

ALUMNI NEWS



FRESHMAN
RETREAT
A REFLECTION



Dear Friends,

In the midst of the presidential transition taking place here at Creighton Prep, we have had the luxury of spending quite a bit of time together, discussing both amongst ourselves and with a wide array of caring constituents the kind and amount of information that needs to be passed from one Prep president to another.

Many, many people too numerous to mention here continue to aid us in this wonderful period of dialogue and we want to thank them sincerely. Their wisdom, insight and encouragement are a true reflection to us of God's power to work through others, especially in times of change.

Both of us eagerly look forward to the next phase of our development as Jesuits, ready to act in the service of God's will as we discern it and to trust that He will provide what we and our faith communities need to grow ever closer to Him.

Time spent in discernment of God's will is something that we relish on a daily basis. With tertianship on the horizon for one of us and presidential responsibilities informed by lots of experience in reflection and retreat ministry on schedule for the other, placing a high value on discernment is a common bond we share and one that has formed a solid foundation for our friendship.

We also think it fitting that, in this same Alumni News issue where we "pass the torch" presidentially and note the value of discernment in our lives, we also highlight the great history and growth of Freshman Retreat at Prep. As you will be reminded in the following pages, Freshman Retreat is a special period of discernment for Prepsters, one that is filled with action by and trust in the ability of student leaders to help make it unique and successful each and every year. For our freshmen, it is vital to their development as Men for Others and, as we have both noticed, their ability to act and trust well into the next phase of their lives and beyond.

In closing, we ask for your prayers and blessings on us and on this institution as all of us in the Prep community move toward new opportunities for action and trust. We also encourage you to spend time discerning what God is calling you to do in support of Prep then to act on that calling with trust in our Lord to guide all of us in the ongoing mission we share to form men of faith, scholarship, leadership and service in the Catholic and Jesuit tradition.

Very best regards,

Thomas J. Merkel, S.J.
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CALENDAR

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2012
Men For Others Golf
 Omaha Country Club

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9
Sports Night featuring David Feherty
 Henry L. Sullivan, S.J. Campus Center

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2012
Loyola Dinner of Honor and Distinction
 Henry L. Sullivan, S.J. Campus Center

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2012
Mother/Son Mass and Breakfast
 Embassy Suites La Vista

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2012
Creighton Prep Open House

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2012
Alumni Memorial Mass
 Henry L. Sullivan, S.J. Campus Center

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J BECOMING A JESUIT

Many, many Prep alums can point to one or more Jesuits that made a uniquely powerful impact on them as educators, spiritual directors, friends and role models. These impacts are often made at a critical point for the alums and last the balance of their lives. It follows that the development of a Jesuit is a commensurately powerful and lengthy journey taken on by relatively few, completed by far fewer and rewarded primarily in the greater glory of God.

How does someone become a Jesuit? Only after a period of informed discernment then an exhaustive application process that, if concluded successfully, is followed by years of special training with multiple stages of progression required at every turn.

DISCERNMENT

Attraction or Interest

According to www.thinkjesuit.org, the official website of the vocation directors for the Wisconsin and Chicago-Detroit provinces, a person feels a strong sense that he may be called “to a deeper relationship with God and the Church.” This sparks a movement toward getting more “information, clarification and assistance with the decision-making process.”

Inquiry

The person “takes the initiative to contact someone for more information,” either a Jesuit they know or a vocation director in that province.

Spiritual Discernment

The person “enters into an agreement with the Vocation Director to begin a process of prayer, conversation and investigation concerning a future decision.” This stage can take years by itself, supported by a regimen of prayer, reflection and spiritual direction to an “initial decision” point.

Confirmation

The person works with the vocation director “to set a time-frame for making a decision about formally applying to the Society of Jesus.” With additional prayer and spiritual direction, the person makes a decision and acts with trust in what he has discerned from God.

APPLICATION

According to www.jesuit.org, the official online source for information on the Jesuits in the United States, “After the Vocation Director knows the man well enough to make a judgment about his readiness and aptitude for being a Jesuit, he invites the man to submit an application to enter the Novitiate and become a Novice.”

The application process can take up to two months and involves “a written application, a written spiritual autobiography, background checks, personal references, complete psychological interview, interviews with several Jesuit examiners and one lay colleague, medical and dental exams, HIV test, etc. Once these steps are complete, the Vocation Director presents the full report to the Provincial. The Provincial, after consultation with an application committee, makes a decision to accept, defer, or deny the applicant.”

If accepted, the applicant becomes a novice.

TRAINING (source: www.thinkjesuit.org)

Novitiate and First Vows

For two years, the novice lives in a community, teaches catechism, works with the poor, goes on pilgrimages, studies the writings of St. Ignatius Loyola and makes a 30-day retreat based on The Spiritual Exercises, all to assist him in confirming his calling to the Jesuit order. Then he “applies for his first vows of poverty, chastity and obedience.”

After first vows are pronounced, “he becomes a Jesuit scholastic (continuing to prepare for ministerial priesthood) or a Jesuit brother.”

First Studies

For the ensuing two or three years, the Jesuit scholastic or brother uses intellectual pursuits to further understand God’s work, often completing an advanced degree inside the Jesuit First Studies programs at St. Louis University, Loyola University of Chicago or Fordham University.

Regency

The Jesuit brother or scholastic is then “missioned to an apostolic assignment to serve for several years” to deepen his commitment to the Order and develop his skills. These assignments can involve teaching at a high school or university or working in a parish.

For example, Mr. Vincent Strand, S.J. is currently in regency at Creighton Prep, teaching philosophy and theology after completing his master’s degree in philosophy at Fordham in 2010.

Theology and Ordination

In preparation for ordination, Jesuit scholastics return to school, typically for three years, at a Jesuit theologate to earn a Master of Divinity degree “and possibly another degree.” In the United States, this means studies at either the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry in Brighton, Massachusetts or The Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University in Berkeley, California. Jesuit brothers may, during this time, study theology for a shorter period in order to prepare for ministerial work.

Tertiaship and Final Vows

Tertiaship “refers to the period of preparation for final vows in the Society of Jesus.” Typically three to five years after the advanced studies mentioned above, the Jesuit Superior or the area provincial invites a Jesuit to a 6-12 month period in which he works with a spiritual director, re-reads the “foundational documents” of the Society, makes a second 30-day retreat based on the Spiritual Exercises and works in various assignments, often with the poor.

Fr. Merkel will begin his tertiaship in Melbourne, Australia in January 2013.

“After the tertiaship period, the Jesuit is invited to pronounce final vows. These vows include a renewal of his vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, as well as other promises (e.g. not to seek advancement or authority in the Society of Jesus). Most will pronounce a special vow of obedience to the Pope regarding availability for missions.”

The training and education of a Jesuit can easily take 10 or more years and cost an estimated \$550,000-\$650,000.

FACTS AND FIGURES: THE SOCIETY OF JESUS

Around the World (source: www.jesuit.org)

The Society of Jesus is headquartered in Rome at the Jesuit Curia, where the current Superior General, Fr. Adolfo Nicolás, S.J., and his staff oversee nine regions worldwide—Central/Eastern Europe, Western Europe, South Europe, Africa, the United States, North Latin America, South Latin America, Asia Pacific—“with other Assistancies and Jesuit Conferences representing each region.”

- As of January 1, 2012, the total number of Jesuits worldwide was 17,637, representing 12,526 priests, 1,470 brothers, 2,896 scholastics and 745 novices.
- At their peak in 1965, there were some 36,000 in the Society.
- There are approximately 2,800 Jesuits in the United States.

In North America

The Society of Jesus is organized into 11 provinces or geographic regions, each headed by a provincial superior appointed by the Superior General in Rome. They are: New England, New York, Maryland, Chicago-Detroit, Wisconsin, Missouri, New Orleans, California and Oregon plus French Canada and English Canada.

In the Wisconsin Province (source: www.jesuitpartners.org)

Fr. Tom Lawler, S.J. is the current provincial of the seven-state Wisconsin Province and he and his Milwaukee-area staff direct a number of educational institutions, Native American missions, parishes, and retreat houses and spirituality centers for the Society of Jesus. In Nebraska, this includes Creighton Prep, Creighton University and the Jesuit Academy.

There are 254 members of the Society of Jesus in the Province, including:

- 214 Jesuit priests (ordained)
- 26 Jesuit scholastics
- 10 Jesuit brothers
- Four studying at the novitiate

The youngest of these is 22 and the oldest is 95, with the average age being 66.

Jesuits in the Wisconsin Province work in numerous educational, ministerial and pastoral roles, speak a combined 24 languages—including German, French, Italian, Spanish, Russian, Greek, Swahili, Portuguese, Hungarian, Lakota and Korean—and hold undergraduate and advanced degrees in a variety of fields such as:

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| • Business Administration | • Law | • Political Science |
| • Chemical Engineering | • Mathematics | • Psychiatry |
| • Classics | • Music | • Scripture |
| • Economics | • Organic Chemistry | • Social Work |
| • History | • Philosophy | • Theatre Arts |
| • Journalism | • Physics | • Zoology |

If you think you may have a calling to join this special brotherhood, visit thinkjesuit.org for more information or contact Vocation Director Fr. Paul Coelho, S.J. at 414-727-5231 or vocations@jesuitwisprov.org.



AN UPDATE ON THE PRESIDENTIAL TRANSITION

LETTER FROM THE GOVERNING BOARD CHAIR

Dear Alumni and Friends of Prep,

When Tom Merkel, S.J. announced he was leaving Creighton Prep this July to complete his Jesuit training the board of directors created a search committee to identify a candidate worthy of his nine-year legacy of exemplary leadership.

When Fr. Tom initially came to Creighton Prep in 2003 the Wisconsin Province informed the board that Fr. Tom's term would be short because they would likely require him to return for his tertianship exercises relatively quickly. Fortunately, the Province allowed him to remain at Prep to see the "Keeping the Promise" capital campaign through to completion. We are fortunate that he was able to serve Prep for as long as he did.

After an initial search within the Jesuit network to find the next president, the search committee, as well as the Wisconsin Province, has determined that it needs to widen its exploration to find the best available candidate, whether Jesuit or lay, to lead the school into the future.

At the committee's recommendation, Creighton Prep has retained Carney, Sandoe & Associates (CSA) as our search consultant. CSA is the most respected name in the nation in private secondary educational institution searches for presidents, heads of school, principals and school executives. (You can learn more about CSA and Tim McIntire, our lead search consultant, at www.carneysandoe.com.)

Based on the amount of time already invested to secure an internal candidate from within the Jesuit network and the timing of academic year contracts (signed in March), it is highly unlikely that our new president will be hired before December 2012 nor on campus before July 2013.

To ensure consistent leadership during this transition, the executive committee of the Governing Board has asked Fr. Andy Alexander, S.J. '66, Vice President for University Ministry at Creighton University and a longtime Creighton Prep board member, to be the president for the 2012-2013 school year.

With the support of his provincial and the president of Creighton University, Fr. Alexander has graciously accepted our request which was approved by the Creighton Prep board of directors this past May. We are confident that he will provide outstanding leadership and guidance to the school, faculty and staff.

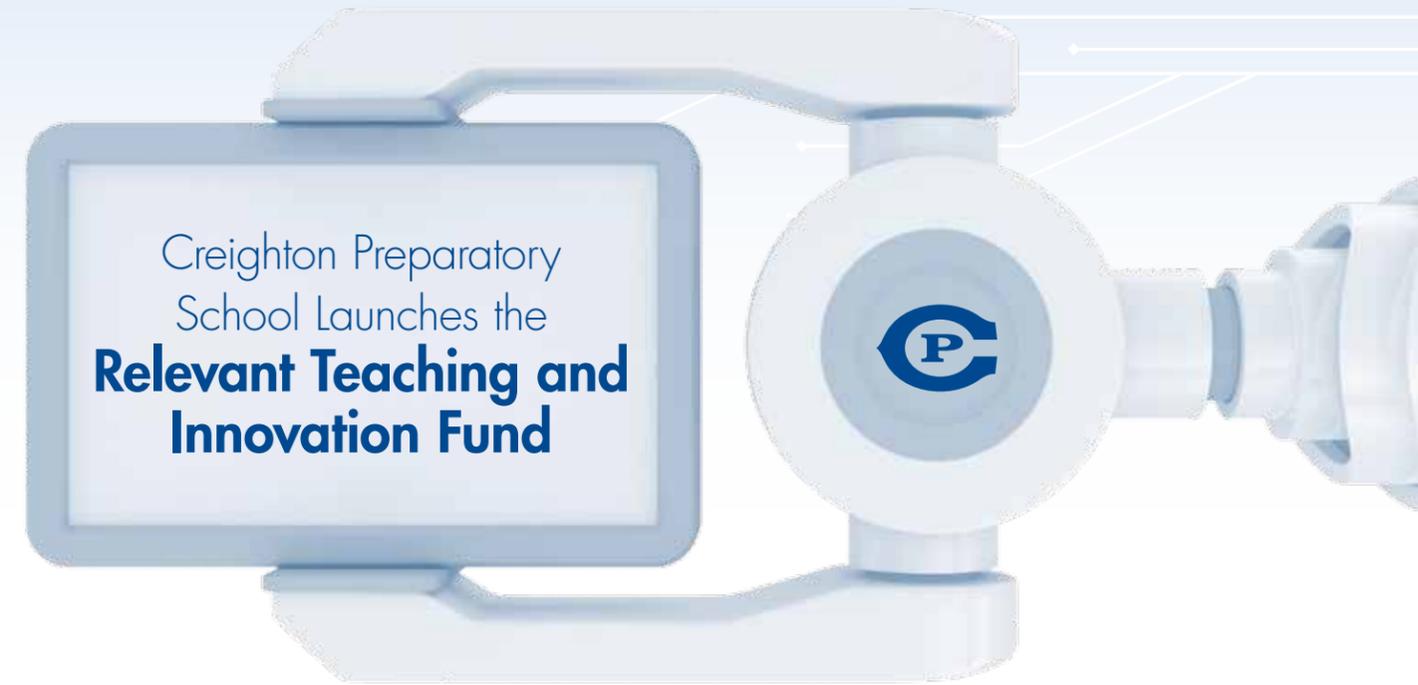
I will keep you informed as the process of finding our next leader unfolds in the months ahead. In the meantime, please know that I greatly appreciate your tireless support of the school and that we are fully committed as trustees and supporters to find the best leader we can to further the mission of forming men of faith, scholarship, leadership and service in the Catholic and Jesuit tradition.

Sincerely,

Sean T. Mullen '74

Board Chair, Creighton Preparatory School

For more information regarding the presidential search, go to www.creightonprep.org/transition



With funding from the Keeping the Promise campaign, Creighton Prep launched the Relevant Teaching and Innovation Fund during the 2011-12 school year.

The project was developed as a collaborative venture between select department chairs at Creighton Prep, Kathy Bertolini, VP of Development, Fr. Tom Merkel, S.J., president, Tim Sutherland '68, founder and CEO of Pace Global Energy and David Brenner '69, CEO of the Innovation Park at the University of Notre Dame. According to Fr. Merkel, "the insights that Tim Sutherland and David Brenner brought to the project set the tone as they encouraged Creighton Prep to look for innovation not only related to 'new, creative and entrepreneurial ideas' but also in the 'relevant teaching' that occurs at a college preparatory school where the commitment to excellence and staying on the creative edge is part and parcel of everyday life."

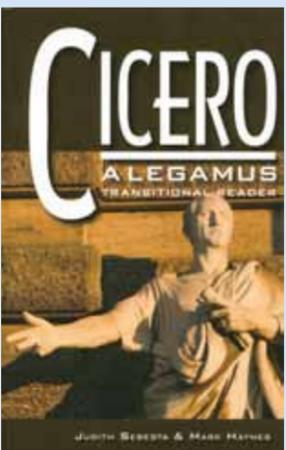
In the inaugural year of the Creighton Prep Relevant Teaching and Innovation Fund, 11 innovation grant submissions and 45 relevant teaching projects were reviewed.

The Executive Board of the Relevant Teaching and Innovation Fund, whose members include Tim Sutherland, David Brenner, Dan Connolly '90, principal of the William Blair Company, Mark Hasebroock, founder of Dundee Venture Capital and David Laughlin, president of St. Louis University High School, made awards to projects totaling \$26,950.

Funding for innovation projects was given to the VEX Robotics program and the Ricci Group, a cohort of ten teachers who will foster technology integration in the curriculum. Several teachers also received awards for their relevant teaching projects such as Academic Decathlon, Exploring the Middle East through Literature, and for publishing a Latin textbook, "Cicero: A Legamus Transitional Reader."

Given the success of this project in the first year, Creighton Prep is soliciting gifts to endow the Relevant Teaching and Innovation Fund. If you are interested in learning how you can assist with this endeavor, contact Kathy Bertolini at 402.548.6218.

Stay tuned for further updates in future editions of the Alumni News.



Freshman Retreat

A REFLECTION

When St. Ignatius Loyola, the patron saint of retreats, penned the Spiritual Exercises in the early 1500s as both a founding document of the Jesuit order and a roadmap of discernment that could help bring people into a closer relationship with God, the cornerstone of Ignatian spirituality was set in place as was the momentum that would bear fruit more than four centuries later in the Freshman Retreat program at Creighton Prep.

What follows is a brief history of this unique program as recalled in a special Alumni News interview with Fr. Jim Michalski, S.J., its founder. From its inception in 1974 to today, it remains central to the formation of Men for Others at Prep, providing the freshman class with a faith- and community-building opportunity unlike any other they may have experienced up to that time or may experience later in life.

Though the elements contained in Freshman Retreat change each year—such as the theme and the prayer discussions and witness talks that take place in support of it—what remains constant is the dedication of student leaders, faculty, staff and the Jesuit community to its success and the powerful, lasting impact it has on the retreatants.

AN: What was the impetus for the idea of a freshman retreat?

Fr. Michalski: During my regency at St. Ignatius High School in Cleveland, some students in junior sodality (today's CLC) were talking about their upcoming retreat and how little they thought of their freshman and sophomore retreats. So, out of frustration after about 15 minutes of listening, I said, "Why don't you do something about it? Why don't you come up with a retreat that the freshman would like?"

They looked at me like I was crazy and said, "Yeah, sure. The administration wouldn't let us do it, not even give them a few ideas." I countered, "Well, here is the deal: If you are serious about doing something but it would take a lot of work, then come up with a basic plan and I will present it to the administration." That upcoming school year (1967-1968) had a freshman day of recollection planned by members of the junior class. It was improved and repeated by juniors and seniors the following year.

AN: How did you get to Creighton Prep with this idea?

Fr. Michalski: Some five years later I was missioned to Prep with three other newly ordained priests. It was unheard of that the provincial would assign so many new priests to the same school. But we had noticed how young priests sent to our high schools, one or two at a time, got burned out. So we presented a plan to the provincial that involved the four of us going to the same high school as a Christian Life Group, which was the forerunner of campus ministry.

We ended up interviewing at three high schools. All were happy to have us, but Prep was the most open because of Gene Dutkiewicz, S.J., the principal at the time (also known as "Dutch"), and the provincial assigned us there. Prep also seemed to be the most in need. A few years before our arrival, the school had dropped the retreat given to freshmen and they did not have much of a sophomore or junior retreat program either. The Christian Life



Group started the sophomore retreat format of 16 kids at a time going away from campus. When Greg Glenn came several years later, he really changed the daily schedule for them and gave about three-fourths of those retreats himself.

AN: The first Freshman Retreat at Creighton Prep was held in 1974. How did it begin and what role did you play with the inception of that retreat?

Fr. Michalski: The Christian Life Group assigned me to get some kind of freshman retreat program going. So after clearing the idea of a student-led retreat for freshman with Dutch, who backed it thoroughly from the beginning, I picked some juniors and seniors and the first Freshman Retreat was born.

The format was very different the first year. There was a major speaker who gave talks in the gym to the entire freshman class followed by discussions led by a junior or senior with no staff present. Then the students would come back for another talk and discussion.

AN: How did it evolve in those first few years?

Fr. Michalski: By the second year, we had changed to four or five rotating breakouts instead of a major retreat giver. Each breakout would be attended by each of the four groups of 40-50 students. Some times were given to discussion with a group leader in their classroom/headquarters.

By the second or third year, we had a feature length movie shown right at school. Somewhere along the line, a junior or senior suggested booking a separate showing in a movie theater. We certainly did not go into a third day during the first year or two.

AN: What stands out to you from those first few years?

Fr. Michalski: After at least the first three, I vividly remember swearing that I would never have another Freshman Retreat. It was just too much work. Jeff Loebl (a Jesuit scholastic at the time) and I would be running around getting the next set of retreat experiences ready and the idea of a grounds crew had not yet suggested itself. So it was a bit crazy. I think it was during the third year that I got the idea of having 4-5 students help with setup. By the fourth Freshman Retreat, the grounds crew was born with 12-15 sophomores.

<p>1974 Mike Kuhfahl</p>	<p>1975 Jim Betterman "I sought my God, but I could not see. I sought my soul, but my soul eluded me. I sought my brother and found all three."</p>	<p>1976 Franc Fennessy & Joe Prusa God made me. God doesn't make junk</p>	<p>1977 Tom Edwards & Phil Rossbach "The man who is wrapped up in himself makes a very small package."</p>	<p>1978 Pat McDermott & Tom O'Brien The Door Opens Outward – There You'll Find Huelmymo</p>	<p>1979 Pat Kern & Bryce Thull God did not call us to see through each other, but to see each other through.</p>	<p>1980 John Sealey & Joe Townley There are two l's in friendship</p>	<p>1981 Jeff Kobza & Mike Sulentic Family is God's gift to us, what I give to the family is my gift to God</p>	<p>1982 Terry Coufal & Mike Zabawa Macho is a Mask Don't be fooled by the mask I wear for it's a tiny matter compared to what lives within me!</p>	<p>1983 Paul James & Chris Searl Simple Men: Men for Others Love isn't love 'til you give it away Simple Man – Lynyrd Skynyrd</p>	<p>1984 Steve Madigan & Joe McCaslin My name is a gift from my friends, my family, my God, upon this name I shall build. I Got a Name – Jim Croce</p>	<p>1985 Jon Fulcher & Keith Miller It's about time, you and I can make a difference It's About Time – John Denver</p>	<p>1986 Dan Lynch & Pat McGill Come celebrate the tradition that lives in you and me Everything I Own – Bread</p>	<p>1987 Terry Heinrichs & Kevin Kearney Now is the time. Growth comes with integrity, not age Just the Way You Are – Billy Joel</p>	<p>1988 Bernie Post & Mike Reisbig Give to live for it is in giving that we receive Give a Little Bit – Supertramp</p>	<p>1989 Pat O'Neil & Wayne Young Friendship gives unity to community Friends With You – John Denver</p>	<p>1990 Bryan Farrens & Pat Dempsey Don't be just anybody. Be a hero. A man for others is a hero for all Leader of the Band – Dan Fogelberg</p>	<p>1991 Pat Hanna & Steve Lindsay ME I Got a Name – Jim Croce</p>	<p>1992 Mickey Meckna & Steve Monzu Being a friend is being yourself! The One and Only – Chesney Hawkes</p>	<p>1993 Mike Daly & Tom Scarpello Step into the Light Instant Karma – John Lennon</p>
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GREG GLENN '70
Freshman Retreat Director Since 1979

There is little doubt in the Creighton Prep community that one of the keys to the success of Freshman Retreat is the ongoing dedication and leadership provided by Greg Glenn '70, who has served as Freshman Retreat Director for over 30 years and is very much the face of the program today.

After graduating from Creighton Prep in 1970, Greg received his bachelor of arts in history at Santa Clara University followed by a master of arts in history at the University of Notre Dame. He returned to Prep and the Social Studies Department in 1977 and became Freshman Retreat Director in 1979, working with Fr. Michalski.

In addition to his current teaching duties at Prep and his responsibilities directing Freshman Retreat, Greg also directs the successful Big Brothers program, where upperclassmen are paired with and serve as informal guides to Prep freshmen as they begin their four-year journey through the school.

Among Greg's many accomplishments in the Freshman Retreat program is the growth in importance of the group leader and grounds crew roles, which have flourished during his tenure. In the early days of the program, much time and effort was spent recruiting group leaders. This year, 125 Prep students applied for just 50 group leader positions and another 130 applied for 33 spots on the grounds crew.

AN: Who else was instrumental in the early success of the program?

Fr. Michalski: The first lay collaborator to get involved besides Greg was Patti Beckmann. She took over the entire food/snack part of it and anything else that needed to be done.

AN: How did the Freshman Retreat "blueprint" develop from there?

Fr. Michalski: The blueprint became a blank sheet of paper, and this is one of the four foundation stones of Freshman Retreat success.

If you just give the core group a retreat schedule from the previous year and ask them to repeat it, the retreat would never have been nearly such a success. At the first core group meeting, invariably, they would start by asking what we did last year or start remembering what they did on their freshman retreat or they'd ask me what the schedule would be.

I really enjoyed, at that point, handing a blank piece of paper to each of them and saying, "In about seven months you will have 200 freshmen arriving for a retreat. What will you do with them?" A discussion would start from there and Greg or I would just tell them to first pick a theme and to be sure that what they wanted to do would help get their theme across.

We would also tell them, "Nothing goes down on the schedule until you discuss the pros and cons of it. Nothing is for sure just because you liked it, not even the Mass. You have to own it and reinvent it." In other words, if they did not have to discuss each item on the retreat and own it, they might be just unpaid workers on a project that was not theirs and had little spirit.

AN: You mentioned four foundation stones of Freshman Retreat success, with one being group ownership. Can you elaborate?

Fr. Michalski: I feel strongly about this question and the answer that there are four foundation stones that make Freshman Retreat so powerful, memorable and long-lasting:

1. Group ownership that reinvents the theme and the events of each Freshman Retreat so it is theirs.
2. A strong trust in the goodness of youth and the power and desire they have to labor long hours for the kingdom of God at Prep if given the chance.
3. Peer ministry and I use the word "ministry" in the deepest theological sense possible.
4. Grace and the Holy Spirit. (I define grace as God's life within someone.) It is the grace of God that urges upperclassmen to say "yes" to this labor of love and it is God's spirit, the spirit of love, who gives witness through the hearts of those giving the witness talks.

AN: Your retreat blueprint has become known as the "Creighton Retreat" at many other JSEA schools such as Strake, Brophy and Rockhurst. How did you implement it at other locations?

Fr. Michalski: Finally, an easy question. Most of those schools sent a few students and a staff member to witness Freshman Retreat at Prep. This was followed by many questions and samples of past booklets given out. After three or four other schools had them, then another school thinking of having a freshman retreat would go and shadow at one of those schools if they were closer.

AN: What is your most powerful Freshman Retreat memory?

Fr. Michalski: It was in one of the core group meetings. The theme of service had been selected and, in discussing how to put flesh on that theme, one of the students suggested the most powerful example of service he knew: Jesus washing the feet of the disciples. His idea was that the group leader should wash the feet of the freshmen in his group.

This is the only time I ever had to say no to one of the ideas of the upperclassmen. That is how mature and respectful their ideas were. I said no after checking my original gut reaction with several other Jesuits. I just did not think the atmosphere could be set powerfully enough so that many freshmen would not laugh. I might have been wrong about my decision but that is the most powerful retreat memory. I could not believe it. Upperclassman taking "Men for Others" to their hearts and to the heart of the Gospel. Isn't that amazing?

AN: That is amazing. Do any other favorite memories come to mind?

Fr. Michalski: The witness talks year after year. A powerful sign of the presence of the power of God. I remember the night. It was already about 2 a.m. and a freshman got up, took the mic and gave a beautiful witness talk. Up until then, only group leaders gave the talks. We never even thought of the possibility that a freshman would come up. Greg might remember but this must have been around the fifth or sixth Freshman Retreat.

Over the years, at least twice, freshmen got up and witnessed to the fact that they were so inspired by the sacrifice and generosity of the group leaders as well as their working so hard for the freshmen that they decided on the retreat not to transfer. Both of these freshmen went on to be group leaders to give back.



1994
Mike Magilton & Brian McGill
 Here Comes the Sun – The Beatles
 Lean On Me – Bill Withers

1997
Pat Betterman & Dusty Heng
 A dream is like a river
 The River – Garth Brooks

2000
Ryan Gibb and Nick Wegner
 Diversity and Unity Create Community
 We Shall Be Free – Garth Brooks

2003
Mike Braden and Mac Longo
 A Journey to Find Yourself
 Sing Me Home – Tim McGraw

2007
Eric Kadlec and James Perry
 Brothers Alone May Fall. Together Stand Tall
 Walk Forever By My Side – The Alarm

2010
Mike Pitner and J.D. Squire
 Tomorrow Starts With The Gift of Today
 Vapor – Little Big Town

1995
Brian Chladek & Matt Norman
 Walk forever by my side. Join hands and never walk alone
 Walk Forever By My Side – The Alarm

1998
Bryant Ott & Jeff Wellwood
 On the road to find out. The answer lies within
 On the Road to Find Out – Cat Stevens

2001
Dan Boler and Mike Sanley
 "I Took the One Less Traveled By, and That Has Made All the Difference"
 Life Uncommon – Jewel

2004
Joel Grebenick and Jeff Kanger
 Character. Pass it On
 Drive – Incubus

2008
Riley Geier and Thomas Sudyka
 Life Should Be Loved Not Just Tolerated
 Better Days – Goo Goo Dolls

2011
Paul Floersch and Jake Wingate
 Experience the Love, Love the Experience
 Hold Us Together – Matt Maher

1996
Mark Maziarz & Ryan Zabrowski
 Discover & Trust
 Brother – Toad the Wet Sprocket

1999
Steve Bartolomei and John Hoarty
 Take the Time...Make A Change...
 Be The Difference
 Your Life is Now – John Mellencamp

2002
Bobby Grennan and Jay McGill
 Standing Alone, Together
 Lean On Me – Bill Withers

2005
Jake McGlade and Dan Zimmerman
 Enter The Darkness to Find the Light
 Where Are You Going – Dave Mathew's

2009
Dan Grant and Scott Quinn
 Live the Questions...To Find the Answers
 Times Like These – Foo Fighters

2012
Taylor Kratochvil and Evan Ryan
 Christians Don't Conform, They Challenge
 We Weren't Born to Follow – Bon Jovi

2006
Jeremy Graney and Eric Nagengast
 To Shine is Better than to Reflect
 Forever Young – Rod Stewart

Another great memory was at a core group meeting when one of the leaders suggested that, for the night at Prep, everyone should just sleep in the room where their small group hung out. No one had ever thought of that before. In the first few years, the entire freshman class and leaders slept in the wood gym and it was terrible since it only takes one or two to keep everyone up.

A final memory repeated year after year was the "God Squad." This group—Brother Wilmot, Scott Sibbersen, Tom Jaworski, Bill Laird, Joe Dervin and others—patrolled the halls from about 2:30 a.m.-6:00 a.m. The vast majority of freshmen just went to sleep, not willing to be caught in the halls by the God Squad.

AN: How many Freshman Retreats did you lead while you were at Prep?

Fr. Michalski: Fourteen, I believe. The first two by myself then three years with Jeff Loebel as co-moderator then nine with Greg Glenn as co-moderator. I did my tertianship in 1979 and, if I recall correctly, that is when Greg became the leader by himself.

AN: Since you left Prep, you have been many places over the years. Have you participated in any Freshman Retreats since your Prep days?

Fr. Michalski: For many years after I left Prep but was still in Omaha, I was present the entire weekend, just enjoying watching everyone work and watching the retreat unfold. In those years, I was also asked by the core group and/or Greg to be the main celebrant at the Mass. I'm not sure how many years it has been since I have done the Eucharist, but, since that time, I have continued to be part of the home experience with the talk on prayer and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

AN: What else do we need to know about Freshman Retreat?

Fr. Michalski: I just have three final things I want to stress:

1. The openness of Fr. Dutkiewicz and the trust he placed in me and in the first set of group leaders. By the end of the first year, the juniors/seniors had won over almost all the faculty. By the end of the second, almost all were asking to help if they could.

2. For each segment of the present Freshman Retreat, some junior or senior came up with it for the first time in one of the past retreats. I could give you the origin of almost every one (e.g., going to a service place, stopping at a park for some recreation, etc.). Going to the group leaders' homes for the second evening to have the talks and Sacrament of Reconciliation there was a major change. We always had a few priests come to the school in the first five or six years, and it was always a scheduling problem. What would the other 190 be doing while 10 were going to the Sacrament of Reconciliation? So when one student suggested getting a priest to each home, it was another breakthrough.



3. The Freshman Retreat is an anomaly for me. In teaching, I tended to be very controlling, doing everything myself. The fact that I could set up a pastoral experience without controlling it but rather trusting in the value of empowerment is a real testimony to the work of the Holy Spirit. It went against my nature but not my heart. Still today, my ongoing relationships of any depth with past students are all with students who were either grounds crew or group leaders or both. By the way, my most successful class at Prep was the Experiences in Prayer course. This also was based on empowerment. The students taught each other. We prayed and journaled and discussed books on prayer as well as answered two questions such as "What is your image of God?" and "What is your explanation of suffering in the world?" I only lectured two days of the entire course. The students had 95 percent of the input.

If you or one of your Prep alumni classmates would like to assist in the success of future Freshman Retreats, please contact Greg Glenn or Steve Monzu in the Campus Ministry Office at 402.548.3868.

For additional information on all the ministry activities at Creighton Prep, please visit www.creightonprep.org/ministry.

If you are interested in renewing your relationship with Christ through a spiritual director who can guide you with the help of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola, please contact Fr. Kevin Schneider, S.J. at 402.548.3829.

For those interested in a self-directed retreat informed by the power of the Spiritual Exercises, we recommend you consider the book "Retreat in the Real World: Finding Intimacy with God Wherever You Are." Published by Loyola Press in partnership with Creighton University's Online Ministry, it's a 34 week-week experience that you can begin anytime or in September to coincide with the liturgical year.

The book is co-authored by Fr. Andy Alexander, S.J. '66, the incoming president of Creighton Prep and the Vice President for University Ministry at Creighton University, and his Creighton colleagues Maureen McCann Waldron of the Collaborative Ministry Office and Fr. Larry Gillick, S.J., Director of the Degelman Center for Ignatian Spirituality.

RENAMING THE ANNUAL FUND



"AMDG ANNUAL FUND" – PROVIDING AN AFFORDABLE PREP EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE TO YOUNG MEN WHO LEARN TO LIVE THEIR LIVES FOR THE GREATER GLORY OF GOD.



GIVING LEVELS

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- 1878 Club - \$200 - \$499
- Cura Personalis - \$500-\$999
- Men and Women for Others - \$1,000 - \$2,999

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Helps fulfill a portion of the "GAP" for each student. To maintain a level of affordability, Prep has committed to a tuition subsidy of \$3,430 for each student.



St. Edmund Campion - \$5,000

Covers the average financial aid package for those students needing additional assistance above and beyond the tuition subsidy.



St. Aloysius Gonzaga - \$8,000

Provides financial assistance to help those students with the most exceptional circumstances.



St. Robert Bellarmine - \$12,000

Approximates the full educational cost of one student at Prep.



St. Francis Xavier - \$16,000

Covers the full financial aid package for two students with exceptional circumstances.



St. Ignatius of Loyola - \$25,000

Donors at this level cover the full operational cost of two students at Creighton Prep.

ANNUAL FUND RENAMED TO "AMDG ANNUAL FUND"

Since its establishment in the early 1970s, the Annual Fund has helped strengthen Creighton Prep's commitment to a quality and affordable education for the young men who walk through our doors. Each year Creighton Prep is faced with the task of raising approximately \$3 million to:

- Cover the "GAP" between the average tuition charged (\$9,020) and the actual cost of educating each student (\$12,450).
- Provide over 45% of our deserving young men with \$1.8 million in additional financial assistance.

As we continue to seek support for the essential priorities of Creighton Prep, we have renamed our "Annual Fund" the "AMDG Annual Fund" in recognition of the direct impact your contributions have on our students.

AMDG is the abbreviated Latin motto for the Society of Jesus, "Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam" ("For the greater glory of God"). The "AMDG Annual Fund" better reflects its core purpose of making Prep affordable for our students as they learn to live their lives for the greater glory of God.

Thank you for your continued support to our students. I hope you enjoy your summer!

Sincerely,

Brad Burks '00
Director of Annual Funds



CREIGHTON **PREP**

WINTER SPORTS

OVER THE PAST SEVEN MONTHS, Creighton Prep athletics added three club state championships, four varsity state titles and one finish in the top five nationally. Congratulations to the club team champions of ice hockey, trap and powerlifting, as well as the varsity teams of swimming, soccer, baseball and golf for building upon the school's storied athletic history!

BASKETBALL

District qualifier



ICE HOCKEY

Prep "Blue"

Prep "White" - Undefeated and state club champion 28-0



POWERLIFTING

3 state club championships in a row
19 lifters placed at competition



TRACK

5 individual state qualifiers
1 team relay state qualifier



TRAP

Prep "Blue" - state champions (back-to-back)

Prep "White" - 2nd place

Nick Zuerlein '12 - overall champion



WRESTLING

6th at State

4th at Districts

Hayden Hanson '13 - State Champion, 126 lbs.



CREIGHTON **PREP**

SPRING SPORTS

THE YEAR OF CHAMPIONS!

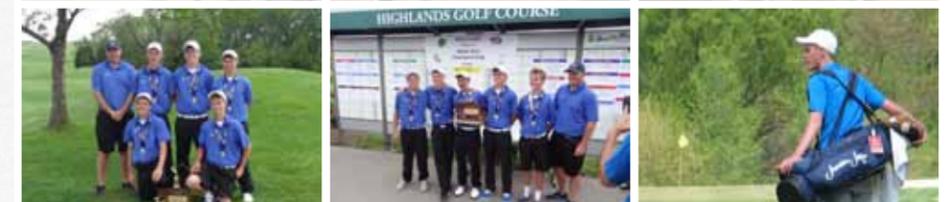
BASEBALL

Metro champs
District champs
State champs
34-4



GOLF

Metro champs
District champs
State champs
Carson Schaaqe '13 - Overall champion



LACROSSE

13-11



SOCCER

Metro champs
District champs
State champs (back-to-back)
22-1
4th nationally by ESPN.hs



SWIMMING

The Swimming & Diving team went undefeated for the 2011-12 season
State championship (6th in a row)



ALUMNI SPORTS

OVER THE PAST SIX MONTHS, nearly 350 Creighton Prep alumni reconnected with the school through a variety of annual athletic events including the Alumni Basketball League, the Alumni Soccer Game and the Alumni Golf Tournament. Whether it was team "Loser Buys Drinks" and team "Nothing Preppy About It" winning the JV and varsity basketball tournament, or "Team Sutko" winning their third set of "O'Leary blue jackets" at the Alumni Golf Tournament, at the end of the day, everyone had a good time!

BASKETBALL



JV Basketball Champions "Loser Buys Drinks"

L-R Front Row: Jim Rempe '96, Josh Livingston '96, Rob Holmes '96

L-R Back Row: Ryan Jensen '96, Tom Kollasch '96, Steve Coffey '96, Vince Pietro '96, Eldon Stull '96, Kris Abrahamson '96 and JT Savo

Varsity Basketball Champions "Nothing Preppy About It"

L-R: Kevin Savory, Mike Snyder, Drew Sova '02, Tyler Mullen '02, Nick Bowden '02, Jordan Downey (not pictured, Andy Schmad '03)



GOLF



ALUMNI SPORTS

SOCCER



JESUIT SPOTLIGHT

REV. GEORGE RUSSELL SULLIVAN, S.J.

Rev. George Russell Sullivan, S.J. was born in San Francisco, California on May 24, 1944 to Mary (Russell) and George T. Sullivan, an Irish-Catholic Democrat from Boston. The family moved back to Omaha in 1945 and lived near 17th & Center St., close to St. Joseph Elementary School. Fr. Sullivan and his younger brother Gerry '65 attended St. Joseph's and the Sullivans were proud parishioners of St. Patrick's. His father served as acting Douglas County Coroner for 25 years.

He graduated from Creighton Prep in 1962, where he and his fellow classmates hold the distinction of being the first class to attend all four years at the school's current 74th & Western Ave. location. At Prep, he participated in yearbook, and debate. He was homecoming committee chairman and was elected national champion in the Student Senate of the National Forensic League Tournament after his senior year.

Despite having earned an academic scholarship to Holy Cross, he entered the Jesuits in September 1962 at St. Bonifacius in Minnesota. He began his undergraduate work at Jesuit College in St. Bonifacius then completed his Bachelor of Arts degree in philosophy and letters at St. Louis University in 1968. Fr. Sullivan then taught history and government at Marquette High School from 1968 to 1971 before earning a Master's in Divinity at Regis College in Toronto, Ontario in 1975. He was ordained in the Society of Jesus at St. John's at Creighton on June 13 of that same year.

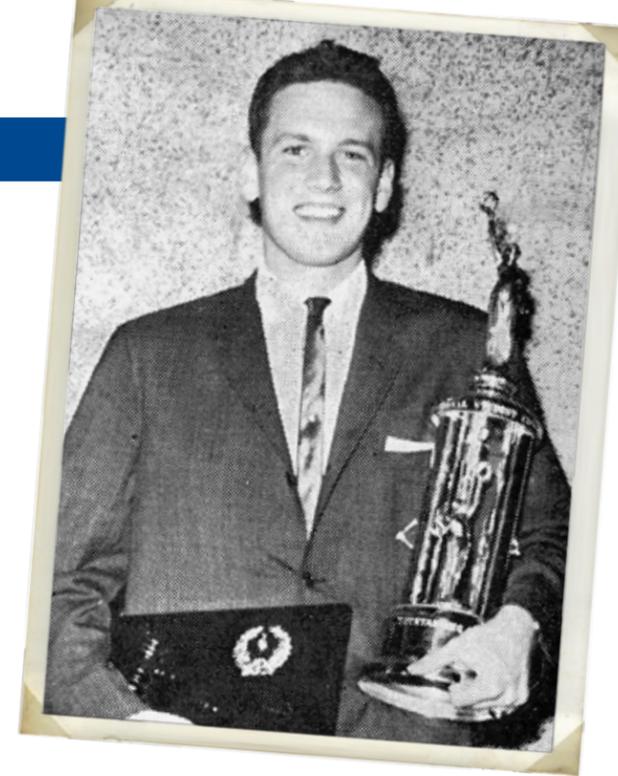
Fr. Sullivan went on to teach theology at Prep and serve as assistant to the president from 1975 to 1978. In 1981, he earned his Juris Doctorate at Creighton University School of Law. He then spent a year in Spokane, Washington in tertianship (a third year of Jesuit training) before returning to Omaha.

In 1982, Fr. Sullivan was chosen as Prep's 27th president and held that position until 1988. During his six years at the Prep helm, he led the successful \$3.1 million Endowment II drive, worked to increase diversity in the student population and kept the school financially viable during a difficult recession. He also served on the Omaha Archdiocesan Board of Education.

After a sabbatical, Fr. Sullivan accepted a vice presidency at the Gregorian University Foundation in 1989 and lived in Los Angeles until 2006, raising money for scholarships and faculty chairs at the school. The Gregorian University was founded in Rome by St. Ignatius in 1551 and is an international theological graduate consortium with 3,500 theology students representing 160 different countries.

This position gave him his first opportunity to travel the world and he would eventually visit over 20 countries. "I had not been overseas when I arrived in Rome at age 44 and it was an extraordinary opportunity in the middle of my career to experience the Church universal," Fr. Sullivan noted recently.

In 2006, Fr. Sullivan came home to Prep where he is currently the assistant to the president. In this capacity, he has helped the school raise nearly \$37 million for the "Keeping the Promise" Campaign



that supports student, faculty and facility initiatives. Father Sullivan has also served on the board of directors at New Cassel Retirement Center since 2008 and was on the Priests' Council of the Archdiocese of Omaha between 2009 and 2011.

Earlier this spring, Fr. Sullivan was honored by the Prep speech and debate team on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of his national championship in forensics. Coach Rich Brown and the team awarded him a commemorative plaque and also worked with State of Nebraska representatives to garner him an honorary admiralship in the Nebraska Navy. Fr. Sullivan also celebrated his 50th reunion at Prep in late May with many classmates and friends.

He estimates that he has personally presided over 225 weddings and funerals and concelebrated more than 700 of them. A wedding at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York is remembered well by Fr. Sullivan as is the 1972 funeral for his father, his mother's funeral in 1992 and the burial of 35 family members over the past 37 years.

In his spare time, when he is not organizing archives or writing down history, Fr. Sullivan enjoys saving, trading and managing his collection of over 3,000 political buttons, a passion that began in 1960 when his father was an elected delegate for John F. Kennedy to the Democratic National Convention.



SPEECH AND DEBATE

The 2011-2012 Prep speech and debate team had another great season, winning the state Congressional/Legislative Debate championship for the second consecutive year. Walter Paul won the individual championship and John Michael Hogue finished second in the annual competition sponsored by the Nebraska Speech Communication and Theatre Association. Five Prep competitors finished in the top five slots and were awarded medals.

On the speech side for the past three years, Prep has had a final-four finalist in the American Legion's annual State Oratorical Contest. Thomas Owens finished second in the competition, the highest finish for any Omahan since 1999. He also became the second Prep speech and debate team member in the past two years to receive the prestigious Academic All-American Award from the National Forensic League.

In addition to winning numerous medals and trophies each weekend at invitationals, team members earned eight slots at national competitions this summer. Carlo Eby, Donald Erftmier, Greg Huber, Thomas Owens and Walter Paul traveled to Baltimore over Memorial Day weekend for the National Catholic Forensic League's Grand National Tournament. Thomas, Walter and John Michael Hogue then competed in the National Forensic League's week-long National Speech & Debate Tournament in June in Indianapolis.



HERE & THERE

60s

Gerald L. Abts '62 and the rest of his Creighton Prep class celebrated their 50-year class reunion in May. Jerry and his wife Maryann have lived in Denver for the past 24 years. Together, they have one son, one daughter and five grandsons.



Luis G. Castro '62 and his wife have two sons and one daughter, all married with children. Luis has spent his entire career in communications, specifically advertising, creativity and strategy. For the past 15-20 years, he has focused on corporate and public affairs, media relations and stakeholder relationship management. He lives in Costa Rica and is the president of the Central America/Caribbean group of the Porter Novelli agencies.

James W. Thompson '63 is the Sarpy County Commissioner for District 2 and serves on the Merit Commission, the Visitor/Tourism Committee and the Legislation Committee. Jim holds a Bachelor of Science from the University of Notre Dame, a Master of Business Administration from Creighton and a Master's Degree in School Administration from the University of Nebraska-Omaha. He is also involved with the Sarpy YMCA, TeamMates, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Midlands and the Lions Club.

William P. Glaser '64 retired in 2012 from his position as a civil engineering project manager with the Nevada Department of Transportation after construction was completed on his last project, a \$40 million highway interchange on U.S. Route 95 at Horse Drive in Las Vegas. Bill and his wife Cheryl plan to live in Minden, Nevada at the foot of the Sierra Nevada Mountains near Lake Tahoe and travel often to Seattle and San Diego where their daughters Lisa and Nicki, grandson Sebastian and granddaughter Skye live.

Dale F. Barr '67 was hired as general manager for Gesu Housing, Inc. and is responsible for day-to-day operations such as marketing and development. Brother Mike Wilmot, S.J. is president of the organization which builds new homes in the Clifton Hills area of North Omaha. To date, every Gesu house has sold immediately after going on the market, making it the only non-profit housing organization in the city with no standing inventory.

Dr. Richard J. Whitman '69 recently opened Whitman Dental near 74th & Pacific Street. He and his wife Shelley have been married for almost 40 years and the couple has four adult children. His hobbies include music, woodworking and singing in his church choir for the past 25 years. He has also been a member of an oldies band called "Happy Together" for five years. Learn more about his practice at www.whitmandentalomaha.com.

70s

Robert J. Pokorski, MD '70 authored the book "Same Same, but Different: A Life Beyond Certainty," an inspirational memoir that chronicles his life as a physician, businessman and world traveler. Written during the three years he lived in Seoul, South Korea, it is a refreshing perspective on beliefs, happiness and the elements of a meaningful life. The book can be purchased as an e-book at www.smashwords.com and in hard copy from www.amazon.com.

Matthew P. Cortese '71 was inducted into the Omaha Bowling Hall of Fame this past April. Matt started his bowling career in the 1960s in the junior leagues at Kelly's Hilltop Lanes and at the Rose Bowl. He owns career highs of a 299 game and a 750 series. He was a regular on the TV show "Strike it Rich," recording a 40-1 record in the strikes-only segment and a 27-3 mark in mixed scotch doubles. Matt has also coached in junior leagues and volunteered with Special Olympics bowling.



Robert E. Mickells '73 and his wife Lorraine celebrated their 33rd anniversary this past March. The couple marked the occasion in Metamora, Ill. with their daughter Mary Stevens, son-in-law Clay Stevens and grandsons Champ (7) and Tripp (4).

Gerald J. Tomka '75 was elected to serve on Security National Bank's board of directors commencing in January 2012. Gerry joined the bank in 2009 as a senior vice president with responsibilities for managing its business banking unit. He received his business administration degree from Creighton and is a graduate of the Colorado School of Banking. Gerry is also a board member for the Children's Respite Care Center.

Paul G. Smith '76 was presented the Citation for Alumni Achievement by the Alumni Association at the University of Nebraska-Omaha. This is the association's highest honor and it encompasses career achievement, community service, involvement in business and professional associations and

loyalty to the university. Paul earned his master's degree in business administration from UNO in 1984 and is the vice-chairman of Tenaska Energy and co-founder, CEO and senior managing director of Tenaska Capital Management.

James J. Sanders '78 is a licensed marriage and family therapist in Orange County, Calif. and president of the 30,000 member California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists (www.camft.org). He is also on the board of directors of Mary's Shelter, a pro-life group home for pregnant teenage girls.

Jeffrey P. Gaule '79 and his wife Dee have owned Cruisers Bar & Grill since May 2010. View the full menu and learn more about the bar on their website, www.cruisersbarandgrillomaha.com.

John F. Healy '79 has been named dean of the College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences at the University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio, Texas.

80s

Michael R. Simmons '80 and his wife Melissa recently moved to Lincoln, Neb. After 13 years as a project management consultant, Mike joined the Ameritas Life Insurance Corp. The couple has four daughters ages 4, 7, 9 and 25.

James G. Pogge '81 is the new vice president of advancement at Mercy High School in Omaha. Jim was most recently the director of philanthropy for Creighton University and, prior to that, worked as the director of the Hire4Ed program at St. Peter Claver Cristo Rey Catholic High School.

Bradley A. Thrasher '82 has been promoted to vice president and general manager – Industrial Products at Union Pacific. Brad has 23 years of industry experience with the railroad, most recently serving as assistant vice president of Streamline, a subsidiary. He earned his degree in business administration from Creighton University.

John A. Nagl '84 left his post as president of the Center for a New American Security to become a professor at the U.S. Naval Academy. He will remain a non-resident senior fellow at CNAS and continue to run its Next Generation National Security Leaders Program. John will teach classes and seminars at the Naval Academy and also start work on a new book looking back at the last ten years of American warfare.

Michael M. Beacom '85 was recognized for being a top 25 sales agent within the Deeb Real Estate Company for calendar year 2011. There are over 300 agents in the Omaha office, and being in the top 25 means he also landed in the top 20 percent of all company agents. Learn more about Mike's real estate business at www.getmikebeacom.com.

Rev. Timothy J. Harmon '85 was named pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Lake Park, Iowa.

John P. Fitzgerald '87 recently got married and was promoted to director at his company, Analytics8, which specializes in data warehousing and business intelligence consulting. John and his wife Mickey live in Chicago.

Timothy D. Uhl '88 is principal of Holy Rosary School, the oldest Catholic elementary school in Washington state. Like many Catholic schools the school has struggled to stay open. To prevent closing, Tim and his team adopted a new model that they hope will give the school a more sustainable future. They hope to attract more Hispanic students (historically underserved in area Catholic schools) and English-language customers who are interested in their children becoming bilingual. This two-way immersion program has attracted nearly \$300,000 in support and enrollment has been growing so much that they anticipate opening the doors next year with significantly more students. Holy Rosary will be first Catholic school in Washington to implement this program. Learn more about the school at www.facebook.com/holyrosarytacoma.

Timothy R. Reed '89 was promoted to vice-president of market segmentation at Physicians Mutual Insurance and is currently leading a new strategic initiative for the company. He joined the company in 2001 and, prior to taking on his new role, held several other sales positions. Tim received a bachelor degree in psychology from Santa Clara University.

90s

Donald J. Fraynd '90 received one of the 2012 "Forward under 40" honors from the University of Wisconsin-Madison Alumni Association by living the "Wisconsin Idea," the inspiration for this award. As principal of Jones College Prep in Chicago, he led the school to achieve a Top 100 ranking from *U.S. News & World Report* and earn the first Blue Ribbon Schools designation that the U.S. Department of Education awarded to a Chicago public high school. Today, Don is CEO of TeacherMatch, a company he co-founded to help improve pre-hire assessment for candidates and hiring teams.

HERE & THERE

Matthew S. Howard '92 and his wife Jennifer live in Colorado Springs, Colo. with their family of six, three boys and three girls. He finished his degree in religious studies and received a minor in psychology from Regis University this past May. Matt also graduated with a degree from the Denver Catholic Biblical School in 2008.

Paul G. Kulik '92 is the chef/co-owner of the Boiler Room Restaurant located in downtown Omaha. He was nominated this year as a semifinalist for Best Chef Midwest by the James Beard Foundation, the pre-eminent American culinary foundation. Last year he was invited to prepare a dinner at the foundation house located in the Greenwich Village neighborhood of Lower Manhattan. This year, Paul was invited to prepare a dinner with Outstanding in the Field, another major player in the American cultural advancement of food, using locally sourced product. On another front, Paul has been buying wine for the restaurant for the past two years and has turned this work into a full-time fascination.



Brian M. Carlin '95 was recognized for being a top 25 sales agent within the Deeb Real Estate Company for calendar year 2011. There are over 300 agents in the Omaha office, and being in the top 25 means he also landed in the top 20 percent of all company agents. Brian has been in the top 25 for three years in a row and finished as the number nine agent in the company. Visit www.briancarlinhomes.com to learn more about his listings.

Nestor P. Goutierre '95 and his wife Sarah traveled to Vienna, Austria last year for a friend's wedding. The couple lives in Kansas City with their two-year-old daughter and her newborn sister. Nestor works for Sprint in the areas of budgeting and forecasting.



Matthew A. McCampbell '95 and his wife Megan welcomed Vivian Grace into their family this past March. Matt is vice president of corporate development for Essent US Holdings, Inc. and the family lives outside of Philadelphia.



William R. Schindler '95 and his wife Gina welcomed Gianna Marie Schindler into their family this past November. Bill is finishing his final business class and will receive his MBA from the Keller Graduate School of Management this June. He currently works as a senior admissions advisor for DeVry University. The couple lives outside Philadelphia and recently celebrated their fourth wedding anniversary.

James E. Codr '96 earned the chartered life underwriter (CLU) professional designation from The American College in Byrn Mawr, Pa. He joined Wiig-Codr in 2005 and currently serves as vice president. Jim remains active in the Omaha community and serves as vice president of Project Harmony Service League and serves on the board of directors of NAIFA-Omaha. He and his wife Emily two daughters and one son



Brent W. Collins '96 and his wife Traci welcomed Asher James into their family this past April. Brent is the director of virtualization for Sirius Computer Solutions in Omaha.

Colin D. Hogan '96 and his wife Allison welcomed Finn Colin, the couple's third son, into their family this past March. Colin recently took a new job with a medical device company in Omaha.

Kevin M. Kelley '97 graduated in 2007 with his Ph.D. in industrial-organizational psychology from Saint Louis University and went to work for IBM as a change management consultant. After living two years in San Francisco, he moved to Austin, Texas where he is currently employed at Apple, Inc. as a senior organizational readiness manager. In his spare time, Kevin enjoys photography, running, riding and working on motorcycles.

00s



Bradley D. Burks '00 and his wife Kim welcomed their first child, Elijah Everett, into their family this past January.

Bradley K. Stuva '00 and his wife Marla welcomed Corrigan Rae into their family this past May.



Christopher D. Beaudoin '02 received his B.A. at the University of Nebraska-Omaha, attended law school at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for a year, moved back to Omaha and is currently employed with Werner Enterprises. He works in the International Logistics group as a project manager, importing (among other various goods) fracturing sand from China for the oil boom in North Dakota/the Midwest. Chris was married in 2008 and he and his wife Rachel have a son, Liam Christian, who will turn one this June. When he is not working on the house or in the yard, Chris teaches a mixed martial arts class part-time in the evenings.

Mark A. Torczon '02 recently received designation as a professional civil engineer at Lamp, Rynearson & Associates. Mark is a construction engineer for the company's construction administration team and received his bachelor's degree in civil engineering with an environmental emphasis from Iowa State University.



Thomas J. Langdon '06 graduated from Marquette University with a degree in bio-mechanical engineering and a minor in criminal justice. He currently works as a domain administrator at the University of Alaska-Fairbanks and is an emergency medical technician for the North Pole Volunteer Fire Department.

Stanislaus J. Heaney '09 lives in Kansas City and recently finished his B.A. in psychology at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. He also earned minors in philosophy and music, and plans to pursue a Ph.D. in counseling.



John M. Karhoff '09 currently serves as the starting center on the University of Nebraska - Omaha's basketball team, averaging 12.9 points, 4.5 rebounds and 1.9 assists per game. He ranked second on the team in scoring last season, shooting 52.9 percent from the floor and 74.1 percent from the free throw line while posting 21 double-figure scoring efforts. John is on the UNO Dean's List majoring in journalism and was named second-team independent all-conference by College Sports Madness.



Taylor J. Stormberg '09 has been named one of the Missouri Valley Conference's Elite 18 winners. According to the MVC, The Elite 18 Award Program was established to honor the highest achievement in academics and athletics by a student athlete in each MVC-sponsored sport. Taylor is a finance and accounting major in the College of Business at Creighton with an outstanding reputation in the classroom as well on the court.



Caleb J. Steffensmeier '10 appeared in all but one regular-season game and both postseason games for the University of Nebraska-Omaha's basketball team, averaging 16.1 minutes, 3.8 points and 1.8 assists per contest. Caleb is majoring in computer engineering and hopes to make computers one day. When not on the court, he enjoys golfing and playing any kind of sport.

ANOTHER "40 Under 40"



Darrell "Paul" Fraynd '01

We neglected to mention the fifth "40 Under 40" recipient in the winter issue of the Alumni News. Paul Fraynd '01 owns Omaha Friendly Services, which specializes in lawn care, landscape installation, gardening, aeration, dirt grading and snow removal.

His company has grown from a single \$50 lawn mower purchased in 2002 to a workforce of 15 employees, with over \$1 million in sales. Paul and his crew mow 225 lawns per week and remove snow from 100 residential locations and 92 businesses throughout Omaha.

Paul has a bachelor's degree in business administration from Creighton University. He is a certified turfgrass professional and is working to become professionally certified in landscape.

He joins Joel F. Dougherty '92, Nicholas T. Hogan '93, Zakary A. Olsen '01 and Andrew Kirberger Popp '97 as the fifth Prepster in the *Midlands Business Journal* "40 Under 40" Class of 2011.

SAVE THE DATE

REGIONAL GATHERINGS

MINNEAPOLIS
September 6

CHICAGO
October 18

Go to www.creightonprep.org/alumni for more information

Please Remember

December 17, 2011 to June 6, 2012

Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will. All I have and call my own. Whatever I have or hold, you have given me. I restore it all to you and surrender it wholly to be governed by your will. Give me only your love and grace and I am rich enough and ask for nothing more.

Alumni

Joseph A. Archibald, Jr. '41
Donald H. Bendorf '45,
father of James '71 (deceased), Craig '73

Joseph P. Bruno '67,
brother of Ronald '66

Richard J. Bujarski '68,
father of Stephen '00

Michael M. Carlson '80,
father of Timothy '08, David '14

Francis J. Cavlovic '63,
father of David '88

Paul F. Clements '56,
brother of S. Thomas '57, Theodore '58
(deceased), Robert '67

F. Michael Cosentino '87,
son of Anthony '64, brother of Anthony '85
(deceased), Patrick '94

John G. Daly '64,
son of Leo '35 (deceased), brother of Leo '60

Theodore E. Domanski '62

Richard A. Douglas '64

John L. Dworak '35,
brother of Thomas '38 (deceased)

James O. Emerson '44

Lawrence M. Fitzgerald '67,
brother of James '64

Steven Franco '63,
father of David '89, Ted '94, Jeff '99,
grandfather of Zachary '12, Caleb '14,
brother of Terry '64

Charles M. Goodland '55,
father of Kevin '89, Bryan '92, brother of
William '65

Robert J. Grogan '49,
brother of Richard '53 (deceased)

John R. Halbach '52

Boyd C. Hayden '58

Matthew R. Hillebrandt '97,
son of Robert '72, brother of John '01

James W. Janovsky '69

Michael C. Kuehl '97,
son of Terence '68

Anthony R. Manganaro, Jr. '48,
grandfather of Lucas '14, brother of Ross '46

John "Jack" Marcil '48,
father of Michael '78, William '79,
grandfather of Daniel Belatti '07,
Thomas Belatti '09, John Abts '10

Michael G. McFayden '77

Richard L. McVaney '55,
brother of John '54 (deceased),
C. Edward '59, Timothy '67

Rev. Melvin J. Merwald '63,
brother of Jerome '62, Frank '68

Trey L. Neumann '07

John J. Parks '60

Raphael "Ray" Powers '42,
brother of Bernard '64 (deceased),
grandfather of Manual Wright '05

Robert J. Prince '54
(11/3/2011)

William A. Quinn '39

Richard J. Ronk '51

Charles P. Safranek '52,
brother of Jerome '54 (deceased)

Paul J. Safranek, Jr. '64,
brother of Francis '71

Michael J. Sall '65

Thomas M. Shanahan '52,
father of Timothy '82, brother of James '57,
Michael '62 (deceased)

William L. Steele, III '61,
father of William '86, Jason '95,
brother of John '63

Gerald M. Swift '48

James J. Targy '49,
father of James '74 (deceased), Stephen '77,
John '78

Jeffrey D. Toberer '61,
father of Daniel '87

Anthony S. Troia '63,
grandfather of Mack Greder, III '15, brother
of Joseph '61

Edward L. Van Ackeren '66,
son of Richard '27 (deceased), brother of
Rick '60, Daniel '62, Timothy '70

William C. Vaughn '61
(11/13/2011), brother of Michael '66,
Pierre '70

John S. Vokoun '70

Scott F. Wallace '79

George M. Wilson '37

Robert L. Zabawa '48,
father of Stephen '75, Timothy '77,
David '80, Michael '82

Wives

Mary A. Bathen,
widow of John '45, mother of Edward '69,
James '71, Joseph '75, grandmother of
Jerry Sanders '97

Irene C. Bellus,
mother of John '58, grandmother of
Paul Bellus '84, Eric Holstein '94,
Sean Walz '05

Jean M. Cooney,
wife of Gerald '49

Beulah O. Cortese,
wife of Gildo '30 (deceased), mother of
Matthew '71, John '72

Betty M. Gorham,
widow of Robert '41

Donna C. Huber,
widow of John '46, mother of Thomas '73,
grandmother of Thomas '01, Timothy '04

Marie A. Kalthorn,
widow of Carl '39, mother of Carl (Butch)
'66, John '69

Lennie Kennedy,
wife of Joseph '42

Sally Kiency,
wife of John '47

Danielle A. LaHood,
wife of Matthew '80

Janet P. LaHood,
wife of James '75

Helen Clare Murphy,
widow of Joseph '22, mother of Thomas '74

Patricia M. Naylor,
widow of Dale '40

Katherine Nields,
wife of Charles '49

Rosemary O'Neil,
widow of James '37, mother of James '62,
grandmother of Patrick '97

Susan L. Seitz,
wife of Gary '67

Karen Kirkwood Vampola,
wife of Alfred '52

Zenobia Vana,
widow of Charles '47

Fathers

Joseph L. Beacom,
father of Mark '76, Michael '82

John J. Bergin,
stepfather of Patrick O'Neill '76 (deceased),
Daniel O'Neill '81 (deceased)

Sebastian "Yano" Bonofede,
father of Sam '65 (deceased), grandfather of
Joseph and William Garnett '10

William F. Brown, II,
father of David '15

Donald C. Classen,
father of David '66

John J. Donovan, Sr.,
father of John '81, grandfather of
James Doyle '09

Ray M. Fisher,
father of Stephen '69, Michael '72,
grandfather of Gregory '98

Earl G. Greene, Jr.,
father of Phillip '80 (deceased), grandfather
of Jordy '13, Isaac '15

Francis V. Guinan,
father of John '65, William '66, James '82

Harlon N. Harvey,
father of Thomas '67

Vance P. Hilbers,
father of Zachary '02

Donald L. Hill,
father of David '72

Tony John,
father of Anthony '93

John R. Kirchner,
father of Lee '78

Paul R. Krejci,
father of John '73, James '77

George J. Lenihan,
father of John '66, grandfather of Daniel '96

Steve J. Mayhan,
father of Stephen '71

Harry W. McFadden, Jr.,
father of Harry '65, grandfather of
Jeffery '92, Brian '95

Arthur E. Meier,
father of Craig '88

Ronald K. Miller,
father of Robert '90

William F. Pagett,
father of Jeffrey '81, Scott '84, Gregory '95

Joseph R. Riedler,
father of Daniel '05

Richard R. Rosinsky,
father of David '82

James G. "Jerry" Ryan,
father of John '78, Daniel '86, grandfather
of Thomas Gasnick '09, Robert Gasnick '11

Aloysius J. Saniuk,
father of John '68

Louis C. Schafer,
father of Richard '65, William '69 (deceased)

Joseph C. Thibodeau,
father of Thomas '80

LeRoy E. Watkins,
father of William '80, Sanford '81, Dwayne '87

James B. Wilson,
father of James '95, Jay '01

Raymond R. Zukaitis,
father of John '67, Mark '68, Raymond '69,
Stephen '72, Thomas '73, James '81,
grandfather of A. Patrick Longo '00

John J. Zyla,
father of Gregory '68, grandfather of
Terrence Hanrahan '15

Mothers

Olive Arkoosh,
mother of Frederick '63 (deceased)

Sebastiana "Nettie" Belsky,
mother of Thomas '75

Rose A. Bouska,
mother of John '61, grandmother of Andrew '93

Ruth Carter,
mother of Michael '73

Lucille R. Circo,
mother of Paul '65, grandmother of Paul '88,
Scott '90, Ryan Morrison '06

Janet L. Cohen,
mother of Benjamin '90, Daniel '92

Beverly Craft,
mother of Thomas '71

Rose Daniels,
mother of Stanley '94 (deceased),
grandmother of Andrew Halm '05

Loretta T. Donahoe,
mother of Patrick '66, Robert '71

Kathryn A. Elliott,
mother of Kevin '04

Darlene E. Gross,
mother of Michael '67

Agnes K. Heywood,
mother of L. Thomas '60, Robert '66

Lois Huse,
mother of Jay '89

Maxine Kathrein,
mother of James '62, William '65,
grandmother of William '13, Edward '15

Rose M. Lentz,
mother of Timothy '78, Thomas '80

Mary Clare MacKenzie,
mother of William '75, John '78

Vera Jane Marreel,
mother of Richard '61

Patricia A. McCarthy,
mother of Edward '67, Thomas '80,
grandmother of Sean '90, Shane
Sandhoefner '04, Neil Sandhoefner '06,
Matthew Reilly '02

Rita J. McManus,
mother of John '75

Madeline D. Menard,
mother of Bernard '65

Genevieve M. O'Neil,
mother of James '62, Daniel '64,
grandmother of Jeffrey Monzu '88,
Stephen Monzu '92

Joan G. O'Neill,
mother of Stephen '77

JoAnn Peterson,
mother of Daniel '79

Lorraine T. Podwinski,
mother of Michael '71,
grandmother of Michael '92

Peggy Purcell,
mother of Andrew Gerlecz '95

Pota Rakes,
mother of George '72, Steven '74

Felicia M. Ramacciotti,
mother of William '83, William Ortman '88,
Robert Ortman '87, daughter of
R.L. McGargill '27 (deceased)

Sharon M. Riedmann,
mother of Louis "Chip" '72, grandmother of
Christopher '14

Mary A. Santi,
mother of Ralph '57

Mildred C. Smith,
mother of Jeffrey '61

Doris M. Synowicki,
mother of Robert '76, Michael '78
(deceased), James '83, grandmother of
Paul '03

Irene M. Tomasek,
mother of Stephen '64

Juanita R. Tubrick,
mother of Anthony '72, grandmother of
Anthony '98

Sandra S. Vandenberg,
mother of James '99

Mary A. Warin,
mother of Roger '63, Edward '65,
F. Joseph '68, grandmother of Edward '94

Helen A. Winkelmann,
mother of F. William '62, grandmother of
David Holcomb '93

Willie Mae Zenon,
mother of Golden '71, G. Mark '73, Terry '75,
Corey '84

Children

LaBrone Douglas,
son of Kip Douglas '67

Donna C. Huber,
daughter of Joseph J. Smisek '22 (deceased)

Kate Kestel,
daughter of Jack Jackson '54

William S. LaHood,
son of James '45 (deceased), brother of
Mark '70 (deceased), Dennis '72, James '75,
Matthew '80, grandson of Paul Kelley '18
(deceased)

Gary E. Schulte,
son of Bernard '25 (deceased), brother of
Bernard '48 (deceased)

Todd F. Simon,
son of Bernie '45 (deceased)

Please Remember

Tessie O. Edwards Rest in Peace



When Tessie O. Edwards died Saturday, she left an educational legacy with few rivals.

She got the Black Student Catholic Scholarship Fund established and funded for the Archdiocese of Omaha. With the start of

the next school year, 99 high school students will have benefited from the fund. Edwards was the archdiocese's first African-American teacher.

She taught for 46 years, 23 of them at Omaha Creighton Prep. She also was chairwoman of the history department and mentored teachers.

She served on the Omaha Archdiocesan Commission on Education and on the boards of Marian and Duchesne.

"She was the embodiment of history itself. It was always an expansive experience to be with her," said the Rev. George R. Sullivan, a former teaching colleague and president of Prep from 1982 to 1988. He's now assistant to the president.

Edwards designed Prep's global studies course in history from a multicultural perspective, not a European-centered one, Sullivan said. She earned a bachelor's degree from Creighton University in 1949.

Edwards received many honors, including the Pope Paul VI Pontifex Maximus Award in 1964 for her commitment to Catholic education, Prep's Ancilla Domini Award when she retired in 1991 and a Doctor of Humane Letters from CU in 2005.

"It's good for the minority student, and it's good for the majority student. They will learn to get along with each other because they know each other."

Excerpts taken from May 18, 2012 *Omaha World Herald*

Father Melvin J. Merwald '63 Rest in Peace



Father Melvin J. Merwald '63 pastor of St. Margaret Mary Parish in Omaha for 12 years and a former director of Catholic Charities of Omaha, died of a form of Parkinson's disease March 26. He was 66.

His funeral Mass was held March 29 at St. Margaret Mary Church in Omaha, and interment was at Calvary Cemetery in Omaha. Father Donald Shane '60, pastor of St. Robert Bellarmine Parish in Omaha, was the homilist.

Father Merwald's talents included finances and organization as he served as executive director of Catholic Charities in Omaha from 1982 to 1990. He also had a dry sense of humor, a love for jokes and good stories, Father Shane said.

He was generous, as well, with people who were ill or suffering, at one point donating one of his kidneys to his cousin and fellow Creighton Prep classmate, the late Francis "Cork" Cavlovic.

From 1994 to 2007, Father Merwald served as pastor of St. Margaret Mary Parish in Omaha. He also served at St. Thomas More, St. Bernard and St. James parishes, all in Omaha, and St. Bonaventure Parish in Columbus and Sacred Heart Parish in Norfolk.

He retired in 2010 as pastor of St. Wenceslaus Parish in Omaha after being diagnosed with Parkinson's. He lived at Brookestone Meadows in Elkhorn until entering hospice in the last days of his life.

Father Merwald was ordained in 1971. He attended Assumption, Holy Cross and the now-closed St. Adalbert schools in Omaha, and he graduated from Creighton Preparatory School in Omaha in 1963. He also attended St. John Seminary near Elkhorn - now Mount Michael Benedictine Abbey - and Mount St. Bernard College and Seminary (now Loras College) in Dubuque, Iowa, and Creighton University.

Excerpts taken from April 6, 2012 *Catholic Voice*

ALUMNI IN THE WORKPLACE Drs. Gross, Iwersen, Kratochvil & Klein P.C.

The following excerpts are from a book by Bob Reilly, Hugh Reilly and Pegeen Reilly entitled "Historic Omaha: An Illustrated History of Omaha and Douglas County" and published in San Antonio, Texas by the Historical Publishing Network in 2003. In it, the history of the firm Gross, Iwersen, Kratochvil & Klein P.C. is highlighted as are six of the original team members who are all Creighton Prep graduates: Dr. Joseph Gross '31 (deceased), Dr. Frank Iwersen '27 (deceased), Dr. Bernard Kratochvil '50, Dr. Robert J. Klein '51 (deceased), Dr. R. Michael Gross '62 and Dr. Timothy Fitzgibbons '66.



▲ **L-R First Row:** Drs. Michael Gross '62, Tim Fitzgibbons '66

Second Row: Drs. Bernie Kratochvil '50, Joseph Gross '31, Robert Klein '51, Frank Iwersen '27

▼ **Second Row L-R:** Drs. David J. Inda, Samuel P. Phillips, Timothy C. Fitzgibbons '66, Lonnie R. Mercier, Jeffrey J. Tiedeman (current parent), Kimberly A. Turman, Bernard L. Kratochvil '50, Kathleen M. Grier, C. Michael Kelly (past parent), T. Kevin O'Malley (past parent), Jack A. McCarthy (current parent)

First Row L-R: Drs. Erik T. Otterberg, Charles E. Rosipal, R. Michael Gross '62, Scott T. McMullen



Dr. Joseph Gross probably didn't realize what he was creating when he established his orthopaedic surgery office in 1949.

Joseph Gross completed his orthopaedic residency at the University of Minnesota and practiced alone until 1953 when Dr. Frank Iwersen joined him. Dr. Bernard Kratochvil was added to the group in 1963 and Dr. Robert J. Klein joined them in 1965. Dr. Timothy Fitzgibbons and Dr. R. Michael Gross, son of the founder Dr. Joseph Gross, were added in the mid-1970s. Their practice was located at the Medical Arts building at Seventeenth and Dodge, where they remained until 1983.

The end of the 1970s had orthopaedic surgery divided into several specialized areas. Drs. Gross, Iwersen, Kratochvil & Klein P.C. acquired specialists in each of these areas. It compared itself to a department store with several specialized areas, with each one contributing to the success of the whole. Instrumental in this evolution was the time Dr. Joseph Gross spent with Dr. John Charnley, a pioneer in total joint surgery.

In 1983, in order to meet the growing need for space, the group moved their offices to the Bergan Mercy Medical Building (south). In 1995, they moved to their current location in the North Medical Office Building of Bergan Mercy.

Many members of the group have also been very active in the local and national medical communities. Dr. Joseph Gross served as the chief of staff at Bergan Mercy Hospital for three years. Dr. Iwersen served as the chief of orthopaedics at Creighton University and as the orthopaedic consultant to the Omaha Royals. Dr. Kratochvil served as the president of the Mid-America Orthopaedic Association, which has 1,500 members in 20 states. Both Kratochvil and Fitzgibbons have served a number of years as the Nebraska representative on the board of counselors of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. In addition, Dr. Michael Gross has practiced orthopaedic surgery as a volunteer in countries like Uganda, Bhutan, and Honduras for a month each year for the past seven years.

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

MEMBERS INDUCTED ON MARCH 6, 2012

REX BARNEY 1943 (deceased)

Football, Basketball, Baseball

Rex Barney '43's natural athletic ability, coupled with his 6' 3" frame, helped him succeed at Prep in three sports but, in particular, it was his skill as a baseball pitcher that was evident at an early age.

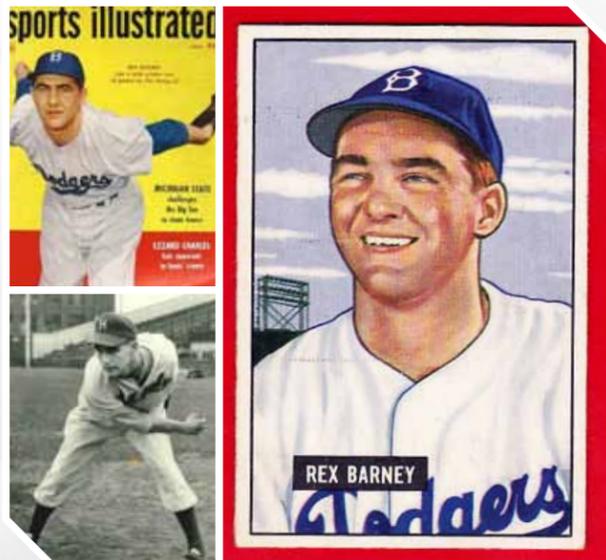
In fact, when he was just an eighth grader in 1939, Rex was asked by legendary coach Maurice "Skip" Palrang to pitch against his Omaha McDevitts American Legion team that would go on to win the national championship later that year. He eventually became a starter for the McDevitts team and would throw a no-hitter and a four-hitter to help the squad win the state championship in 1941.

Rex also started on the offensive and defensive sides of the varsity football team as a sophomore and went on to become a three-year starter on the hardwood as well as All-State his senior year.

After graduating in 1943, he joined the Brooklyn Dodgers and pitched a total of 45 innings that season. He was drafted by the Army later that year then rejoined the Dodgers in 1946, striking out Joe DiMaggio with the bases loaded in the 1947 World Series.

Rex won a career-high 15 games in 1948 and struck out 138, the second best total in the National League that season. He also threw a no-hitter against the New York Giants on September 9th, completing the effort after a rain delay.

He went on to a career as the public address announcer for the Baltimore Colts from 1969 until their move to Indianapolis in 1983. He also announced Baltimore Orioles games from 1974 until his death in 1997, when the team played a game without a PA announcer as a tribute to him.



1947 FOOTBALL TEAM

The undefeated, untied Creighton Prep varsity football team of 1947 is known for some of the most dominant line play in school history, a backfield of playmakers and the Junior Jays' first ever victory over perennial powerhouse Boys Town.

Two All-City and All-State selections, Captain Bernie Berigan and Charlie Gasson, led the hard blocking and fast hitting forward wall. All-City Bob Benson was a constant threat on the offense and played a high caliber defensive game at end. Right ends Bill Heyden and Bob Welsh also complemented Benson's strong play on the left side. Jerry Kelly was the unsung workhorse and tackle Mike McGuire was tough for any opposing team to handle as were fellow tackles Jack Marcil and Leo Wilwerding. Don Schafer bolstered the power-loaded line as well and Jim Quinn and Tom Traynor were the first and second string centers. In addition, Pat Sheehan, Louis Finocchiaro, Bill Brady and Pete Logsdon proved themselves over and over again as the season progressed.

Quarterback Jack Cannon was an All-City selection who surprised most followers with his savvy passing ability. Bill Wingender did outstanding work at halfback with his breakaway speed and, because of his combined speed and drive, fullback Jack McGraw was a tough man to bring down. Vince Finocchiaro picked many passed out of the air and was also a dependable ground gainer, making him indispensable. Carl Ancona's ability as a clever runner was rated with the best in the city and sophomore Jim Madden proved that an underclassman could contribute greatly, too.

Jim McGee, although handicapped by injuries, shone through with his speed and broken field running and Jack Flynn was a reliable man whose long passes were deadly accurate. Dick Roth also showed that he had ability and gave proof of a bright future while Jim Meehan was another substitute back who saw considerable action.

Great credit is due to coaches Don Fleming and Joe Boyle for preparing the players and positioning them for gridiron success. This was a great Prep team that will long be remembered for the honor it brought to the school.

WALLY ANDERZUNAS 1964 (deceased)

Basketball

The 6' 7" Walter C. "Wally" Anderzunas made his varsity debut on the Creighton Prep hardwood as a sophomore and quickly established himself as one of the best players to ever come out of Prep and the state of Nebraska.

That season, Wally scored 306 points in leading Prep to the state championship game against Hastings. The following year, he put up 483 points and set a new record for most points scored in a state tournament game with 33, helping Prep to a second place finish. With his stellar performances as a junior came deserving recognition on the All-Christmas, All-Intercity, All-State and All-State Tourney teams.

The 1964 team of Wally's senior campaign started with a 13-game win streak, ended 21-3 and won the Holiday Tournament, the Inter-City League Championship and the South District Championship on its way to the school's first state title in basketball since 1945.

Under the direction of legendary coach Tom Brosnihan, Wally scored 582 points in his final season at Prep and became the first player in school history to score more than 1,000 points, a feat he achieved during a battle against Omaha South. He finished his Prep career with the individual scoring record of 1,371 points.

After high school, Wally attended Creighton University on a basketball scholarship and averaged 17.2 points and 9.5 rebounds per game. He was drafted in the second round (the 25th overall pick) by the Atlanta Hawks in 1969 and was later traded to the Cincinnati Royals where he played 44 games.

Wally died in 1989 but his legacy as one of the greatest scorers in Prep basketball history lives on today.



TIM DANZE 1981 Football, Baseball

The Creighton Prep Class of 1981 achieved the "triple crown" of sanctioned championships by taking state in football, basketball and baseball, an elusive accomplishment shared in the modern era by only one other class, the Class of 1969. So, while choosing a single athlete from the athletically talented 1981 class was a difficult decision, Tim Danze stood out in the sports of football and baseball for his powerful arm, quick feet and intangible leadership qualities.

A two-year varsity letter winner on the gridiron, Tim led a talented Prep football team through the 1980 playoffs, helping defeat North Platte, 10-7, Lincoln East, 31-0, and finally Omaha Burke, 24-7, to win the state title. Tim would finish the year with 800 yards passing, 400 yards rushing and selections to the All-Metro and All-State teams.

On the diamond as a junior, he played an integral role in the bullpen and helped the Prep baseball team achieve a 22-5 record and a second round berth in districts. During his senior year, Prep went 27-2 and won the state championship as Tim led Nebraska in strikeouts and was once again selected All-Metro and All-State.

Later that summer, the Prep American Legion team won the state championship and advanced to the Legion World Series in Sumter, South Carolina. Tim went 19-1, with his only loss registered by the eventual Legion World Series champions from West Tampa, Florida.

To this day, he holds the career strike-out record at Prep with 187. Tim turned down offers from Creighton and Nebraska and became a four-year starter for the University of Missouri. He went on to become one of only two three-time co-captains at the school in baseball and graduated with a degree in economics.



GERNON LONGO 1965

Football, Basketball

Gernon Longo lived the definition of a true student athlete at Creighton Prep, where he excelled on the gridiron, the hardwood, in the classroom and in student activities.

Under the watchful eye of Coach Don Leahy, Gernon was a member of the legendary "Comeback Champs" of 1962 and starred on the 1963 and 1964 state champion football teams. He was named All-Inter-City his junior year, having carried the ball 108 times that season.

Gernon was named to the All-Metro and All-State teams for his accomplishments as a junior and was elected co-captain along with his classmate and fellow Creighton Prep Athletic Hall of Fame member, Jim O'Brien. He also played in the 1965 Shrine Bowl.

During his three years on the Prep basketball court, Gernon helped the 1964 team to a 21-3 record and the championships of the Holiday Tournament, the Inter-City League and the South District on their way to a state title and their 2010 induction in the Athletic Hall of Fame.

He received scholarships to play football at Dartmouth, Minnesota, Missouri, South Dakota and the University of Nebraska-Omaha but he chose instead to pursue medicine and attend Creighton University, where he met his wife Donna.



CURTIS MARSHALL 1991

Basketball

Curtis Marshall stands out as one of the most dominant basketball players in the school's long and rich history in the sport.

Under the tutelage of Brother Mike Wilmot, S.J., he became a three-year letterman at Prep, dominating games during his junior year as he averaged 24.6 points, 5.7 rebounds, 4.9 assists and 3.7 steals per contest. For his accomplishments that season, Curtis was named to the All-Metro and All-State teams and was honored as the Gatorade Circle of Champions Player of the Year in Nebraska.

In his senior year, he led Prep to an 18-4 record and a number two ranking in the final poll. After averaging 30.5 points, 6.5 rebounds and 5.5 assists per game, Curtis was named Mr. Basketball for the state of Nebraska. He was also named to the Super All-State Team, nominated for the McDonald's All-American squad and earned honorable mention All-America from USA Today. He finished his career as the fifth leading Class A scorer in Nebraska.

Curtis accepted a scholarship to North Carolina State University, where he was a four-year letterman and started every game during his sophomore, junior and senior seasons. He finished his career with over 1,000 points and currently ranks sixth in school history with 420 assists and seventh in three point field goals made.

After college, Curtis went on to play professional basketball in Germany. He now lives in Omaha with his wife Valerie and two sons, Jaren and Isaiah, all of whom he calls his greatest accomplishments in life.



ROBERT WALTER "BUCK" MILLER (deceased)

Football, Basketball, Baseball, Golf

The coaching legacy of Robert Walter "Buck" Miller spanned 40 years of Creighton Prep's storied athletic history and required a year-round commitment on his part as he had a coaching expertise in each of the seasonal sports. During his time at the school, it is estimated that he coached over 2,000 Prep student athletes on the gridiron, the hardwood, the baseball diamond and the links.

After graduating high school in Gretna in 1931, he went on to attend Creighton University and played basketball from 1931 to 1934 with the group called "The Hilltop Five." As a senior, Buck was elected co-captain of the Missouri Valley championship team and earned All-Missouri Valley honors. He graduated in 1934 with degrees in history and math.

After three years of coaching in Geneva, Neb., Buck and his wife Helen brought his passion for athletics to Prep in 1937 where he coached baseball alongside fellow Creighton Prep Athletic Hall of Fame coach Maurice "Skip" Palrang and taught geometry.

During Buck's career, numerous Inter-City and Inter-State championships were won as was a 1939 national championship by the Omaha McDevitts American Legion team.

His knowledge of and love for football successfully prepared countless underclassmen on junior varsity teams for the hard-hitting and the high expectations of the varsity teams led by Coach Palrang and Coach Don Leahy. Buck played an integral part in the success of both coaches as their teams amassed 15 state championships during his tenure.



Over 625 guests gathered in The Heider Center on Saturday, April 21 as Prep hosted its 42nd annual fundraiser that netted over \$700,000.

The evening included dinner, a silent auction, a live auction with 40 items and a raffle drawing for \$10,000. Live auction items that brought the highest bids included a day trip to the Kentucky Derby for six people with private air transportation, a gourmet dinner with Creighton Prep president Fr. Tom Merkel, S.J., a Prep-themed video arcade machine designed by Connor McCoy '13, Nebraska vs. Michigan State football tickets, also with private air transportation, and Berkshire Class B stock.

In its ninth year, Prep's online auction, eBASH, featured 319 items and brought in over \$75,000. Items included skybox tickets to all Nebraska home football games, a collection of fine wine, tickets to the 2012 U.S. Olympic

Team Trials – Swimming, a Las Vegas weekend getaway, a golf getaway to Stonewall Golf Club outside Philadelphia, tickets to a Jimmy Buffett concert, custom-made Prep items, autographed memorabilia and much more.

BASH plays a very important role in Prep's ongoing commitment to deliver educational excellence to over 1,000 young men. The monies raised during BASH are a key component in the school's ability to keep tuition affordable for everyone as well as to provide more than \$1.8 million in financial assistance annually to approximately 45 percent of students.

Executive committee members for Derby BASH 2012 were Mike Ambrose '74, Allyson Baffert, Diane Briggs, Julie Fritz, Tami Giitter, Mike Mapes, Molly Searl and Jim Theisen '81.





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FIFTH "FIELD TRIP" FOR THE CLASS OF 1960

IN APRIL, 21 MEMBERS FROM THE CLASS OF 1960 TOOK THEIR FIFTH CLASS "FIELD TRIP" TO LAS VEGAS TO COMMEMORATE THEIR 70TH BIRTHDAYS.

The inaugural trip to celebrate their 50th birthdays took place in 1992 and the group celebrated their 40th class reunion in "Sin City" in 2000. In 2002, they blew out 60 candles in the desert, followed in 2006 with another trip to celebrate their new membership in the Social Security chapter of their lives.

Despite Carl Holtfrerich spending only one year with the Class of 1960 as a German foreign exchange student, he has stayed in contact with the group over the years and holds the distinction of traveling the farthest to participate in the most recent gathering. As one classmate joked, "Southwest does not fly direct to Vegas from Berlin!"

The group was treated to a cocktail reception and dinner hosted by Michael Gaughan, son of 1939 Prep graduate and Las Vegas legend John "Jackie" Gaughan. Two rounds of golf and a party at classmate Bob Greene's home made for a non-stop, fun-filled trip.



L-R Row 1: Jim Rosenthal, Greg Dunning, Joe Gehringer, Larry Heck, Dick Murphy, Bob Kemmy
Row 2: Mike Growney, Frank Kruntorad, Pat O'Neill, Mike Bogan, Carl Holtfrerich, Pat Growney, Jim Hubschman
Row 3: Paul Kenworthy, Greg Broderick, Bob Greene, Mike Lynch, Jim Gleason, Rick Van Ackeren, Mike Scherr, Bill Von Tersch