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Dear Friends,

Early in my tenure at Creighton Prep, I attended a Christmas party dressed in a clerical collar and my best suit. A man approached me and asked me about my parish. I informed him that I had no parish, but rather served as the President of Creighton Prep. Immediately, he told me that my job was to preside over the largest high school fellowship in Omaha.

I told him in response that I understood that there was a strong brotherly dimension to Creighton Prep, but that at the end of the day, we were a college preparatory school that helped young men to grow in their faith and to become "Men for Others." I also mentioned that while many of our "members" do great good in the Omaha area, another portion of them are committed to positive causes throughout the United States and the world.

Not wanting to let it go, he proceeded to tell me that he was an attorney and that as an attorney he has never witnessed such a strong bond between men who simply attended the same high school. He said that he wished he had the same kind of love and affection for his school and for his classmates.

If, in fact, I preside over the largest high school fellowship in Omaha, it makes me think about what makes Prep special and about men and our role in society. I'm keenly aware of the facts that fewer men attend higher education, and that in the broader population many men do not have the tools to become good husbands, loving fathers and productive members of their communities.

So often, I think about our mission at Creighton Prep and the fact that we help a boy to become a man. I was haunted by the question: "What kind of man?"

Faith: It is critical that our men understand their origin and their destiny in life. We come from and return to God. Each of our young men has been created in the image and likeness of God and he is good and talented.

Scholarship: Part of his goodness and talent resides in his intellectual ability. It is our desire to help him hone his intellectual abilities so that he is well-prepared for higher education.

Leadership: This consists of sharing one's talent with others and acting with integrity.

Service: The end result is a man who generously gives himself away for the benefit of others according to the model of Jesus.

Our society needs the Creighton Prep man now more than ever. I'm proud of Creighton Prep's ability to form the kind of men who will offer themselves to others in leadership and service. Over the course of the past nine years, I've had the privilege of leading an outstanding school filled with outstanding young men and a very talented faculty and staff.

In this final semester at Creighton Prep, I'm thankful for you and for what you have done for Creighton Prep. Creighton Prep's students, faculty, staff and alumni will always be close to my heart.

With every good wish and blessing,

Gratefully yours,

Thomas J. Merkel
Fr. Thomas J. Merkel, S.J.

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CALENDAR

For more information on any of the events listed, please visit our website at www.creightonprep.org or call the Alumni Office at 402.548.3851.

TUESDAY, MARCH 6
Athletic Hall of Fame
 Henry L. Sullivan, S.J. Campus Center

SATURDAY, APRIL 21
BASH
 Heider Center

SATURDAY, APRIL 28
Alumni Soccer Game
 Carmen & Don Leahy Stadium

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2
Senior Breakfast
 Henry L. Sullivan, S.J. Campus Center

MAY 17-20
Class of 1962 – 50 year reunion
 Various locations

MONDAY, MAY 21
Alumni Golf
 Indian Creek Golf Course

Fr. Thomas J. Merkel, S.J., A Legacy of Building

During the summer prior to his graduation from Creighton in 1985, Tom Merkel was confident that his life's mission involved helping people as a corporate attorney.

However, after some additional reflection and the growing realization that God was calling him to help instead through a commitment to a religious life, Tom decided to enter the Jesuit order in 1985. From there, he went on to earn a Ph.L. in philosophy from Gonzaga University in 1990, a Master of Divinity degree at Berkeley in 1996 and a Master of Arts in Private School Administration in 1997 from the University of San Francisco.

With his formal education complete and his ordination upon him, Father Merkel noted for *Jesuit Journeys* that same year, "What I didn't realize is that in following God's call, I would become receptive to unplanned and often surprising possibilities."

Those subsequent possibilities included working as the Superintendent of Schools at Holy Rosary Mission in Pine Ridge, S.D. for the next six years and serving as Chairman of the Board of the Jesuit Secondary Education Association from 2001-2005. In 2003, Fr. Merkel was named president of Creighton Prep and, since that time, has led the school to a level of unparalleled success.

With a vision for meeting the spiritual and academic needs of every Prep student, he spearheaded the \$37 million Keeping the Promise campaign that supports new and renovated facilities, enhanced teacher professional development and compensation benefits as well as additional tuition assistance for families in need.



His leadership also fostered an increase in enrollment and, during his tenure, the composite average ACT score of Prep students reached its highest level ever at 26.1. In a testament to academic excellence at Prep, the 2011 graduating class eclipsed the \$20 million mark in college scholarships earned.

In September 2011, he was honored by the Archdiocese of Omaha as one of its administrators of the year, with the following noted in the event program:

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He is scheduled to leave Prep in June 2012 after he assists with the presidential transfer. He is planning to begin his tertianship—a period of study, reflection and service—in Melbourne, Australia in January 2013.

Thank you for everything, Fr. Merkel! You will be missed!

"Father has exhibited exemplary leadership as the chief operating officer at Prep. Over my 19 year tenure as principal, Father ranks as the top president I have worked for allowing me to be comfortable in exercising my leadership."



Father Merkel's vision through Prep's core values of excellence in all things, personal and intellectual integrity, faith that leads to service and respect for each individual has been articulated with the development of two strategic plans moving Creighton Prep forward through 2015, in which we evaluate our progress as a school regularly and systematically."

John Naatz – Principal of Creighton Prep



"The Mission of Creighton Prep is to form men of faith, scholarship, leadership and service. Father Tom created an environment at Prep where students were given the tools to fulfill this mission, and in the vast majority of cases, they flourished personally, educationally and spiritually. As a parent of three Prep grads and an ongoing supporter of the school and its mission, I am proud of where Father Tom has brought the school and the direction in which he leaves it. His leadership will be missed, but his impact will live on in the lives of his students and in the contributions they make as men for others."

Mike Fahey – Former Mayor of Omaha

"I was fortunate to be Creighton Prep's board chairman when we selected Fr. Merkel, S.J. to be our 30th president. His selection was by no means a random choice. I got to know Fr. Merkel through my attendance of the High School Leadership Group (H.S.L.G.) meetings of the Wisconsin and Missouri Provinces. Fr. Tom was superintendent of the schools at Red Cloud at that time. His presentations at those meetings were well thought out, compassionate and imbued with a mission of service to others. He was superb at recognizing and addressing issues that confronted the high school student."



Fr. Merkel assumed the role of the president of Creighton Prep with ease. He was himself. He is Ignatian in all things. He lives his life in service to others. He is understanding, compassionate and willing to listen. These qualities are the cornerstone to form young men of faith who aspire to become academically accomplished and subsequently be of service to others.

I join the entire Creighton Prep family in not only congratulating Fr. Merkel on his outstanding presidency but also in thanking him for his willingness to serve and the terrific example he has set for alumni and current students. On a personal note, I am very proud to have played a small role in selecting Fr. Merkel as Creighton Prep's president but I am even prouder to be able to call him my friend."

Jim O'Brien '65 – Former CP Governing Board Chairman

"I have been a Jesuit for some 55 years; and, I have been chosen by my superiors to be a Rector-superior of Marquette University High School and superior of the Jesuit Community at Creighton Prep, where I served as Director of Ignatian Formation for some years. Fr. Tom Merkel is an exemplary Jesuit priest and one of, if not the best, school administrators that I have lived and worked with. As a fellow Jesuit at Prep, Tom has always been a great and cheerful community member. Even though he has been president of the high school, he has always pitched in, with great generosity, by being present at Community Masses, socials and meals. In this way, he has helped all of us Jesuits be better Jesuits."



As an administrator at Prep, he has been a great leader, moving the school forward and helping to form men of faith, scholarship, leadership and service, as he has helped us all, faculty, administrators, staff and alumni. Many mornings, Fr. Tom was at the front door greeting the students as they came in to school; and, often, he was there saying goodbye to them as they left school at the end of the day. He was at their games and concerts; and, he visited classes. All of us know that Fr. Tom is 'on our side.'

My wish now, for Tom, as he moves on from Prep, having been commissioned to do so by his provincial superior, is that he know deeply God's love and presence in his life."

Fr. Jim Ryan '55 – Superior of the Prep Jesuit Community

“Fr. Tom Merkel’s time at Creighton Prep can best be described as a period when ‘the bar was raised’ in many facets. From a development perspective, Fr. Merkel’s leadership & vision allowed those of us on the Keeping the Promise Campaign Cabinet to not only effectively plan for Creighton



Prep’s future, but also ensured the success of this historic campaign. The results truly speak for themselves. Creighton Prep’s faculty, staff, students and campus are all very well positioned

now to serve young men, in the Jesuit Tradition, for years to come.

Jesuit/Lay collaboration is another other area where I have personally witnessed the tremendous strides taken, under the direction of Fr. Tom Merkel. Today’s Creighton Prep is a wonderful example of what can be accomplished via this collaboration. From the parents and the alums, to the students, to the many friends and benefactors of Creighton Prep, participation and involvement has never been stronger and more impactful than it is today. Just walk into the Jay Mart on any given day, for an excellent example of what talented individuals can accomplish on behalf of their school (A big thank you to the Prep Moms). Jesuit/Lay collaboration is alive and well at Creighton Prep and importantly, our students see it all around them and they share in it, as well.

Fr. Tom Merkel’s legacy at Creighton Prep is firmly in place. The Creighton Prep Family thanks you Father Tom. We have been blessed these last nine years. Your leadership and vision will always be a part of Prep. You will always be a part of the family.”

Scott C. Heider ’81 – KTP Cabinet and CP Governing Board member

“Fr. Tom’s tenure as president of Creighton Prep as it applies to the Jesuit Mission of forming Men for Others, leadership, service and scholarship is most noted by his example and his gratitude.

First, Fr. Tom has led by example. He is very approachable. He genuinely likes people. He interacts with everyone and enjoys sharing in the moment. Because of his non-threatening manner and even temper, he has connected with families in the Prep community. He listens to students who have struggles, he has helped needy students find a way to pay their tuition, he is comfortable and confident and that allowed him to go forward and succeed with Prep’s large capital campaign (Keeping the Promise).

Secondly, he feels a profound sense of gratitude that he has been a part of the Prep Community. It is sincere and he thrived in this close community by getting to know so many and being adaptable. He embraced what has been Prep tradition: athletics, service projects, strong academics, Men for Others and friendship. He made an impact and felt very fortunate to have had his time here in Omaha.

Fr. Tom Merkel has been a giver while at Creighton Prep. He used his gifts to serve and he is a Man of Faith. We will miss him and wish him the very best.”

Mary Dobleman – Past Prep Parent



“Deep, deep down Fr. Tom is the real deal – in the image of Ignatius. I was a bit slow catching on to him, and he was a bit slow catching on to me. But now we are close friends. We have shared a lot, and I love his depth. Fr. Tom has lots of

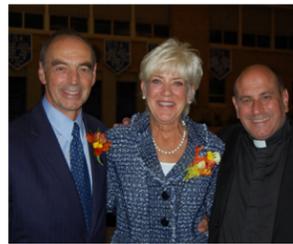
scars on his hind quarter, wisdom in his head and the heart of Jesus – I love the man! I won’t miss him because I know we will stay in touch.”

C. Edward McVaney ’59

“I would describe Fr. Merkel’s tenure as president of Prep a lot like I would describe him as a person - as being calm and stable but also exciting and joyful. His constant and calm demeanor has served as a spiritual anchor to all members of the Creighton Prep community – young and old, as well as men and women. Through his leadership, Fr. Tom has provided the strong, confident presence needed by our boys as they grow and adjust to being young Catholic men in an increasingly fast paced world. He has the compassion and mercy to forgive the boys for their mistakes and then turn those moments into life lessons for the individual and the school community. Also, through his leadership and service to the Prep community, during uncertain economic times, he transformed the Creighton Prep campus into a top notch facility with the fantastic new gym and classroom space (and Jay Mart space). With his contemplative intelligence developed by his Jesuit training, he lives his faith while modeling leadership and service. Fr. Merkel is a treasure that this community will miss greatly.”



Mary Pat Paul – Former Prep Moms President and Past Prep Parent



“Fr. Merkel is the Lord’s blend of Ignatian Spirituality, manliness, and fun to be with. This innateness has enabled him to carry on and enhance the Creighton Prep mission under Jesuit leadership. And while this mission is multi-dimensional in its challenges and necessary support mechanisms, it is singular in its ultimate purpose: that of graduating young men in the Jesuit tradition of faith, scholarship, leadership, and service. As for the support mechanisms toward this ultimate goal, Tom’s hard work, charisma and staff support combined to successfully complete the largest capital campaign in the school’s history. The resources derived therefrom have, in turn, enhanced the Prep value proposition as well as the students’ growth and development opportunities, academic and non, in so many ways.

Back to the ultimate goal. There are a series of metrics that corroborate Prep’s mission trend is enjoying a very positive upswing. Fr. Merkel is handing Prep off to the next phase of leadership in a state that he can be very proud of and even more thankful that he was blessed with the opportunity to positively impact the lives of so many young men.

AMDG—his common theme throughout it all!”

Michael L. Dahir ’66



“Tom i.e. ‘Merks’ has been forming men since his days as an RA (Resident Advisor) at Creighton’s Gallagher Hall. Tom led guys, and RAs to create an incredible family atmosphere in arguably the worst undergraduate confines Creighton had to offer. A testimonial is that several members of his team – Chris Nizzi, Tom Hoover, and Jim ‘Swanny’ Swanson have joined Tom with the Lord in the continued formation of men at Prep.

At Creighton, ‘Merks’ was (and still is) a brilliant guy; friends with many guys, and drooled over by many gals. He could have done anything in life, but yet chose the Jesuit vocation; how fortunate we are to have him as an educator, teacher, and friend. Tom Merkel (as a novice) was a reader at the marriage between two RAs, Becky Howes, and me – Curt Samson. The wedding was witnessed by one of my great Jesuit friends and mentors, Fr. Tom Schloemer. We specifically moved back to Omaha in order to have Merks and his team impart wisdom on our own children.”

Curt Samson – Former Creighton RA and friend

“One spring evening in 2003 I answered the telephone to hear Tom tell me he was flying to Omaha to interview for the Creighton Prep presidency position. There was an excitement in his voice and I knew immediately that he would, upon leaving Red Cloud Indian School, return to his beloved, adopted home city, Omaha, and to a job that would require the use of his many gifts and skills.

During the past nine years, our lives, his Father’s and mine, have been enriched as we observed his passion, energy and joy; learned of his challenges, delights and accomplishments; and heard his struggles, disappointments and heartfelt sadnesses. We are immensely proud of the man he is, the Jesuit he is and the mission he has carried out to form men of faith, scholarship, leadership and service.



We are grateful to the Omaha community, the Creighton Prep Board of Directors, support staff, faculty, parents, students and alumni for embracing, loving and supporting him. In the future he will come home to visit you. Thank you and God Bless.”

Janet Merkel – Proud mother of Fr. Tom

“Fr. Tom Merkel’s tenure at Creighton Prep is proof that God works in mysterious ways and provides us what we need when we need it. Fr. Merkel came to Prep at a time of transition. Prep was stretching and pulling against the binding of the 70’s, 80’s and 90’s and discovering its potential as a leading educator of young men in the new millennium.



Fr. Merkel possessed the unique ability to embrace the tradition and history of Prep while advancing a vision that alumni, current and past parents and students embraced. Fr. Merkel, along with a very talented team of educators and administrators, literally made this vision reality in the form of not only a physically transformed Creighton Prep, but also a Prep that can thrive in the future.

Fr. Merkel leaves a strong legacy for his successor that will allow Prep to continue to evolve, grow and participate in defining what Jesuit education truly means.”

Douglas R. Wilwerding ’81 – KTP Cabinet member

HOLLYWOOD PREP

On Saturday, Oct. 1, 2011, ten Prep alumni and one former Prep teacher gathered at the famous Roosevelt Hotel located directly across the street from Grauman's Chinese Theatre in the heart of Hollywood. The first Academy Awards were held at this historic hotel in 1929 so it was only fitting that the first ever Hollywood Prep meeting should take place there as well.

Bob Wiltfong '88 and **Tom Culhane '02** organized this gathering so the group could watch the Big Red play Wisconsin, network and see if they could brainstorm a way to make charity work a centerpiece of their time together. In keeping with their Jesuit training as "Men for Others," they collected children's books at the meeting and donated them to a local children's hospital.

If you are a Creighton Prep graduate and work or study in the entertainment industry, you can join the Hollywood Prep group by e-mailing Bob Wiltfong '88 at newfong@aol.com or Tom Culhane '02 at teculhane@gmail.com.

(L-R IN PHOTO) BACK ROW:

Scott L. Beehner '91 – improvisation and sketch comedy actor, currently in the Main Company at The Groundlings Theatre & School. Other credits include "Up All Night," "The Office" and "Zeke and Luther."

Nicholas L. D'Agosto '98 – actor, "Final Destination 5," "From Prada to Nada," "Dirty Girl," "Heroes" and "The Office"

Kevin A. Wells '09 – student, Loyola Marymount University, School of Film and Television

John R. Dowd '08 – student, Loyola Marymount University, School of Film and Television

MIDDLE ROW:

Frank J. Merwald '68 – producer with numerous credits including "Work It" (premiered January 2012), "Two and a Half Men," "Grounded for Life," "The Tony Danza Show," "Ellen" and "Hudson Street"

Patrick Connolly, S.J. – former Creighton Prep teacher and now Associate Professor, Loyola Marymount University, Department of Film and Television Studies

Bob Wiltfong '88 – comedian/actor, "The World's Greatest Spokesperson in the World!" for Nationwide Insurance, former correspondent for Comedy Central's "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart"

Bryce M. McLeay '06 – production, studying for his Master of Fine Arts in Acting for Film from the New York Film Academy

James M. Connor '78 – actor, over 100 national commercials, Snapple national spokesman. Credits also include "NCIS," "Watchmen," "Meet Dave," "Blades of Glory," "Desperate Housewives" and "About Schmidt."

KNEELING:

Shawn M. O'Malley '05 – actor with experience on multiple short films as well as two independent feature films due to be completed in early 2012

Tom Culhane '02 – improv comedian and actor, graduate of the Second City Conservatory Program



SUPPORT THE PREP MOMS. SHOP THE JAY MART!

Did you know that the Prep Moms run the Jay Mart as unpaid volunteers, return any net proceeds to the school and self-fund all their activities that support Prep? It's true!

Show your gratitude for the Prep mom in your life who sacrificed her time, talent and treasure for your Prep experience by purchasing official Creighton Prep apparel and accessories from the Jay Mart.

The Jay Mart is also a great place to stop and shop for future Prepsters, especially those graduating from eighth grade with a commitment to the Class of 2016.

The store is located in the Annette & Paul Smith Atrium at the northeast entrance to the school and is open Wednesday through Friday from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. when school is in session. See you there!

For those of you outside the Omaha area, you can peruse and purchase Jay Mart merchandise today at www.prep-gear.com.



JESUIT SPOTLIGHT

FR. MICHAEL L. HINDELANG, S.J.

Fr. Michael Hindelang, S.J. was born in 1907 and graduated from Creighton Prep in 1925, the same year he entered the Jesuits. He taught as a scholastic at St. Louis University High School and, after ordination in 1938, he taught for two years at Regis High School in Denver then returned to SLUH to teach for the next 15 years.

In 1957 at age 49, Fr. Hindelang came back to Prep, where he taught Religion and Latin for another 25 years. After retiring from teaching, he assisted in welcoming and greeting people at school activities until his death in 1998. He stayed in good health by walking his black Labrador three times a day.

Fr. Hindelang made a lasting impression on many of his Prep students, including the following:

"Fr. Hindelang is one of those teachers I grew to like more the further I got away from the 'red-yellow box' rule and other Latin must-knows on his famous pull-down charts. He made you speak Latin from day one as a freshman and caused more than one 'A' class student to wonder if he'd make it through Prep.

But what he really taught was self-discipline. Guys could learn the Latin if they took the time and effort to do it, sometimes more time than several of the other classes combined. If you learned the discipline, it would serve you well in other pursuits, educational and business, as the years passed.

He'd always attend the Creighton University basketball games as he got older and he'd always have a smile and a kind word at the games."

- Dave Hefflinger '65

"My freshman section was assigned to Fr. Hindelang's Latin class. Hindelang was arguably the most feared Jesuit who never actually slugged a student. He didn't have to. There was something so commanding and intensely Germanic about him that it scared the bejesus out of every one of us. He yelled and fumed, and knowing that the source of his angry outbursts was the declension of a dead language made him even scarier. We all sweated profusely during class and prayed that he wouldn't call on us.

With the last day of freshman Latin, our prayers were finally answered. Never again would we have to face Fr. Hindelang's classroom wrath. No more "Pudiate!" I wondered what it would be like to meet him in the halls as a sophomore survivor. Would I smile weakly while a shiver rattled my spine? As fate would have it, ours was the first class of Prep students who arrived as sophomores to discover that henceforth Latin II would also be taught by Fr. Hindelang. I don't think I've ever felt the weight of injustice quite so heavily.

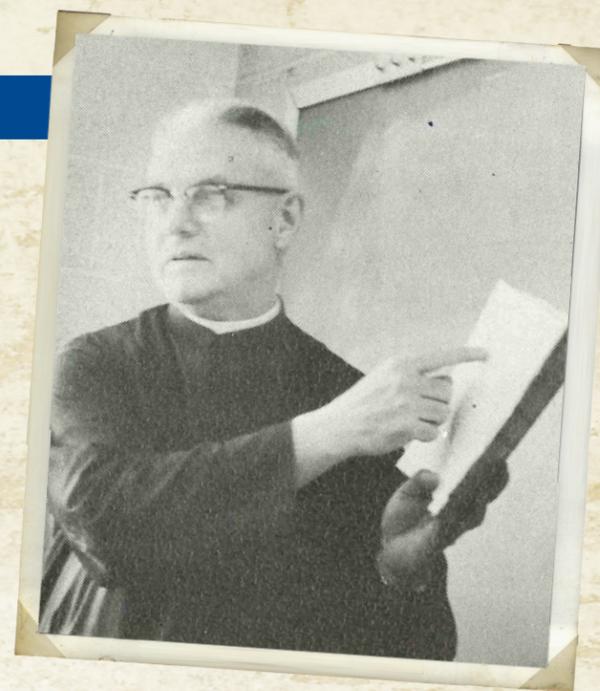
But thank God that God works in strange ways. Our sophomore year coincided with the advent of intramural soccer at Prep, and needing an outlet for our despair, we put together an egghead soccer squad. Someone had the brilliant - if insane - idea of asking Fr. Hindelang to serve as the coach of our team. When we asked him, he actually smiled (in a fuming sort of way). I think we had to work on him for a while before he consented. I'm not sure he'd ever been asked to socialize with his students before.

He knew nothing about soccer, but as our coach he needed to feel he had a useful function. So he showed up at each game with a large bowl of popcorn. Our team had another goal. Like Fr. Hindelang, we believed that victory over the seniors was attainable. They were beastly types (think Bob Kreifels and Dan Morrissey) who believed that every sport included tackling, and we knew we could outrun them and perhaps score a goal or two as a result.

Fr. Hindelang got particularly exercised over this game. He knew those seniors were a bunch of thugs who would likely rule the world someday, and he rooted for us with uncharacteristic esprit de corps. Needless to say, we eked out a victory and probably dumped the remains of the popcorn over Coach Hindelang's head (this was pre-Gatorade).

For the remaining two years of our high school career, we had a very different relationship with Fr. Hindelang. We greeted him jovially in the halls as 'Coach.' One look at his face and it was clear he relished the experience of a relationship with students based on something other than psychological warfare. We did, too."

- David Harding '70



"Fr. Hindelang was the best teacher I ever had, and many of my classmates agree with me on that point. I hear that some used to mail him their resumes with 'Thank you!' scrawled across the top. He taught us early and often what it means to show up PREPARED. After a year or two with Fr. Hindelang, something like law school, or trials in federal district court, or any other supposedly 'stressful' intellectual performance all seemed child's play by comparison."

- Richard Dooling '72

"The judge removed his reading glasses and rubbed the bridge of his nose with his gnarled fingers. 'You seem to be a steady fellow, and you do good work. But I want to be absolutely sure we skip that first step with you. Don't show up in my courtroom or file any papers in this case unless they are the very best you can do. Understand me? Short, accurate, unassailable memoranda applying controlling law to the facts of your case. Got it? I've read your writing. You have talent. That puts you about a tenth of the way there. The rest is work. Go do it.'"

- Richard Dooling '72, whose novel "Brain Storm" (Random House, 1998) showcases an exacting federal judge advising a young attorney on a challenging pro bono case. The character of Judge Stang was inspired by Richard's memories of Fr. Hindelang.



CREIGHTON PREP REUNION WEEKEND

The following classes will celebrate their reunions with the format below so mark your calendars: 1972, 1977, 1982, 1992, 1997, 2002, 2007

Check out the alumni section of the website for more details.

FRIDAY, JUNE 15 (Morning)

- Golf at Dodge Riverside (next to Harrah's)
- 7:30 a.m. shotgun... 4-man scramble
- \$35 for golf and cart
- Rental clubs available (first come, first serve)
- Open to all reunion classes

FRIDAY, JUNE 15 (Afternoon/Evening)

- College World Series opening games (tickets on your own)
- Tailgate at River City Star Landing (157 Freedom Park Road)
- Free parking and 10 minute walk to stadium
- \$25 per person
- Cash bar

SATURDAY, JUNE 16

- Open House at Prep
- 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. - tours available
- 4:45 p.m. - Mass in Skinner Chapel
- Class-specific functions to take place Saturday night

Note: the classes of 1952, 1957, 1967 and 1987 will celebrate their reunions on a different weekend.



"40 Under 40"

HONORS FOUR PREP ALUMNI

Creighton Preparatory School forms men of faith, scholarship, leadership and service in the Catholic and Jesuit tradition. Four Prep graduates who have taken the skills they learned at Prep and successfully applied them to the business world are part of the *Midlands Business Journal* "40 Under 40" Class of 2011.

*excerpts taken from the December, 2011 *Midlands Business Journal*.

Joel F. Dougherty '92



Not only was Joel Dougherty promoted from director of information technology and facilities to chief operating officer in two years, but the One World Community Health Centers' executive is also leaving a lasting mark on the organization and other community health centers in Iowa and Nebraska through his spearheading the creation of the Heartland Community Health Network. A separate corporation, the network includes five health centers housing "back office" functions, including implantation of electronic health records. Dougherty also attends Bellevue University. He is pursuing a degree in business administration.



Zakary A. Olsen '01



Under the leadership of President Zak Olsen, Ronco Construction started an infrastructure division in 2008 that now accounts for 10 to 15 percent of the company's business. With Olsen's guidance, Ronco received the Small Business Administration's Nebraska Family-Owned Business of the Year in 2010. The company also received the Associated General Contractors of America's Excellence in Safety award in 2011 for the fourth consecutive year. As president, Olsen is in charge of business development and the design-build division of Ronco. Olsen received a bachelor's in business administration and finance from **RONCO construction** Nebraska Wesleyan in 2005.

Nicholas T. Hogan '93



Nick Hogan, CEO of Flagship Restaurant Group, oversees the financials, business decisions and growth of a company that has \$16 million in operations annually. The business includes five Omaha restaurants and one in Fort Worth, TX. Blue Sushi Sake Grill and Roja Mexican Grill serve a combined 20,000 guests per week in Omaha and Fort Worth.

The company plans to double its size in the next three to four years. Hogan has a bachelor's degree in business finance from the University of Arizona and a law degree from the University of San Diego.



Andrew Kirberger Popp '97



Wheatfields' director of operations, Andrew Kirberger Popp, has played a vital role in growing the 10 year-old family business from one to three locations. Working largely from the One Pacific Place location, Kirberger Popp is responsible for all the kitchen personnel hiring and training, all catering operations, food purchasing, equipment purchasing and maintenance contracts, as well as bakery operations and food transportation. He also designed Wheatfields' website and keeps it current. A University of Nebraska-Lincoln graduate, Kirberger Popp has a bachelor's degree in business administration.



THE CREIGHTON PREP ALUMNI Annual Fund

Remember your days at Prep? Imagine sitting in the classroom of your favorite teacher. Perhaps it was Fr. Kanne's Latin, Fr. Auer's Spanish, Mr. Flagg's Math, Ms. Brayman's English, Mr. Glenn's History, or Fr. O'Leary's Theology. Think about the lessons learned, the ideas shared, the funny moments, and the relationships you formed with your classmates. Some may still be important people in your life today.

Now imagine what it would have been like in those same classrooms had you or your friends not been able to attend Prep. For many, Prep would not have been possible without the support of generous alumni and friends.

Maintaining the mission and traditions you have passed on is important to our students. Please continue to help make a Prep education and experience possible for all of our young men by contributing to the Alumni Annual Fund.

Your gift each year to the Alumni Annual Fund:

- bridges the "GAP" between tuition (\$8,720) and the full cost of a Prep education (\$11,715)
- assists in providing over 45% of our students with additional financial assistance

Thank you to those who have already given so generously in the 2012 Alumni Annual Fund drive. For those who have not, I hope you will consider including our students in your charitable giving before the fiscal year ends on June 30, 2012 to help us reach our goal of \$450,000.

Please know that a gift in any amount makes a difference and that your participation influences the number and quality of opportunities we can offer our students. Creighton Prep is fortunate to have such strong support from our alumni and friends. You and your families are in our everyday prayers. Thank you for your generosity!

Sincerely,

Brad Burks '00
Director of Annual Funds

\$450,000 2012 GOAL



\$227,000 TO DATE

Gifts can also be made online at www.creightonprep.org/giveonline



IGNATIAN VOLUNTEER CORPS

Headquartered in Baltimore, Md., the Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) is a national non-profit organization with regional programs in major metropolitan areas across the country, including Omaha.

Ignatian Volunteers are guided through a reflection process based on The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola. This process helps volunteers discover the deeper meaning of the work they do, and to see Christ more clearly as they labor among their brothers and sisters who are poor.

Volunteer Opportunities

- The Ignatian Volunteer experience is ideal for women and men who are retired or semi-retired and desire to make use of their gifts, talents and experience in service to others.
- Ignatian Volunteers commit to serve one or two days a week for 10 months a year.
- Volunteers spend their time working at local service sites for community organizations also known as IVC partners.
- Ignatian Volunteers tutor, advance literacy skills, help find jobs and housing, provide health care and companionship, and work to overcome poverty.
- Care is taken in matching a volunteer's talents to an organization's needs

Your greatest work may be after you retire! We are volunteers ages 50 or better serving the greatest needs of our community. For more information, please visit www.ivcusa.org or in Omaha call 402.681.6311.

For questions, contact Becky Ehrman at 402.681.6311.





DERBY 2012 BASH

Prep Tradition Running Strong

**Saturday,
April 21, 2012**

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 our 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 our students.

BECOME A PREMIER PARTNER

Help us underwrite BASH by becoming a Premier Partner. Premier Partnership packages include a Sullivan Society membership, a full page catalog ad, a table for up to 10 people at BASH and more. Call 402.548.3858 to learn more.

PATRON PARTY

Sunday, April 1 at the home of Jeff and Diane Briggs.

GET YOUR SEATS NOW

Corporate tables and individual tickets are available through the BASH office at 402.548.3881 or by e-mail at gcomi@prep.creighton.edu.

VOLUNTEER TO SELL RAFFLE TICKETS

Help us sell raffle tickets for a grand prize drawing of \$10,000. Tickets are \$100, 3 for \$250, 7 for \$500 or 15 for \$1000.

BASH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mike Ambrose '74 • Allyson Baffert • Diane Briggs • Julie Fritz
Tami Giitter • Mike Mapes • Molly Searl • Jim Theisen '81

www.PrepBASH.com

eBASH

MARCH 23 – APRIL 13

eBASH is your opportunity to participate in BASH 2012 without leaving the comfort of your home. Bid online for Prep items, trips and ticket opportunities in the days before BASH.

For more eBASH news, please contact **Daneen Pieper at 402.548.3803** or dpiep@prep.creighton.edu or visit www.PrepBASH.com.

DONATE TO OUR LIVE AUCTION, eBASH AUCTION OR SILENT AUCTION

- **Gift cards** – restaurants, events, etc.
- **Memorabilia** – signed items, movies, music and sports
- **Sports and event tickets** – tickets for the Chicago Cubs, Kansas City Chiefs, Chicago White Sox, CU Bluejays, UNO Mavs, NU Huskers, Final 4 or the Masters all are popular with our bidders. Especially valuable is access to exclusive luxury boxes or club seating areas.
- **Electronics** – iPods, iPads, GPS, handheld gaming systems
- **Indulgence items** – spa packages, treatments, shopping excursions
- **Jewelry**
- **Golf outings** – golf rounds, bags, clubs
- **Outdoor adventure and equipment** – biking, hiking and camping
- **Celebrity attractions** – Can you provide dinner or lunch with a celebrity?
- **Spectacular getaways** – travel packages, use of your vacation home for a week or weekend, condo at the beach or in the mountains, airfare, vacation "experiences" to your favorite destination

All of these are just ideas. We have a committee that will sort, combine and create incredible auction packages. When in doubt, please call for ideas! Ask for a small donation from the service providers your family already frequents! If you are interested in contributing an auction item, please contact the BASH office at **402.548.3845** or visit www.PrepBASH.com.



Purchase a raffle ticket(s) by clipping the coupon below and sending it along with your check or money order to Creighton Prep, **Attn: Grace Cominoli, 7400 Western Avenue, Omaha, NE 68114**. Once we have received your check, we will mail the raffle stub(s) to you. Drawing is April 21 at BASH. Grand prize is \$10,000 cash.

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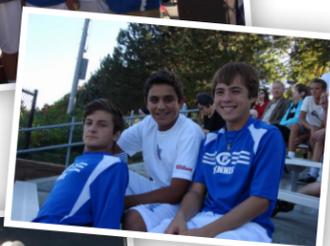
CROSS COUNTRY

Metropolitan Conference Meet 5th
 District Meet 2nd
 State Meet 10th



TENNIS

11-1 in duals
 1st at Metro
 2nd at State



FOOTBALL

4-6



ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Creighton Prep is proud to recognize alumni, coaches and supporters for outstanding contributions to the storied athletic program at the school. Their commitment, achievement and sense of sportsmanship set the standard for the young athletes who follow in their footsteps today.

Join us in welcoming the 2012 class of inductees to the Athletic Hall of Fame on Tuesday, March 6 in the Henry L. Sullivan, S.J. Campus Center.

Social: 6:00 p.m.
 Program and Dinner: 7:00 p.m.

Cost - \$50



The 2012 inductees are:

ATHLETES

- Wally Anderzunas (dec.) '64
- Rex Barney (dec.) '43
- Tim Danze '81
- Gernon Longo '65
- Curtis Marshall '91

COACHES

- Robert "Buck" Miller (dec.)

TEAM

- 1947 Football



CREIGHTON PREP FOOTBALL FINDS A NEW HOME

After more than 35 years of football at UNO's Al F. Caniglia Field, Creighton Prep will call Omaha Burke Stadium home starting with the 2012 season. The move comes after UNO dropped its football program this past year and thus could not guarantee that its football stadium would be available for the next two years as a series of new campus plans are taking shape.



BASKETBALL BASEBALL FOOTBALL TENNIS SWIMMING TRACK CROSS COUNTRY SOCCER ICE HOCKEY
 LACROSSE BASKETBALL BASEBALL FOOTBALL TENNIS SWIMMING TRACK CROSS COUNTRY SOCCER ICE HOCKEY

HERE & THERE

1940s

John G. McBride '43 (deceased) was honored this past September when the Nebraska Educational Television building in Lincoln, Neb. was rededicated as the Terry M. Carpenter and Jack G. McBride Educational Telecommunications Center. The building will now forever represent Jack's life work.

Vincent S. Finocchiaro '48 and John (Jack) V. McGraw '49 met in California this past December to celebrate their pending induction in the Creighton Prep Athletic Hall of Fame. The two men were teammates on the 1947 football team that went undefeated and untied and won the Inter-City, Inter-State and Co-State Championships. The two hope to join the remaining 14 team members on Tuesday, March 6 at the formal ceremony at Prep.

William R. Orthwein III '49 (aka Dana D. Tucker) has lived in Reno, Nev. since 1972 and retired from Baker & Taylor, a division of W. R. Grace, in 1989. He bowled in four leagues throughout the city when he was not working and has scored 17 games of 300 throughout his life. Corky was also a Virginia and Nebraska table tennis champion in the 1950s.

He and his wife of 51 years, Carlene, adopted three children and were blessed with four grandchildren. She passed away in 2008. The couple visited Acapulco seven times, Europe twice and had a memorable trip to Australia and New Zealand. In his spare time, Corky enjoys playing blackjack at the Peppermill Resort Spa Casino every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Gerald P. Laughlin '59 was recognized in Best Lawyers in America 2012. He works at Baird Holm in Omaha.

Dr. William M. Vosik '60 pioneered an echocardiography program for two ultrasound technicians in 2010 at Hôpital Sacré Coeur in Milot, Haiti, a country that lacks a cardiac catheterization lab or heart surgery resources. The hospital is sponsored by the CRUDEM Foundation, a Catholic organization in St. Louis whose motto is "Creating a Healthier Haiti, One Dignified Life at a Time." Bill will make his fifth visit to Haiti in early 2012 to enhance cardiac care and educate on the Echo program.

1960s

Gordon E. Yager '60 was elected chairman of the Omaha chapter of SCORE. He was elevated from his vice chairman post and has worked for three years with the nonprofit that provides various services for soon-to-be and current entrepreneurs.

Richard J. Pedersen '63 was recognized in Best Lawyers in America 2012. He works at Baird Holm in Omaha.

Mike McGowan '66 was named Chairman of the Board of Directors for Metropolitan Utilities District (MUD) in Omaha. He is up for re-election to the board in May of 2012.

Patrick R. Donahue '68 and James A. Mullen '87 were selected by the Nebraska State Bar Foundation to the 2011 Class of Fellows. The Foundation noted that selections were "based upon their dedication to improving the administration of justice in this state, their leadership in the legal profession, their civic service, their integrity and their Foundation support."

Andrew D. Bradley '71 has been named Executive Vice President for Marketing and Development at Goodwill Industries, Inc. Andy has played a key role in the strategic growth of the agency since arriving in 1989.

William J. Lindsay Jr. '72 was selected for inclusion in the 2012 edition of Best Lawyers in America. Bill is employed by Gross & Welch in Omaha.

Edmund P. Russell, III '75 has written a new book entitled "Evolutionary History: Uniting History and Biology to Understand Life on Earth" (Cambridge University Press, 2011). Ed is a professor at the University of Virginia with joint appointments in the Department of Science, Technology & Society and the Corcoran Department of History.

James G. Powers '76 has been selected to Best Lawyers in America for his knowledge and expertise in two litigation areas, commercial litigation and land & zoning litigation. Jim has been a shareholder in McGrath North since 1986 and is a member of the firm's board of directors.

1960s

1970s

1970s

Timothy K. Smith '77 has been hired by Five Points Bank as senior vice president and commercial loan officer at its recently opened full-service location at 97th Street & Giles Road. Tim brings more than 20 years of commercial banking experience to Five Points, including a background in commercial real estate, commercial and industrial loans, treasury management services and professional lending.



C. Alexander Payne '79 directed "The Descendants," which is a sometimes humorous, sometimes tragic journey for Matt King (George Clooney), an indifferent husband and father of two girls who is forced to re-examine his past and embrace his future when his wife suffers a boating accident off Waikiki. The movie recently won the Golden Globes for Best Motion Picture – Drama and Best Performance by an Actor in a Motion Picture – Drama. It has also earned five Oscar nominations including those for Best Picture, Directing and Writing (Adapted Screenplay).

Patrick E. Brookhouser Jr. '82 has been selected to Best Lawyers in America for his knowledge and expertise in securities litigation. Pat has been a shareholder in McGrath North since 1992 and is a member of the firm's board of directors.

John J. Bueltel '82 was involved with constructing much of the brick and concrete throughout Pinecrest Academy, one of only a few Catholic high schools in the Atlanta, Ga. area. His company, Cornerstone Masonry Inc., is a top-ten commercial masonry contractor in the Southeast. John and his wife Jenni have three children and reside in Cumming, Ga.



Paul R. Garcia '83 has joined as a partner at Kelley Drye & Warren LLP. Founded in 1836 and headquartered in New York City, the firm has six U.S. offices, an office in Brussels, Belgium and an affiliate office in Mumbai, India. Paul formerly served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois. His practice at Kelley Drye will focus on trials and appeals in trademark, false advertising, trade dress, trade secret, unfair competition, copyright and patent matters.

David J. Kramer '83 was recognized in Best Lawyers in America 2012. He works at Baird Holm in Omaha.

T. Parker Schenken '84 was recognized in Best Lawyers in America 2012. He works at Baird Holm in Omaha.

Michael P. Burns '85 was appointed a county court judge for the 10th Judicial District of Nebraska this past May and began presiding as one of three county court judges for the nine-county judicial district this past June. Mike's primary office is located in the Adams County Courthouse in Hastings, Neb.

Dr. G. Matthew Longo '88 has been named Chief of the Division of Vascular Surgery at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha. Matt and his wife Missy have three daughters, Cate (11), Sophie (9) and Eva (5).



Matthew S. Forrest '89 and his wife Jessie welcomed twins Graham and Elyse into their family this past November. Matt is the regional director of business development for Renovo Solutions in Omaha. In addition, he has been involved with the Teammates Mentoring program for four years. His mentee is now in the 7th grade at Beveridge Magnet School in Omaha. Matt finds the short weekly meetings and the four or five yearly outings to be very rewarding.



Jose E. Jefferson '89 is the associate head football coach for the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. He and his wife Kari have twin five-year-old sons, Jeremiah and Jonas.

Mark P. Bendon '93 and his wife Jacqueline welcomed their second child Jacob into their family this past May.

Stephen J. Pedersen '93 and Mathew M. Enenbach '97 were recently added as partners at Kutak Rock LLP. Stephen concentrates his practice in the areas of e-commerce, technology and intellectual property transactions, along with dispute resolution and litigation. Matt's practice involves commercial litigation as well as representation for clients in matters involving personal injury, products liability, insurance and government disputes and investigations.



Jakob S. Bauman '94 and his wife Amy welcomed Jack Stephen into their family this past September. The couple has two other children, Claire (6) and Joey (5).

1980s

1990s

Chad M. Bodner '94 is Vice President, Worksite Sales for the Assurity Life Insurance Company. He and his wife Kelly live in Gretna, Neb. and have four children.

Thomas O. Kelley '94 has been hired by Five Points Bank as the Omaha market president and heads up commercial lending, bank management and business development.



Gregory P. Armendariz '95 and his wife Kristen welcomed the couple's first child, Emily Ann, into their family this past June.

Scott D. Hazuka '95 has been added to the management team at Nebraska Turf Products. He will be responsible for day-to-day management activities including sales, marketing and finance.

Dr. Ryan A. Dvorak '96 has joined Methodist Hospital in Omaha as a radiologist. Ryan received his medical degree from Creighton University Medical Center and completed his residency in diagnostic radiology as well as fellowships in neuroradiology and nuclear medicine at the University of Michigan Health System in Ann Arbor.

Rev. Jeffery J Mollner '96 was assigned to St. Stephen the Martyr Parish in Omaha as associate pastor this past fall. He previously held the same position at St. Margaret Mary in Omaha. Jeff is also the chaplain at Skutt Catholic High School.



Rev. Devin M. Roza '96 served as a deacon at the October 23 Papal Mass in St. Peter's Square. He sang the Gospel and "Mass is ended. Go in peace." in Latin. He summarizes his post-Mass experience with the Pope.

"After the Mass about 30 of us were waiting to see if we could personally greet the Pope. Some of the priests there mentioned that oftentimes the Pope is tired and doesn't feel up to it (he is 84 after all). So, I asked our Lady if she could intercede if it was God's will. The Pope came in shortly after, looked at me and walked straight towards me. 'I'm a Legionary,' I said. The Pope looked very happy and said, 'A Legionary! Wonderful!' I said, 'Thanks for everything you are doing for us.' He replied, 'Be courageous. Take heart!'"

Devin was ordained a priest of the Legionaries of Christ this past December in Rome in front of, among others, his parents, an aunt and uncle and his younger brother, **Rev. Andrew J. Roza '99**.

Craig M. Hillabrand '97 and his wife Mary welcomed their second child, Scott Andrew, into their family.



Michael D. Braun '99 is the owner of 123 Exteriors Inc. and was recently invited to a White House conference called "Make It in America." Led by the U.S. Department of Energy and the nonprofit, nonpartisan Clean Energy Development Center, about 50 attendees discussed how to create high-quality jobs, especially in sustainable industries. Headquartered in Illinois, 123 Exteriors employs 150 people and is found in seven cities throughout the U.S. Mike and his wife Ellie live in the St. Louis area.



Benjamin E. Krause '99 is the country director in Haiti for actor Sean Penn's J/P Haitian Relief Organization. Ben noted in a November 29, 2011 article in the Omaha World-Herald that the organization "provides emergency medical services for 1,600 patients a week, schools for 400 children, community programming, small-business training, a recycling effort and rubble removal." He also said that J/P HRO has hauled 10,000 dump trucks of rubble over the past 18 months.

Ryan W. Wade '99 was selected as an "Outstanding Young Omahan" this past January by the Omaha Jaycees. This honor is given to men and women between the ages of 21 and 40 who strive for excellence and have a strong commitment to both community service and personal and professional development. Ryan is the Assistant Vice President of Business Banking for Union Bank & Trust Company. He is a board member of the Greater Omaha Young Professionals and the Black Student Catholic Scholarship Fund. He is also an active leader in the Business Ethics Alliance and is involved with several other organizations including the Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce Audit Committee, Project Harmony's Halfway to St. Patrick's Day Fundraising Committee, Habitat for Humanity's Business Development Committee and the Creighton Prep Alumni Council. Ryan and his wife Tiffany have one daughter, Veronica.

1990s

1990s



Daniel J. Peters '00 and his wife Sally welcomed Lydia Irene into their family this past July.

Jake R. Holdenried '01 has joined American National Bank as commercial loan officer and assistant vice president. He is a member of the Young Alumni Advisory Board at Creighton, the Alzheimer's Association and the Risk Management Association of the Midlands.

Andrew H. Schmad '03 recently accepted a position at Hayneedle, an online retailer in Omaha, after spending over four years in public accounting.

Benjamin J. Burton '04 was promoted to senior accountant at Lutz & Company, PC. Burton, a CPA on the tax team, received his degree in accounting from the University of Nebraska at Omaha and has more than three years of experience in corporate, partnership and individual tax.



Benjamin C. Knowles '04 married Kate Jansen this past summer at St. John's Church on the Creighton University campus. **Rev. George R. Sullivan, S.J. '62** concelebrated the Mass. He also presided

over the wedding of Ben's parents, **James W. Knowles Jr. '75** and Rjean, in 1980 as he was a law school classmate of the couple. The wedding party pictured above includes (L-R) **Matthew J. Knowles '00**, **John T. Sutko '04**, **Christopher M. Kestel '03**, **Ben Knowles '04**, Kate Knowles, **John R. Brennan '04**, **Mathew L. Storm '04**, **Ryan E. Chupp '04**, **Robert M. Knowles '06**, Fr. George Sullivan, S.J. and, in the front row, **Stephen B. Giroux '07**.



Benjamin L. Lowndes '05 married Jenna Cheese (Marian '05) at St. John's on Creighton's campus this past July. The couple lives in St. Paul, Minn. and Ben is a first-year law student at Hamline University School of Law. Prior to this, Ben earned his Master's in English at UNO in May of 2011.

Brian J. Holt '07 of the Creighton men's soccer team has been named the Capital One Academic All-America® of the Year in Division I, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America. In addition to earning the top Academic All-America honor among Division I men's soccer players, Holt becomes the first Creighton men's soccer player to be named a First-Team Academic All-American.

Thomas R. Belatti '09 is attending St. Anne's College, Oxford to study mathematics and engineering this semester.

Luke S. Witchger '10 was named concertmaster of the Vanderbilt University Orchestra in Nashville, Tenn. this past fall. He is also a substitute violinist for the Nashville Symphony. Last summer, he attended the Aspen Musical Festival on a fellowship. He also played for seven weeks with the American Academy of Conducting orchestra.

2000s

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Weddings

Robert T. Dahlquist '03 married Lindsey L. Willis

Shane Stratman '04 married Jami Novak

Nathan G. Vaughan '04 married Christine A. Sebby

Anniversaries

50 Years or More

Rosalie and Ronald Allison '57

50 Years or More

Shirley and John "Pat" Murphy '51

51 Years

Dorothy and Roger Snook '59

Please Remember

Sept. 10, 2011 to Dec. 16, 2011

Alumni

Charles M. Carey '67,
son of William '39 (deceased)

Edmond M. Connor, Jr. '43,
father of Edmond '68, Paul '70, John '74,
James '78, bother of Robert '46 (deceased)

Patrick J. Cullen '66

John C. Dewey '65,
father of Aaron '96

Daniel J. Duffy '60,
father of Timothy '88, Patrick '90,
Michael '95, brother of James '57

Logan L. Fontenelle '57

Ahmet S. Gonlubol '77,
brother of Ali '68

Richard A. Hiserodt '44
(July 18, 2011)

Thomas M. Keating '63,
brother of Leo '56 (deceased)

Daniel P. McMillan '42,
brother of John '46 (deceased), George '47
(deceased)

Brian K. Milliken, '86,
brother of Patrick '90

John T. O'Leary '47,
father of Michael '83, Patrick '85 (deceased),
grandfather of Connor '15

Jerome J. Pecoraro '44,
father of John '69

Michael J. Rudol '61

John W. Schulte '69,
brother of Ronald '67, David '71

John I. "Chip" Sibbersen '67,
(July 9, 2011) brother of J. Andrew '69

Gerald J. Spethman '53,
brother of Edward '48, Richard '50

Carl J. Troia '41,
father of Sebastian '68, Carl '70, Robert '72,
Richard '83, grandfather of Carl '02,
Paul '04, Andrew '04, Wyatt '10,
Samuel Wilson '10, Joseph Wilson '12,
John Wilson '13, brother of Anthony '33
(deceased)

John S. Vokoun '70

Raymond H. Wingate '61

Robert L. Yoksh '42
(March 19, 2011)

Wives

Misti L. Armendariz,
wife of Philip '93

**Mary Margaret "Martie"
Barrett**,
widow of Frank '44

Sally J. Burke,
wife of Thomas '48

Ornella M. Caniglia,
widow of Louis '35

Jade Christensen,
wife of Todd '88

Ann M. Christian,
wife of Robert '53

Margaret P. Egenberger,
widow of Louis '40, grandmother of Peter
Moeschler '97, Michael Moeschler '99

Mary Jo Geppert,
widow of Lawrence '42, mother of
Michael '78, John '81, grandmother of
Andrew '07, John '07

Elizabeth "Betty" Mainelli,
widow of Robert '44, mother of Eugene '69,
Robert '70, Vincent '79 (deceased),
Joseph '84, grandmother of
David '89, Anthony '93, Matthew '97,
great grandmother of Maxwell '15

Patricia A. Mason,
wife of Victor '41, mother of Bruce '63,
grandmother of Kevin Hautzinger '97

Mary Kay Monahan,
wife of James '55

Joann Norris,
wife of Richard '48, mother of
Robert Anderson '73, Mark Anderson '77,
John Anderson '80, step-mother of
Mark Norris '79, Jeffrey Norris '84

Mary Ann Rudersdorf,
widow of Howard '36, grandmother of
Thomas '98, Jonathan '00, Patrick '00,
Andrew '04

Betty A. Schroeder,
wife of Donald '41

Mary Kay Tighe,
wife of Richard '40, grandmother of
Ben Kalthorn '03, William Kalthorn '06,
Matthew Seidel '09, John Clauff '10

Eileen Zitka,
wife of Francis '56

Fathers

Paul J. Anderson,
father of Thomas '76, David '78

Dennis J. Buckley,
father of John '80, grandfather of
Stewart '09, John '14

Michael F. Flanigan,
father of Patrick '85, Daniel '88

Donald R. Higgins,
(June 20, 2011) father of Scott '88

John J. Laferla,
father of James '72

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

Vernon W. Meyers,
father of Charles '79, Thomas '83,
grandfather of Nicholas '06

Fred L. Mossman,
father of Stephen '79

George Reboloso,
father of Reinaldo '77 (deceased),
grandfather of Adam '01

J. Thomas Rowen,
father of Thomas '91

John T. Schlueter,
father of Robert '89

John J. Sullivan,
father of Mark '75, Michael '80, Peter '83

Johnny J. Swoboda,
father of James '75, Thomas '76,
Lawrence '80, Anthony '82, grandfather
of Nicholas '15, Matthew '15, Christopher
Tierney '98, Andrew Dalton '05

Frank J.G. Tourek,
father of Robert '69, grandfather of Adam '00

Peter R. Umatum,
father of Peter '65, Neil '66

Craig A. Wernimont,
father of Jeff '99

Mothers

Jeanne M. Beckman,
mother of Lawrence '66, Mark '69

Mary A. Bryg,
mother of John '53

Mary E. Caniglia,
mother of Thomas '71

Angeleen DiMari,
mother of Samuel '56 (deceased),
grandmother of Joseph '88

Mary V. Dooling,
mother of Robert '63, James '68, Richard '72,
Terrence '76, Timothy '77, grandmother of
William '05

Joan Finochiaro,
mother of Jeffrey '77, Robert '77, John '82,
grandmother of Kevin Griffith '06

Rita F. Hawk,
step-mother of Scott '74, Patrick '79, Daniel '84

Betty Jane Heida,
mother of Donald '64

Beverly A. Hilson,
mother of John '96

**Glenna "G.B."
Kenny-Bridenbaugh**,
mother of Hugh Kenny '66

Sharon "Kate" Kestel,
mother of Chris '03, Timothy '05

Aileen MacBride,
mother of Sean '76, Anthony '76,
grandmother of Patrick '06, Conor '09,
Anthony '11, Sean '15

Louise P. Morello,
mother of Carl '61

Colleen A. Neary,
daughter of William Brennan '16 (deceased),
mother of John '71, Brian '80, Timothy '89,
grandmother of Brennan Miller '04, Sean
Burdney '13

Cecilia M. Russell,
mother of Mark '75 (deceased)

Peggy A. Sandene,
mother of Michael '97

Joan M. Simpson,
mother of Michael '65, Thomas '81,
grandmother of Robert '88, Timothy '12

Virginia M. Stefanski,
mother of Thomas '70 (deceased), James '77

Henrietta F. Thomas,
mother of John '66, grandmother of
Brian '94, Kevin '02

Denise M. Van Roy,
mother of Mitchell '12

Fena Venditte,
mother of Bernard '54, grandmother of
Anthony '87, Louis '88, Bernie '99

LuElla Vidlak,
mother of Paul '85

Mary Wollen,
mother of Gary '66

Delvina "Del" Zuerlein,
mother of Daniel '69, Brian '79

Children

Donald A. Cavaleri,
son of Ross '34, brother of Jack '64

Ann McElligott,
daughter of John C. Mainelli '43,
sister of John '66, Stephen '75, Michael '78,
David '87

John G. Ptacek,
son of Rita and Richard Ptacek '41 (Richard
is deceased.)

Richard W. Weinert,
son of Richard "Jerry" '47

Correction from Summer 2010:

Leroy Potter,
grandfather of Philip Merriman '00 (his
name was omitted in Alumni News issue)

Logan Fontenelle Rest in Peace



*excerpts below taken from the
December 13, 2011 Omaha World-
Herald article by Christopher Burbach

Logan Fontenelle bore a famous name — quietly, for the most part — though he was happy to answer the occasional call to remind Nebraskans about his ancestors' role in local history.

He came from a family whose roots in Nebraska soil predate the state and the cities of Omaha and Bellevue.

"He always used to say 'I'm not famous, but my ancestors are,'" said his wife, Leah Fontenelle.

A 1957 graduate of Creighton Prep, Fontenelle was the great-great-great-grandson of Chief Big Elk, the last full-blooded chief of the Omaha tribe. Fontenelle also was the great-great-grandson of Lucien Fontenelle, a French-American fur trader whose trading post, in what is now Fontenelle Forest, became one of the building blocks of Bellevue and Omaha during the early 1800s.

After high school, Fontenelle attended Omaha University, the precursor to the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Fontenelle didn't finish, instead launching a career as a laborer, beginning as a circuit welder at Western Electric (later Avaya). He worked at the plant for 40 years.

Logan Fontenelle died on December 11, 2011. In his honor, the Class of 1957 began the "Logan Fontenelle Class of '57 & Friends Memorial Fund." Donations to this fund can be made by calling Prep's Development Office at 402.548.3881 or visiting creightonprep.org/giveonline.

May Christ support
us all the day long,
till the shadows
lengthen, and the
evening comes, and
the busy world is
hushed, and the fever
of life is over and our
work is done. Then
in His mercy may
He give us a safe
lodging, and holy rest
and peace at last.

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