometer, is one of five core biomedical research facilities in the School of Medicine.

Each facility is designed to foster interdisciplinary collaboration and is made available to faculty, graduate and undergraduate investigators from Creighton, as well as other institutions. In addition to flow cytometry, the core facilities are:

**Confocal microscopy** — Provides high-resolution imaging of labeled cell components in three-dimensional space through a multi-photon confocal microscope.

**Genomics** — Provides assistance and shared instrumentation for investigators using gene-based research tools to study cellular structure and function.

**Morphology** — Provides instrumentation and expert assistance for research programs needing high-resolution imaging and identification of tissue structures.

**Proteomics** — Provides researchers with the capability to analyze and identify proteins that play a role in certain biological functions, and that may have potential significance to disease processes.

"Creighton's core research facilities are designed to allow the free flow of information and a collaborative work environment so that more 'accidents of discovery' can occur," said Barbara McLaughlin, Ph.D., associate dean for research in Creighton's School of Medicine.

The facilities are funded by grants from Creighton's Health Futures Foundation, the Nebraska Tobacco Settlement Biomedical Research Development Grant and the National Science Foundation's (NSF) Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR).

## Colloquium of Bishops May Bring Pastoral Push

The American Bishops' Committee on Marriage and Family took a major step in its work to develop a pastoral letter on marriage when it sponsored a unique, two-day colloquium this past fall at Creighton.

The Center for Marriage and Family at Creighton hosted the colloquium, with Michael Lawler, Ph.D., director of the center, facilitating. The theme, "Promoting and Sustaining Marriage as a Community of Life and Love," drew approximately 30 social scientists, theologians, lay advisers and experts to campus for a common purpose: finding effective ways to present church teaching and to pursue pastoral ministries, all in the spirit of dialogue, listening and learning.

Creighton's Center for Marriage and Family has long cooperated with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, with the colloquium a further example of this ongoing collaborative effort, event organizers say.

Directed to the current and incoming members and advisers of the American Bishops' Marriage and Family Committee, the fall event brought together the following experts:

John S. Grabowski, Ph.D., theologian, Catholic University of America, "Marriage as a Unitive and Procreative Partnership"; Sr. Barbara Markey, ND, Ph.D., social scientist, Family Life Office, Archdiocese of Omaha, "The Lifecycle Stages of a Marriage"; Julie Hanlon Rubio, Ph.D., theologian, St. Louis University, "Marriage as a Covenant and Sacrament"; Barbara Dafoe Whitehead, Ph.D., social scientist, National Marriage Project, Rutgers University, "Patterns and Predictors of Success and Failure in Marriage"; W. Bradford Wilcox,

Ph.D., social scientist, Institute for American Values, "Seeking a Soulmate: A Social Scientific View of the Relationship between Commitment and Authentic Intimacy"; and Wendy M. Wright, Ph.D., theologian, Creighton University, "Marriage as a 'School of Love.'"

The U.S. Bishops launched their National Pastoral Initiative on Marriage in 2004 as a multi-year collaborative effort "to promote, preserve

**"The colloquium will play a key role in our pastoral initiative by bringing together Catholic teaching on marriage with the latest research from the social sciences."**

— Bishop J. Kevin Boland  
Chairman, American Bishops'  
Committee on Marriage and Family

and protect marriage, understood as both a sacramental reality and a human institution."

In presenting the initiative, Bishop J. Kevin Boland, chairman of the Marriage and Family Committee, urged the bishops to "create a positive climate that places healthy marriages at the heart of strong families, a strong nation and a strong and holy church."

A resulting pastoral letter will be the centerpiece of the initiative, which is also expected to promote parish-based resources to improve ministries to the married.

Bishop Boland welcomed the colloquium as an opportunity for bishops "to understand the situations in which marriage is lived out today."

"The colloquium will play a key role in our pastoral initiative by bringing together Catholic teaching on marriage with the latest research from the social sciences," he said.

Papers and dialogue from the colloquium will be published in the near future.

The Center for Marriage and Family was founded at Creighton in 1994 with the charge "to build and enhance healthy marriages and families." It is dedicated to the promotion of healthy Christian marriages and families in a contemporary culture of divorce and family dissolution. It seeks to achieve this goal by researching marriage and family with the best available interdisciplinary tools, by publishing the results of its research and by developing and disseminating pastoral strategies on behalf of marriage and family as prescribed by its research.

The Center for Marriage and Family was formally established as an interdisciplinary center. Lawler, professor *emeritus* in the Department of Theology, has been director of the center since its founding. To learn more about the center's research and publications, go to: [www.creighton.edu/marriageandfamily](http://www.creighton.edu/marriageandfamily).



Photo by Mark Rommeser

The Most Rev. J. Kevin Boland, bishop of Savannah, Ga., says Mass at Creighton's St. John's Church during a two-day colloquium on marriage and family at the University this past fall.



Mahern

## Mahern Receives Spire Award

Catherine Mahern, Connie Kearney Endowed Chair in Clinical Legal Education and associate professor of law at the Creighton University School of Law, was awarded the Robert M. Spire Pro Bono Award from the Nebraska State Bar Association on Nov. 10.

Mahern is the founder and director of the Milton R. Abrahams Legal Clinic at Creighton University's School of Law. The clinic gives Creighton law students a chance to aid low-income citizens with a wide array of civil legal needs under the supervision of attorneys.

She has published articles on legal problems of the elderly in the

*Texas Bar Journal*. In 2002, she received the Nebraska State Bar Association's Public Service Award.

In addition, Mahern helped to establish the Community Economic Development (CED) Legal Clinic. The program, which joined the Abrahams Legal Clinic last January, operates as a full-service public interest law firm and provides Creighton law students with roll-up-your-sleeves, hands-on experience in transactional law. The CED clinic is funded by a three-year grant from the U.S. Department of Justice and is directed by Steven Virgil.

The Robert M. Spire Pro Bono Award honors outstanding contributions by volunteer lawyers providing services to the poor. In 1982, the award was named for the founder of the Volunteer Lawyers Project, Robert M. Spire. The honor is bestowed upon lawyers who are dedicated to public service — the trademark of Spire's career.

## Creighton Debuts Ceremonial Mace

Fashioned from a cherry wood baluster taken from an abandoned staircase in the attic of the Administration Building, Creighton's first ceremonial mace made its debut at winter commencement in December.

At academic institutions, the mace is a symbol of authority and leadership, and its use is reserved for occasions of outstanding importance.

Creighton President the Rev. John P. Schlegel, S.J., commissioned the creation of the mace to commemorate the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the University in 2003.

The mace was designed and created by Brian Besack of the University's carpenter shop, with partial assistance from Bradley Walters, a research technician in the physics department.

The head of the mace features gold-plated medallions bearing the names and founding dates of the University's nine schools and colleges. The top is adorned with the symbol of the Society of Jesus, and the Creighton seal is set in the mace's shaft.



Photo by Mike Kikveiter

## Soccer Teams Crowned Conference Champions

Both the Creighton men's and women's soccer teams advanced to NCAA post-season action again this past season after winning their respective conference tournaments.

Led by tournament MVP Matt Wieland, the Creighton men won their ninth Missouri Valley Conference (MVC) Tournament title to advance to their 14<sup>th</sup> consecutive NCAA Tournament appearance.



Gans

An assist by tournament MVP Marcy Gans set up the game-winning shot that gave the Creighton women their second straight MVC

Tournament title and an automatic berth to the NCAA Tournament.

The Creighton men reached the Elite Eight in the NCAA Tournament, knocking off Lafayette, Duke and Penn

State before falling 1-0 to Clemson. Creighton is one of only two schools to advance to the quarterfinals three of the last four seasons. The Jays finished the year 15-5-3 and ranked No. 6 in the final NSCAA/Adidas top-25 poll.

The Creighton women lost a tough 1-0 decision to Nebraska in the first round of the NCAA Tournament to finish the year 12-6-3.

The National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) named Creighton men's coach Bob Warming the Midwest Region Coach of the Year. It is the third time Warming has received the award.

Wieland, a senior midfielder, received a host of honors. He was named a second-team All-American by *CollegeSoccerNews.com* and a third-team



Wieland

All-American by NSCAA. A first-team all-Missouri Valley Conference selection, he was also tabbed by *Soccer America* as one of 11 team MVPs

nationwide. Wieland and teammate Brian Biggerstaff were named MVC first-team scholar athletes and earned first-team academic all-district honors. Rookie Byron Dacy was named a second-team freshman All-American.

The Creighton women earned the NSCAA Team Academic Award, posting a 3.29 cumulative GPA. Seven team members received all-Missouri Valley Conference honors, while seniors Ivonne Valentin and Lissa Waid received regional recognition. Junior Katie Brennan was named second-team academic all-district.

### Volleyball Accolades

The Creighton volleyball team, which finished the season 16-14, placed a league-high three players on the conference's scholar-athlete team: Emily Greisch, Leah Ratzlaff and Abby Baumann. Ratzlaff also was named to the MVC all-tournament team and joined teammate Kelly Goc on the all-conference squad. Korie Lebeda and Jessica Houts were named to the conference's all-freshman team.

## Commencement Honorees



Creighton President the Rev. John P. Schlegel, S.J., middle, with Alumni Achievement honorees Joan (Jaksich) Cimpl, BSMT'55, and her husband, Donald Cimpl, BSC'54.

Creighton University honored Creighton alumni Donald and Joan Cimpl, SCOLA (Satellite Communications for Learning) founder the Rev. Leland Lubbers, S.J., the *Omaha World-Herald* and Marian High School during Creighton's winter commencement ceremony on Dec 17.

### Alumni Achievement Citation

Creighton presented its highest alumni award, the Alumni Achievement Citation, to advocates for Catholic education, Donald Cimpl, BSC'54, and his wife, Joan (Jaksich) Cimpl, BSMT'55. The couple, who celebrated



The Rev. Leland Lubbers, S.J., SCOLA founder, with Fr. Schlegel, was presented an honorary Doctor of Science at Creighton's winter commencement.

50 years of marriage this year, first met as students on Creighton's campus where they excelled academically as well as in their individual pursuits.

Over the years, the Cimpls have volunteered with various organizations in the Omaha community. They have dedicated their time to various Catholic, civic, social, health, education and non-profit organizations, such as the Omaha Children's Hospital, Boys and Girls Clubs of Omaha, Archdiocesan Campaign for Educational Development, Omaha Zoological Society and the American Cancer Society. Donald was awarded the College of Business Administration's Alumni Merit Award in 1984. He retired as a partner of the accounting firm Coopers and Lybrand in 1989.

### Honorary Degree

SCOLA founder the Rev. Leland Lubbers, S.J., received an honorary Doctor of Science at commencement. The leading provider of foreign language television programming in North America, SCOLA's mission is to help the people of the world learn more about each other, their languages, their cultures and their ideologies. This organization has given Creighton University a global perspective and assisted with language instruction.

The creative and spiritual force behind SCOLA, Fr. Lubbers joined the Jesuit order in

1946 and was ordained a priest in 1959. He holds degrees from St. Louis University in Latin and Greek, and a Doctor of Aesthetics, with highest honors, from the University of Paris-Sorbonne. An artist in numerous media, Fr. Lubbers taught fine arts at Creighton from 1964-89. But his most influential creation blazed a trail in science. In promoting worldwide communication, Fr. Lubbers has achieved linguistic and cultural as well as technological advancement.

### Presidential Medallion

*Omaha World-Herald*

For 120 years, the *Omaha World-Herald* has been an integral part of the Omaha community and during that time has enriched the lives of many people throughout Nebraska. The largest employee-owned newspaper in the United States, the newspaper has received numerous national, state and local awards, including three Pulitzers. Two years ago, *World-Herald* columnist Michael Kelly earned the National Society of Newspaper Editors award for commentary and column writing. John Gottschalk, chairman and chief executive officer of the Omaha World-Herald Company and a member of the University's Board of Directors, accepted the Presidential Medallion.

### Marian High School

Marian High School, a Catholic college preparatory school for girls in Omaha, also received the Presidential Medallion. For 50 years, Marian has been equipping young women with the knowledge, skills and values necessary for academic success in college and faith-filled service in life.

The institution espouses Creighton University's mission statement in its commitment to educational and community ideals. Throughout its history, Marian has prepared more than 6,500 young women for college and beyond. Renowned for its academic caliber, the high school is a two-time, back-to-back winner of the U.S. Department of Education Blue Ribbon Award for Academic Excellence. Marian is also one of only four Catholic high schools in Nebraska to be a North Central Accredited college preparatory high school. Sr. Virginia Silvestri, O.S.M., provincial of the American Province of the Servants of Mary and sponsor of Marian High School, accepted the award.

## Purcell Receives Public Service Award

Creighton University Accounting and Law Professor Thomas J. Purcell III, Ph.D., BSBA '72, JD '77, received the 2005 Public Service Award during the Nebraska Society of Certified Public Accountants Annual Meeting last fall.

Purcell was recognized for his many years of public service. For more than 20 years, he has helped the Buford Foundation provide deserving youth with no-cost summer wilderness experiences in Jackson Hole, Wyo. He is on the board of the St. Augustine Indian Mission School, the New Cassel Retirement Center, and was president of the board of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Omaha. A volunteer for Operation Others, Purcell assists in organizing and delivering food to more than 1,400 needy families at Christmas and in managing cash assets and fundraising for the organization. He is a member and former chair of Creighton University's Habitat for Humanity Steering Committee and serves as faculty moderator for the Creighton Student Chapter of Habitat for Humanity.

Purcell has been a member of the Nebraska Society of CPAs since 1978. Because of his dedication to accounting education and his students, he was the recipient of the Nebraska Society's 1995 Outstanding Accounting Educator Award as well as many other awards for excellence in teaching.

## Creighton's 'Miracle Workers'

Creighton's Peter Townley, BS '81, MD '86, assistant clinical professor of medicine, and the Creighton School of Dentistry received OneWorld Community Health Center's Milagro Award in November for their work at the South Omaha clinic.

OneWorld, which provides affordable health care to immigrant and low-income patients, presents the award annually to those "miracle workers" who devote their time and talents to serving the clinic's uninsured patients. Milagro is Spanish for "miracle."

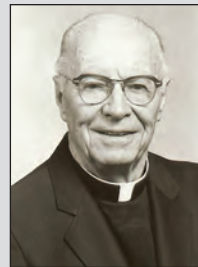
In addition, OneWorld, which celebrated its 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary, honored Creighton's Jim Phalen, BAClas '61, MD '65, associate professor of radiology and medicine, as one of the clinic's founding board members.

## Creighton Remembers Fr. Kramper

Creighton University mourns the loss of the Rev. James P. Kramper, S.J., who died peacefully Dec. 9 at St. Camillus Health Center in Milwaukee, at the age of 93.

Fr. Kramper served the Creighton community for 41 years. He taught math and theology, was director of the alumni library, assistant in the development office and pastoral minister. He spent six years in Council Bluffs, Iowa, as associate pastor of Queen of Apostles Church. Fr. Kramper moved to the St. Camillus Jesuit community in Milwaukee for nursing care in 2003.

The funeral Mass was held Dec. 14 at St. John's Church; he was buried at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.



Fr. Kramper

## Schlegel Leads Local Boy Scout Council, Honored as Omaha Leader

Creighton President the Rev. John P. Schlegel, S.J., was named chairman of the board of trustees for the Mid-America Council of Boy Scouts of America. He was officially inducted during the council's annual board meeting on Dec. 4.

"I am deeply honored to be asked to be the next chair of the Mid-America Council of the Boy Scouts of America," Fr. Schlegel said. "Scouting was a formative part of my own experience, giving me self-confidence and focus. I value the lessons I learned some 50 years ago in Scouting, and I am convinced those same lessons and experiences can form and change and enrich the lives of today's Scouts."

Fr. Schlegel earned the rank of Eagle Scout as a youth, was a member of the camping honorary society "Order of the Arrow," and received the Ad Altari Dei award (the highest Boy Scout religious emblem) for studying the Catholic faith as a young adult.

The Creighton president also was honored with Leadership Omaha's 2006 Distinguished Alumni Award on Dec. 1. Now in its 28<sup>th</sup> year, Leadership Omaha is a community leadership training program sponsored by the Greater Omaha Chamber Foundation. Fr. Schlegel was a member of Leadership Omaha's second graduating class. The award recognizes those who have made significant contributions to the betterment of the Greater Omaha community.

## Creighton Physician Authors Second Edition of Landmark Textbook

Roger A. Brumback, M.D., professor of pathology and psychiatry at Creighton University, has just published *Pediatric Neuropsychiatry*,

the second edition of his textbook detailing the development of the human brain, mind and personality in children.

The first edition of this book was described as a "landmark" text in a 1999 *New England Journal of Medicine* review.

Co-authored by C. Edward Coffey, M.D., professor of neurology and chair of psychiatry at Henry Ford Health System, the book is devoted to the study of the relationship of the nervous system and mental disease in childhood behavior and behavioral development.

"Since publication of the first edition, there have been many advances in the field, and this book helps pediatricians, neurologists and child psychiatrists and psychologists understand and treat nervous system, mental and behavioral disorders of children," said Brumback, who also serves as chair in the Department of Pathology at Creighton University Medical Center and as editor in chief of the *Journal of Child Neurology*.

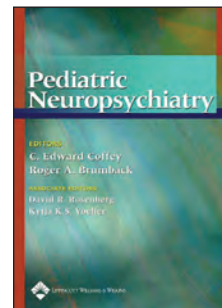


Photo by Bob Ervin

Adolfo Franco, JD '83, assistant administrator of USAID for Latin America, joined Law School Dean Patrick Borchers, and Creighton University President the Rev. John P. Schlegel, S.J., at a public award signing ceremony at Creighton University School of Law on Nov. 16.

## Law School Receives \$750,000 Grant for Cuba Study

When Fidel Castro came to power in 1959, he transformed Cuba into the first communist state in the Western Hemisphere. All property in Cuba became community property controlled by the state. This generated thousands of dispossessed claimants including U.S. businesses and Cuban exiles. As Castro nears 80, studies are under way to examine what will happen in a post-Castro Cuba.

The Creighton University School of Law has been awarded a two-year \$750,000 federal grant from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) to create a model to establish a bilateral U.S.-Cuba property claims tribunal.

USAID is an independent federal government agency that receives foreign policy guidance from the Secretary of State. The agency's work supports long-term and equitable economic growth and advances U.S. foreign policy objectives by supporting: economic growth, agriculture and trade; global health; and democracy, conflict prevention and humanitarian assistance.

Adolfo Franco, JD '83, assistant administrator for Latin America and the Caribbean at USAID, said the grant and subsequent research will help determine how to assist in Cuba's post-Castro transition to democracy.

"When the transition happens, we will be better prepared to give Cuba whatever its government needs," Franco said at a grant-signing ceremony on Nov. 16 at the Creighton School of Law.

There was intense competition for the grant with hundreds of applications submitted. The top two schools were chosen through a blind selection process scored by various procurement experts within USAID, with Creighton's proposal scoring the highest.

"... Our goal is to promote justice and to bring a much-needed sense of hope and faith to Cubans whether they live in that country or in the United States."

— The Rev. John P. Schlegel, S.J.  
Creighton President

Law School Dean Patrick J. Borchers, an international expert in conflict of laws, will lead a cross-disciplinary team to develop a model. Other team members include: Erika Moreno, Ph.D., a Latin America specialist from the University of Iowa; James Wunsch, Ph.D., chair of Creighton University's Political Science Department and a specialist in

comparative politics, public administration and Third World development, who has also served as a frequent consultant to USAID; Richard Witmer, Ph.D., also of Creighton's Political Science Department, who brings experience in advanced statistical methods; Arthur Pearlstein, director of the law school's Werner Institute for Negotiation and Dispute Resolution; and Michael J. Kelly, the law school's international law specialist who also wrote the grant proposal.

"One of the advantages that Creighton University has is our size and unusual range of expertise," said Borchers.

Supported by USAID's Cuban Transition to Democracy Program, the grant calls for a two-year factual/claims investigation, extensive multi-level legal analysis, significant field work in the U.S., Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean and legitimacy modeling on sophisticated social science computer software.

"This is going to be a complicated process. Part of the trick is to create a computer model that will work effectively and produce the best benefit for the largest number of claimants from the United States and Cuba," Borchers said. "We will study property confiscation/restitution issues in other transition countries to develop lessons learned for the Cuba transition."

Creighton University, along with other Jesuit institutions, has long had a presence in — and a concern for — the people and governments in Latin American countries. Through the University's partnership with the Institute for Latin American Concern in the Dominican Republic, service learning and research trips have brought Creighton faculty, staff and students into contact with Latin American and Caribbean social, economic and cultural challenges.

The grant is "a clear indication that Creighton is a major player on the national and international scene in the area of foreign policy considerations," said the Rev. John P. Schlegel, S.J., president of Creighton University. "As always, our goal is to promote justice and to bring a much-needed sense of hope and faith to Cubans whether they live in that country or in the United States."

Borchers agreed, noting that the team will approach the process of developing the model without any preset political agenda.

"We will create a justice-based system — one that will provide justice for all involved," Borchers said. "The research will allow us to explore how post-Castro Cuba could re-enter the world economy and in the long run improve the lives of Cubans."





Photo by Bob Ervin

Creighton's vice president for University Relations, Lisa Calvert, applauded the generosity of the University's alumni and friends "who have displayed their passion for Creighton and their desire to see it flourish for decades to come."



Photo by Kent Slevens

Bill Fitzgerald, BSBA'59, a member of the Campaign Steering Committee, chairman of Creighton's Board of Directors and adviser to the chairman for Bank of the West, told those gathered: "We are being asked to transform our most ambitious dreams for Creighton into reality." He added, "We are embracing this challenge in the essence of our Jesuit mission ... empowered to examine, engage in and change the world."



Photo by Bob Ervin

Bruce Rohde, BSBA'71, JD'73, campaign chair, vice chairman of Creighton's Board of Directors and chairman and CEO *emeritus* of ConAgra Foods, Inc., said, "We have a clear goal in mind ... (to) secure Creighton University's position at the forefront as one of the finest Jesuit, Catholic universities in the United States."



Photo by Bob Ervin



Photo by Bob Ervin

Enjoying the evening's festivities are (top) alumnus Ray McGaugh, BA'76, JD'84, of Chicago; (above) Mimi Feller, BA'70, a member of Creighton's Board of Directors, a retired senior vice president with Gannett Co., Inc., and chair of the National Leadership Gifts Committee; and (right) Patrick Borchers, dean of Creighton's School of Law.



Photo by Kent Slevens



Photo by Bob Ervin

Billy Bluejay, decked out in a top hat and cane, strolls the entryway, which was made to look like Creighton's campus mall — complete with floor-to-ceiling photos of campus lining each wall and students sitting on benches and carrying backpacks.



Photo by Bob Ervin

Ken Stinson, chair of the Omaha Leadership Gifts Committee, chairman and CEO of Peter Kiewit Sons', Inc., and a member of the University's Board of Directors, attends the inaugural celebration with his wife, Ann.



Photo by Bob Ervin

Creighton sophomore John Sutko (background) and December graduate Michael Noonan, BSBA'05, (foreground) were part of a student contingent recognized at the dinner by Fr. Schlegel. "We remain committed to Creighton students in all of their giftedness, ambition and generosity of spirit," Fr. Schlegel said.