

# THE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION JULY 1, 2004 - JUNE 30, 2005 ANNUAL REPORT

## From The President

Dear Central High Supporters:

It's an exciting time for the Central High School Foundation! This February, we moved into our new office located above Goldberg's restaurant at 5008 1/2 Dodge Street, Suite 200. Having operated from a private residence for the past six years, this is the first time the Foundation has had a dedicated office space.



Rusty Crossman in front of the new office.

We now have enough storage space for all of our records, a secure location for the Alumni Association's collection of historical memorabilia, enough desk space to accommodate staff and several volunteers and a small conference area available for meetings related to Central. We are confident this new space will allow us to better serve the students, teachers, alumni and supporters of Central High School.

In another exciting initiative, the Foundation is evaluating its current and future roles through a comprehensive strategic planning process. We are also exploring new ways to raise funds to underwrite scholarships and teacher projects at Central as well as provide for the day-to-day expenses of the Foundation. This process is expected to conclude in December, and I look forward to sharing with you the results of this effort.

As we plan for the future of the Foundation, we continue to draw on our original mission for guidance. We remain deeply committed to supporting the rich academic tradition started at Central 146 years ago. We invite you to join us in this effort and appreciate your generous donations of time, energy and financial support.

Sincerely,

Rusty Crossman

Dr. Rusty Crossman '66 President

# Foundation Seeks Volunteers For Projects

The Foundation is currently seeking volunteers to help with computer and database work in the new office. Projects include going through the OBooks to make sure all Central alumni are included in the database and developing more comprehensive alumni records.

"We want to add all of the activities students were involved with," explained Executive Director Terry Price. "Then, when special events come up, such as the Latin Club Centennial Event or A Cappella's upcoming 75th reunion, we can contact everyone who was involved with these activities."

Angela Friedman '05 has been volunteering in the office for several months and has enjoyed the experience. "It's a great way to earn volunteer hours for school, and it's really fascinating to look at the old yearbooks. I looked up my dad [Scott Friedman '67] and found out what activities he participated in. He didn't even remember some of his!"



Terry Price and Michael Smith '05 Class President

Michael Smith '05, President of the Class of 2005, spoke to National Honor Society members and other class officers about volunteering at the Foundation. "It's a great way to get volunteer hours for the National Honor Society's honor corps—and help Central at the same time," he said.

Anyone interested in volunteering is asked to call the Foundation office at (402) 556-1996.

# Foundation Moves To New Office Space

On February 14, 2005, the CHS Foundation officially moved to its new home located above Goldberg's restaurant at 5008 1/2 Dodge Street, Suite 200. "It's the greatest location and the space is ideal for us," Foundation Executive Director and Treasurer Terry Price said. For a little over six years, she ran the organization from her home.

The new office features a walk-in safe which houses the Foundation's OBooks and the Alumni Association's historical memorabilia, a small conference/meeting area, a large main office and a



Inside the new Foundation office at 5008 1/2 Dodge Street.

smaller secondary office, a kitchenette and bathroom and numerous storage closets.

Terry credits longtime Central supporter Dave Van Metre with locating the space. "One day, Dave called me after having lunch at Goldberg's," she said. "He had just talked to the building owner and learned the space above the restaurant would be available for rent at the end of the year. Soon after, Rusty, my husband and I made an appointment to see the space and immediately fell in love with it!"

Additional Central supporters helped furnish the office. "I placed an appeal for furniture in last year's annual report," Terry explained. "Right away, I started getting calls from many generous alums and friends. I accepted donations of furniture and office equipment with the understanding that if I couldn't use their items, I would offer them first to Central High School and second to Omaha Public Schools (OPS)."

Keith Wagner '72 is one of the donors who responded to Terry's request. "I donated work tables/desks, modular partitions with built-in lateral files and a refrigerator left over from a business that was no longer active," he said. "I saw Terry's request in the annual report and couldn't think of a better use for these items."

Another large donation was received from Union Mortgage. Central alums Pam Roberts Leaman '79 and Debbie Marshall Lentz '71 arranged the donation which included two truck loads of office equipment ranging from typewriters and telephones to desks, chairs and tables. "The bank had just built a new office and purchased all new furniture, so the timing was perfect," Pam said. "I understand that all of our items found a new home and are very much appreciated!"

With all of the donations coming in, Terry now had to find a way to store the items until a new office space was located. Omaha Public Schools Superintendent Dr. John Mackiel learned of the situation and immediately called Terry.

"There was storage space in one of the OPS warehouse facilities that was available for the short duration needed for the Foundation's furniture," said Dr. Mackiel.

After the Foundation found the office above Goldberg's, Terry graphed the layout of the space and measured all of the furniture in storage. She selected the items that worked best and donated the rest to Central High School and OPS. Some of the items donated to OPS are being used in one of the high school facilities currently being remodeled.

Another Central alum, Steve Nogg '69, generously helped the Foundation move in to the new office. Steve's company, I-Go Van & Storage, provided five movers and two trucks to move the furniture from storage and the Price residence to the new office. "They had us moved in a few hours, and they did a TERRIFIC job. We are so thankful for Steve's generosity!" Terry said.

The Foundation office is open daily. However, hours may vary since Terry is the only full-time employee. Visitors are asked to call ahead. "I love having visitors, but I would hate for someone to stop by when I am out of the office," explained Terry.

# Thank You To Everyone Who Contributed To The Move!

- All Makes Office Equipment -Larry Kavich '63
- Fred & Marcia Backer
- Ellie Rasmussen Clure '47
- Ryan Ellis '97
- Richard Fellman '53
- Elizabeth McNichols '77
- Lindsey Miller Lerman
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   & Debbie Marshall Lentz '71
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- West Center Psychiatric–Aveva Hahn Shukert '68
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Steve Nogg '69, I-Go Van & Storage



Principal Jerry Bexten

# Foundation Plays Key Role In Supporting Central

With the completion of the \$16 million renovation and the grand opening of Seemann Stadium and the multi-purpose field, students returning to Central High School this fall will discover a revitalized campus. According to Principal Jerry Bexten, the Central High School Foundation played an important role in bringing about the campus upgrades.

"The Foundation helped us get the \$16 million bond passed," Jerry noted. "The Foundation has been extremely supportive of the staff and students at Central and is an ideal vehicle for alumni and other benefactors to support the school."

The Foundation also facilitates the donation of hundreds of thousands of dollars each year to support scholarships and special projects. Since it was founded in 1996, the Foundation has provided approximately \$558,000 for scholarships and \$960,000 for special projects. Examples of the projects funded include updates to the chemistry and physics labs, new computers and listening stations in the foreign language rooms.

"I've never seen the extent of alumni and parental support that Central has in terms of time and dollars," added Jerry.

#### Campus Update

■ The \$16 million renovation to Central, made possible by a bond issue passed several years ago, is now complete. The renovations include new air conditioning and electrical wiring, kitchen and gym additions and five new classrooms on the fourth floor.

■ The new stadium and multi-purpose field was dedicated in a grand ceremony on August 21. The stadium is named in honor of Lee Seemann '38, a decorated World War II pilot who, along with his wife Willa (Davis) Seemann '43, provided financial support for the \$12.1 million project.

# Mission and Role of the Central High School Foundation

The mission of the Central High School Foundation is to improve the education of present and future students at Central High School. The Foundation's responsibilities include:

- managing the scholarship endowment fund
- maintaining an extensive database of alumni, parents, staff and friends
- providing assistance with class reunions
- developing and hosting a web site for groups that support Central
- assisting all groups that support Central
- sponsoring the Senior Recognition Event
- sponsoring the Teacher and Student of the Year scholarships
- operating the Foundation office
- identifying needs and developing strategic projects to improve Central
- raising funds for Central's needs, whatever they may be

# Central High School Foundation Board Of Directors

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Visiting our web site is a great way to stay in touch with the groups who support CHS. You can also browse our list of LOST alumni and staff and let us know if you know the whereabouts of anybody on the list.



# Thank You To Our Part-Time Central Students!

Katie Fitch (left) has worked in the CHS Foundation office for the last year, including this summer. She will attend Kansas University this fall. Katie O'Banion (right) just started and will work every day after school during the upcoming year.

# Planning Ahead for Central's Future

There are many ways to give to the Central High School Foundation, now or in your estate plan. You may wish to consider one of the following options:

- Bequests: For many donors, making a gift through your estate is the most realistic way to provide a substantial contribution to the CHS Foundation.
- Gifts of Insurance/Retirement: You can amend an existing insurance policy or retirement plan to name the CHS Foundation as one of your beneficiaries.
- Appreciated Securities: Your outright gift of long-term, appreciated securities (stocks, mutual funds and bonds) is exempt from capital gains taxes.
- Gifts of Real Estate: You can make a gift of commercial or residential real estate to the CHS Foundation and receive substantial financial benefits.
- Charitable Gift Annuity: A gift annuity is a contract between the donor and the CHS Foundation that provides the donor a guaranteed payment for life and a charitable income tax deduction. Deferred gift annuities are also available.
- Charitable Remainder Trust: A charitable remainder trust provides a lifetime income and a charitable income tax deduction.

For more information, please contact your financial planner, lawyer or the CHS Foundation office at 402-556-1996.

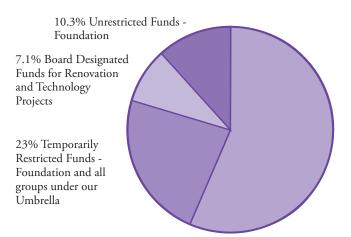
# Foundation Financials

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\*Income & Expenses for fiscal year 7-1-2004 through 6-30-2005.

#### Net Assets As Of June 30, 2005

4. All under our umbrella (AA, VOICE, JSPA, PEP Auction, Band Parents) . . . . \$132,000



59.6% Permanently Restricted for CHS Foundation Scholarship Endowment Fund

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# **Under The Umbrella**

Organizations under our umbrella enjoy our 501(c)3 nonprofit status and assistance in raising and managing funds. To learn more about the CHS Foundation, or any of these organizations, please visit the Foundation web site at www.centralhighomaha.org.

#### Central High School Alumni Association



Larry Albert '51, co-chair of the Alumni Association Historical and

Acknowledging with gratitude the outstanding education they received at Central, the members of the Alumni Association seek to "keep Central Central." "We want to be involved with activities," said Mary Moberg '51, the organization's president. "We still care, and we are very proud of that school."

The Alumni Association helps graduates stay connected to Central through the publication of its Alumni Register, which is mailed to more than 21,000 alums. The CHS Foundation provides database and mailing assistance.

In addition, the Alumni Association selects inductees for the CHS Hall of Fame, maintains an alumni library and collects and stores historical memorabilia. Approximately 100 titles are currently part of the alumni library, according to Library Arts Chair Cheryl Church Roche '41. "It's quite an amazing collection," Cheryl said. The books are featured in two display cases in Central's courtyard and are also available to students in the school library.

The Alumni Association's historical collection was recently transferred from Barry Comb's (CHS 1950) house to a dedicated space in the CHS Foundation's new office. "When Dr. Crossman and I were looking for office space, we made it a priority to find a location that had a safe and secure space for this wonderful collection," Terry Price said. Among the items included are textbooks, yearbooks ("OBooks"), photographs, football uniforms, pennants and notebooks.

"Terry Price has been an enormous help to the Historical Committee in gathering archival materials for various projects," said committee co-chair Larry Albert '51. "Terry's support of the Historical Committee's functions is well above and beyond the call of duty and is of tremendous value to us."

#### PEP (Parents, Educators and Pupils)

Organized in 1979, the PEP organization is Central's parent-teacher organization. The approximately 200-member strong organization raises funds to support scholarships and teacher grants for special projects.

Funds are generated through the sale of refreshments at fine art events and CHS specialty items such as T-shirts and sweatshirts. PEP also holds an annual Scholarship & Teacher Grant Auction. The proceeds from the auction help fund scholarships for seniors, teacher grants and the Foundation's Scholarship Endowment Fund. The 2005 event, held on March 19, raised \$25,000.



Patty Packard (left) and Joy Winkler (right), co-presidents of PEP, at the 23rd Annual PEP Auction.

"The CHS Foundation provided us with the database containing names and phone numbers," said PEP Co-Chair Joy Winkler. "Terry Price keeps us all going in the right direction."

In addition to raising funds, PEP helps plan and provide assistance for many of Central's annual events including the Post-Prom party, the Holiday Faculty Tea, freshman orientation, the Senior Recognition event and Purple Feather Day which honors students with a cumulative grade point average of 3.25 or higher.

#### **CHS Band Parents**

An organization comprised of both parents and students, CHS Band Parents assist with a variety of band activities including the transportation of instruments, organizing of volunteers and support for the band at events such as football games and parades.

"We make sure kids have the best musical experience possible, and we support the staff," said Terry Anderson who has been involved with the organization for the past four years.

According to Terry, the new multi-purpose field will provide even more opportunities for band students. "The students in the marching band were really excited about participating in the grand opening of the field on August 21. This was the first time they've been able to march in two years!"

CHS Band Parents also coordinates several fundraising efforts including the popular annual Swing Dance. One of the organization's goals is to raise funds without asking the kids to sell products. "This past year, using the CHS Foundation's database, we sent out an appeal letter to band parents asking for donations," Terry said. "The letter was very successful and generated 60 percent of our annual fundraising goal."

Doug Bottger, co-president of CHS Band parents, cites the CHS Foundation's 501(c)3 status as one of the contributing factors in the organization's fundraising success. "We have many generous donors who support the band financially," Doug said. "However, donors are more inclined to write a slightly larger check because of the tax advantages of donating to a not-for-profit. The Foundation is a real benefit to us."

# V.O.I.C.E. (Volunteer Organization Investing in Choral Excellence)

Central's V.O.I.C.E. organization supports and encourages students who are interested in vocal music. The organization is led by a dedicated executive committee of approximately 12 parents and teachers and supported by additional parents who help with individual events.

According to Mark Flemmer, who was co-president of V.O.I.C.E. during the 2004-2005 school year along with his wife, Janet Flemmer, the organization supports choral students with a wide variety of activities.

"Throughout the year we help with concerts and musicals and provide transportation, carry equipment, record performances, publish a newsletter and do whatever we can to help," Mark said. "We helped purchase the choral department's grand piano and are responsible for keeping it in good condition. We also provide three to four scholarships each year."

V.O.I.C.E. also helps organize and staff the annual Madrigal Faire. This special performance opportunity is the organization's largest fundraiser.

In March of 2006, V.O.I.C.E. is planning a special Diamond Jubilee Celebration to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the A Cappella Choir. The event will be held March 25-26, 2006 in conjunction with PEP's celebration of the arts week featuring the Scholarship & Teacher Grant Auction.



Activities include a morning or early afternoon rehearsal at the Joslyn Art Museum on Saturday, March 25 and a Sunday, March 26 concert in Central's auditorium at 3 p.m. Current and former A Cappella members are encouraged to participate.

"We had a similar event with alumni participation in 2000," said Central Vocal Music Director Lyn Bouma. "More than 150 people came from all over the United States."

Photo of the first Central High School A Cappella Choir. Taken from the 1931 Central High School yearbook.

#### **Athletic Booster Club**

The Athletic Booster Club was founded to support the athletes and coaches at Central. This support includes organizing four sports banquets each year, coordinating the membership program, organizing an annual golf outing and providing financial assistance to athletic teams.

"We help wherever we are needed and meet any needs not covered by OPS," said the organization's co-president Carol Kuzelka. "We don't want the coaches to have to use their own money to buy team equipment, or for the students to have to do a lot of fundraising," she said.

On June 6, the Athletic Booster Club had its third annual golf outing at Ironwood Golf & Country Club. Approximately 120 golfers participated in the event which raised \$13,000.

A large portion of the proceeds from this year's golf outing will be used to purchase a four-wheeler for maintenance of the new multi-purpose field. "We will help with many of the needs associated with the new stadium and field," Carol said. Past projects funded by the Athletic Booster Club include golf bags for the golf team, wrestling uniforms for the wrestling team and a digital camera for the athletic department.

The organization's finances are managed by the CHS Foundation. "If we need a check, we just contact Terry Price," Carol said. "The Foundation is very easy to deal with."



G.E. "Doc" Moller was recognized for his support of the CHS athletic program while serving as the school's principal.



Randy Milnes, Ron Hofmeister, G.E. "Doc" Moller and Gene Claxton (from left to right) compose a foursome at the Golf Outing in June.

#### Foundation Seeks Central Memorabilia

Tired of tripping over your boxes of old school memorabilia? Don't throw away those precious memories, donate them to the Alumni Association's historical archives! The Foundation uses old yearbooks daily as reference material and the Alumni Association is currently seeking the following items:

- Photographs (must be clearly labeled)
- Any OBooks, particularly for all of the years prior to 1901 plus 1903, 1966, 1983, 1986 and 1991

## **Class Reunion News**

## Class of '85 Plans August Reunion

The Class of '85 held its 20th reunion over a three-day weekend August 12-14, 2005. Planned activities included a "meet and greet" reception, a dinner dance, tour of Central and a family picnic.

"My goal was to get as many classmates from 1985 to attend as we could and to reunite with old friends and meet new ones," said organizer Michael Moore '85. "The class reunion almost did not happen this year. Myself and five other classmates and friends decided to take on this task. We have accomplished a lot, and the reunion was a success."



Gianna Schuetz (center) and Gia Ciummo Schuetz (right) meet with Terry Price (left) in the Foundation office. Gia is the Class of '85 Secretary and helped to plan the reunion from her home in Norway.

According to Michael, Terry Price's help was critical to getting the reunion organized, especially in light of the short timeframe. "Terry has been a huge help with my committee. I don't know what we would have done without her. Kudos to Terry!" he said.

#### Class of '95 Reunion Planned for September

According to Clark Lauritzen, president of the Class of '95, Terry Price was instrumental in helping notify classmates about the 10-year class reunion he is organizing for September 2-3, 2005.

"Terry provided the database, printed labels for us, helped stuff envelopes and made it possible for us to take advantage of the Foundation's bulk mail rates," he said. "She also posted a notice regarding the reunion on the web site and updated the database as new information came in."

Of the approximately 360 students in the graduating class, the Foundation was able to provide current addresses for 270. "That's pretty good considering the average person has moved seven times since graduation," Clark said.

On Friday night, September 2, the reunion will feature an evening dinner reception and tour at Central followed by the first football game to be played in the new Seemann Stadium. After the game, classmates are invited to attend a mixer in the Old Market. The reunion concludes on Saturday with a luncheon at Rick's Boatyard.

#### Class of '51 Meets in New Office Space to Plan Reunion

The Class of '51 is among the groups and organizations now holding meetings in the CHS Foundation's new office. The class is coordinating its 55th reunion which is tentatively planned for the first weekend in October 2006.

"This being our 55th reunion, the pace is going to provide more time for renewing relationships than focusing on day and night-filling rapid-pace events," reported Larry Albert '51. "Nevertheless, we are sure the activities planned will be worthwhile, entertaining and enjoyable."

## Class of '80 Proves You Can Plan A Long-Distance Reunion

Grant Gier, Vice President of the Class of '80, recently organized his classes' 25th reunion from his home in Chicago. Despite the distance, it was much easier to plan than the class' 10th reunion

"For the 10th reunion we had to rely on old class lists," Grant said. "For this year's reunion, Terry Price used the database to run a list of current addresses. We'd update each other as new information about classmates came in. She also announced the reunion on the web site."

Out of about 376 classmates, Grant was able to contact 270 regarding the reunion held June 10-11, 2005. Attendance was strong at the event which featured a golf outing at Miracle Hill Golf Course, a tour of Central and a dinner at DJ's Dugout.

"Central provided us with a strong foundation," Grant commented. "We all have many fond memories and are interested in the new construction and what is happening today."

# Class of '94 Donates Leftover Reunion Funds to Foundation

Featuring a dinner at Rick's Boatyard and a pancake breakfast, the 10th reunion of the Class of '94 was held July 24-25, 2004. Approximately 125 people attended the two-day event.

"The Foundation was very instrumental in making our reunion happen," said organizer Jennifer (Berg) Adams '94. "In fact, there was no way we could have pulled it off without the help of Terry Price. She was just the best – so friendly, organized, quick to respond to all my questions and so on top of everything."

Following the reunion, the class had some remaining funds leftover. Jennifer and her classmates decided to donate them to the Foundation. "I thought it was a great way to give back to Central and help support the school," Jennifer said. "We also thought the donation might help leverage additional money for the Foundation's First Class Challenge."

#### Class of '53 Establishes Annual Brunch to Stay Connected

Members of the Class of '53 had so much fun at their 50th reunion that they decided to get together on an annual basis. "Having a brunch every year helps bridge the gap between the regular reunions held every five years," said organizer Kay Corell '53. "Most of the people who attend are local, but some do come from out of town."

The class meets for brunch at a local restaurant the first Saturday in June. Past locations have included UNO and the Crowne Plaza.

"Terry Price provides the mailing labels which is a big help," Kay said. "My daughter is planning a 20-year reunion for another high school, and she is having a really hard time finding her classmates."

Though they have gone their separate ways since graduation, Central provides a strong link that still connects the Class of '53. "Central goes back so far," Kay explained. "There were fewer high schools back then, and Central was the best in the city. It really influenced us and prepared us for life."

# Weight Equipment Donated to Central

Thanks to the Van Metre family, Central athletes have the opportunity to train their bodies using state-of-the-art weight equipment. In 2000, Dave and Carol Van Metre and their sons Dave '82 and Jim Van Metre '81 decided to donate weight equipment to update Central's weight room. "My two sons went to Central, and we decided to do this as a family," Dave Van Metre said.

In 2004, a new addition was built at Central which included space for a larger weight room underneath the basketball court. The Van Metres again donated weight equipment to furnish the room. Both donations were made through the Central High School Foundation.



Dave Van Metre (left) and CHS Principal Jerry Bexten (right) give a tour of the CHS weight room.

# Class of '54 Wins First Class Challenge

Each year, the CHS classes holding reunions are invited to participate in the First Class Challenge, a friendly competition to raise money for the Foundation's day-to-day operating expenses. At the end of the year, the class that raises the most money wins.

The Class of '54 won the Foundation's 2004 First Class Challenge with a donation of nearly \$5,000. This enterprising class raised funds through a letter sent to classmates as well as the donation of money left over from its August 2004 reunion. "We are very proud of Central," commented reunion organizer Tom Bernstein '54. "It has a long tradition and is still a wonderful school."

In addition, Fred Nelson '54 recorded and sold a CD featuring the piano music of former classmate and best friend Terry Moshier '54. A talented athlete and pianist, Terry privately recorded an album of piano solos entitled "Terry Moshier Plays for His Friends." Fred had a copy of the album, but it was badly damaged. He contacted Terry's brother who was able to provide an unplayed album which Fred used to make a CD.

He then sold the CDs at the reunion for a minimum donation of \$20. Fred donated the money raised – more than \$1,000 – to the CHS Foundation's Scholarship Endowment Fund in memory of Terry Moshier. Fred hopes his CD project will inspire others to honor the memories of former alumni, while at the same time, to raise funds to support the hopes and dreams of future Central grads.

The Class of '54 donated their left over reunion funds in memory of their deceased classmates:

Miles Bell
George (Chuck) Boetel
Monte Bradford
Larry Carman
Marshall Deneberg
Connie (Tarascio) Feagins
James Focht
Gail Fricke
John Hanna
Norman Hudgrins

Chere (Glas) Hunt Larry Lange Carl Linn Robert Madgett Samuel Marvin Terry Moshier John Radicia Harlan Rosen Larry Schwartz

Russell Skavari Marlene (Jenson) Southwell Myrna Sullivan Georgia (Comstock) Tombling Patricia (Means) Ver Helst Joe Warner Judy (Rosen) Weiner Barbara (Sobrin) Wertheim Tom Wheeler

# 1944 Central Football Team Achieved On and Off the Field

In the fall of 2004, to mark the team's 60th anniversary, Fred Abboud '45 decided to reconnect with the members of Central's 1944 varsity football team. "One loss to Tech High cost us the city title," recalls Fred, who played fullback and was inducted in the Nebraska Football Hall of Fame in 1985. "But, the team had some outstanding individuals who went on to achieve great things in life."

With the assistance of Terry Price, Fred was able to locate 16 out of 28 members of the 1944 team. A small group attended the football game between Central and Creighton Prep on October 22, 2004.

Following graduation from Central, many of the players served in the armed services. A large percentage of the team also earned college degrees. Herb Reese '47, Charles Beber '46 and Jerry Ries '46 became medical doctors. Russ Gorman '45 earned a doctorate degree and ran the Physical Education Department at Illinois State University.

Ed Zorinsky '44 served as mayor of the City of Omaha and later, as a U.S. Senator. Fred Hawkins '44 became one of the largest building contractors in Nebraska. A hall in the Omaha Civic Auditorium was named after Charles Mancuso '44 for his exceptional service to the city which included management of the Parks and Recreation Department, Rosenblatt Stadium and the Omaha Civic Auditorium.

Fred Abboud, who became an insurance broker, credits Central with helping the team learn the value of discipline and education. "We had great teachers and faculty," he said. "They were all business."

# Edward G. Drdla '41 Remembers Foundation In His Estate

Central High School received a generous gift of \$221,000 from the estate of Edwin G. Drdla '41. "Edwin was single and had no children," said Joe Latoza, the investments advisor

who assisted him in preparing his estate.



Edward G. Drdla '41

"He had a hard time deciding what to do with his sizable estate," Joe said. "We prepared a list of foundations for him to review and he selected the Central High School Foundation as one of the beneficiaries." The gift was made through the CHS Foundation because of the tax benefits associated with donating to a 501(c)3 organization.

Joe remembers Ed as a mechanical genius who could make anything with his hands. After he graduated from Central, Ed attended Iowa State University. He worked as an engineer at OPPD for many years. Ed had a stroke approximately ten years ago and lived in a nursing home at the time of his passing.

# Foundation Helps Alumni Connect With the Past

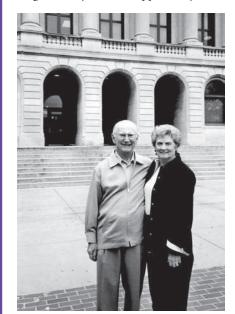
An important function of the CHS Foundation is to help alumni connect with their school days at Central. Examples of the assistance provided by the Foundation include locating and reproducing OBooks, help contacting schoolmates and family members and assistance with arranging tours of Central.

Terry Price recently had the pleasure of assisting Tom Fike '37. Tom requested help obtaining a copy of his OBook, which he had not seen for years. Terry made a copy and mailed it to him at his home in Louisiana. Terry also contacted Principal Jerry Bexten, who gave a wonderful private tour of Central to Tom and his wife, while they were visiting in the area to attend his UNL Law School reunion.

According to Terry, the Foundation frequently receives requests for information. "Using our database, I have helped create mailing lists for a variety of events such as plays at Central, the Road Show, a baseball game between former alumni and current players and the Latin Club's Centennial celebration," said Terry. "People love attending these things – they just need to know they're happening!"

Terry also helped with the dedication of the Alice Buffett Middle School. She provided copies of OBooks from the years Alice taught at Central. Pictures from the OBooks were featured in a video shown at the ceremony. In addition, she contacted several of Alice's former students so they could be interviewed and included in the video.

Because of privacy concerns, the Foundation does not release information about specific individuals upon request. However, the Foundation will notify persons being sought so they have the opportunity to follow-up if they so choose.





Tom Fike '37 poses in front of the staircase, which was once designated for boys only. Girls used the opposing staircase.

Tom File '37 returned to Central High School to give his wife, Evelyn, a tour of the building. They are seen here outside the west entrance.

# Teacher And Student of the Year Receive Honors

Since 1999, the CHS Foundation has sponsored the annual Senior Recognition Event which honors the Teacher and Student of the Year. The Foundation's Board of Directors selects the Teacher of the Year from among the talented educators who have been nominated. Anyone can nominate a deserving teacher to be recognized.

This year's Teacher of the Year is Scott Wilson who has taught history at Central since the fall of 1997. He currently teaches 9th grade honor students and advanced placement courses for upper classmen. The students who nominated him said they "really enjoyed his class" and they developed "a better appreciation for history."

"I was thrilled and totally stunned with this honor," said Scott. "It means a lot to me." At the time of this publication, Scott was in Oregon attending a field trip for a graduate course he is taking at Hastings College. The class followed the trail of Lewis & Clark to Oregon and plans to return on the Oregon Trail.

Students nominate themselves for the Student of the Year award by completing the Foundation's nomination form. Candidates list their accomplishments and activities, both inside and outside of school, and submit an essay. All personal information is removed from the forms which are distributed to the Foundation's Board of Directors. The board then votes for its top six choices. The six nominees receiving the most votes are passed along to the Foundation's Board of Counselors who make the final decision.

The winner receives a \$1,000 scholarship and a marble paperweight inscribed with his or

her name as "Student of the Year." The 2005 Student of the Year is Hannah Wunsch '05. This fall Hannah will attend Gustavus Adolphus College in Saint Peter, Minnesota. Hannah's sister, Hallie Wunsch '02, won Student of the Year in 2002 and currently attends Gustavus Adolphus.

The winners of Teacher and Student of the Year are listed on recognition plaques located in Central's courtyard and in the Foundation office.



Student of the Year, Hannah Wunsch '05 (left) and Jeacher of the Year, Scott Wilson (right), as announced at the Senior Recognition Event, which was held at Central on May 15, 2005.



Peggy Wheeler Scholarship

The Peggy Wheeler Scholarship, which honors the life of Peggy Aufencamp Wheeler '84, was awarded at the 2005 Senior Recognition event. Peggy's mother, Betty Aufencamp, is shown here with this year's award winners, Elisa Berzins '05 (left) and Kerry Storm '05 (right). In addition to being an alum, Peggy taught at Central from 1989 to 2002. The scholarship is awarded annually.

# Recipient of First Student of the Year Award Pursues Doctoral Degree



David Rennard '99 pictured at the Foundation office in front of the plaque that bears his name.

David Rennard '99 received the first Student of the Year award given by the Foundation in 1999. "It felt great to be selected as Student of the Year," recalled David. "It was a real honor."

After graduating from Central, David earned degrees in chemistry and physics from Harvard University. "Central prepared me extremely well for Harvard," he said. "I was every bit as prepared as students coming from private East Coast schools."

Following his graduation from Harvard, David signed up for a ten-month stint teaching 10th and 11th grade algebra in Perth, Australia. He also established a calculus program at the school where he taught.

While in Perth, David learned of ENI, a college sponsored by the Italian Oil Corporation located in Milan, Italy. David graduated from ENI in 2005 with a master's degree in energy and the environment.

During his time in Italy, David decided to pursue an engineering degree when he returned to the United States. This fall, he will begin a doctorate program at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis in chemical engineering and material science.

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# Mark Your Calendars: 2005 Hall of Fame is October 6

The lives of 13 individuals whose paths from the halls of Central High School led them to the highest levels of achievement in business and community service will be celebrated in an awards ceremony slated for October 6, 2005. The 7th annual Hall of Fame dinner begins at 6 p.m. in the Central High School courtyard. The induction ceremony, which is free and open to the public, begins at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium. Photos and brief biographies of those honored this year are featured below and a reservation form for the 6 p.m. dinner, is available on page 11.

Omaha Steaks was founded in 1917 as Table Supply Meats by J.J. Simon and his son, B.A. Simon. Since then, the company has been a major cultural and economic force in Omaha with its 1,800 worker employment base and another temporary work force of 1,900 during the holiday season. The company also makes its telemarketing facility available to Central High groups such as the Alumni and PEP groups for their annual fundraising campaigns. They also support numerous arts, health, and civic organizations, including Opera Omaha, Joslyn Art Museum, Omaha Symphony, and Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts.



Lester Simon, Class of 1924, B.A. Simon's son, joined the company in 1929, becoming president in 1946. He started the company's first mail-order venture in 1952, changed its name to Omaha Steaks, and moved the company to a new plant on South 96 Street in 1966.

Alan Simon, Class of 1952, a graduate of the Wharton School of Finance, is the chairman of Omaha Steaks International. He has most recently received the Volunteer of the Year Award from President Bush.



Top Photo: Lester Simon Bottom Photo (listed left to right): Fred, Alan and Steve Simon

Frederick J. Simon, Class of 1955, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, serves on the boards of Joslyn Art Museum, Opera Omaha Foundation, Santa Fe Opera and Chamber Music Festival, and many other civic organizations.

Stephen H. Simon, Class of 1957, a graduate of the University of Indiana, is Vice President and General Manager of Omaha Steaks International, the Food Service division. His service includes being a board member of the Jewish Press, the Arizona Symphony, and the Arizona Center for Performing Arts.



#### Harold Cooperman, Class of 1933

Harold Cooperman came to Omaha from Poland at the age of five. After graduation from Central at age fifteen, he worked for his uncle, Al Wohlner, before opening the first Harold's Market in 1938. During World War II, Mr. Cooperman served in the U.S. Navy, managing the meat department of the base kitchen on Guam. Mr. Cooperman returned to the grocery business after the war with his highly successful Locust Street establishment in Carter Lake, IA. In 1980, he revolutionized the local grocery store scene with a warehouse store called "No Frills." His

innovative TV commercials, with his own costumed appearances as various historical and popular figures, have typified his hands-on approach to large business. The "No Frills" chain has recently expanded from ten stores to fourteen by taking over former Baker's and Albertson's sites. Mr. Cooperman's eleven-hour working days have characterized his work ethic, and his contributions to civic causes have demonstrated his devotion to the community.



#### Lee D. Seemann, Class of 1938

An outstanding athlete and member of the Crack Squad, Central's prestigious military drill team, Lee Seemann enrolled in Santa Clara University after high school. While in college, Mr. Seemann was elected President of his senior class, played football and participated in ROTC. After his 1942 college graduation, Mr. Seemann went directly into the U.S. Air Force, where he became a B-17 pilot during WWII. Captain Seemann and his crew flew 33 combat missions over Europe. Capt. Seemann was awarded the Silver Star, two Distinguished Flying Crosses, five Air Medals, the

Purple Heart, the 96th Bomb Group Citation Medal and the Russian Citation Medal. After the war, he returned home to Omaha and remained in the Air Force, attending the Army's prestigious Command and General Staff School. In 1947, he married Willa Davis (CHS Class of 1943). He began his career with the International Harvester Company and eventually began his own trucking business. Lee and Willa Seemann have supported many charities over the years, including a significant contribution to support Central's new stadium which bears their name.



#### Alfred P. Pattavina, Class of 1942

A varsity wrestler at Central, Alfred "Al" Pattavina enlisted in the United States Army after graduation and served in the Pacific Theater during WWII until 1946. Active in the Army Reserves, Al was recalled to military duty during the Korean War. He left the service in 1952 with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Mr. Pattavina received a degree in criminal justice from the University of Nebraska-Omaha and began a career noted for its public service. Mr. Pattavina joined the Omaha Police Department in 1947 and stayed for 34 years, moving from patrolman to Deputy

Chief and then to Acting Chief. Mayor Gene Leahy named Mr. Pattavina the City of Omaha Director of Public Safety, and he retained that position, as well as the serving as Police Community Relations Coordinator, throughout the terms of the next three mayors. Mr. Pattavina was a charter member of the VFW and the Omaha Police and Fire Post #9551, and also helped to establish the ROTC program at Boys Town. After his retirement, Mr. Pattavina became the Chief of Security for Bluffs Run and later for Big Red Keno. Throughout his life, Mr. Pattavina enjoyed participating in youth sports, serving as a baseball umpire, volunteer high school wrestling coach and college wrestling official, receiving numerous awards and recognitions for his volunteerism. Married for more than 34 years to Arletta, Mr. Pattavina died on October 15, 2004, in Waterloo, NE.



#### William M. Kizer, Class of 1943

After his 1943 graduation from Central, William Kizer attended Iowa Sate University and Creighton University, and went on to serve in the Naval Air Corps during WWII. In 1977, Mr. Kizer established Central States Indemnity Company of Omaha and is now its chairman. In1982, he established the Wellness Council of the Midlands (WELCOM), an organization that encourages businesses to support healthy workplace programs and practices for their employees. In 1986, Mr. Kizer established Wellness Councils of America (WELCOA), an Omaha-based

organization that has fostered healthy workplace initiatives for businesses nationwide. His book, "The Healthy Workplace: A Blueprint for Corporate Action", explores the need for and benefits of employee wellness programs in corporations large and small. In recognition of his efforts, Mr. Kizer was recognized by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and in 1985 he was named Omaha Health Citizen of the Year. In 2001, Mr. Kizer received both the Omaha Medical Society's Community Service Award and the Nebraska Medical Association's Friend of Medicine Award. Creighton University and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln have conferred honorary Doctor of Humanities degrees on Mr. Kizer.



#### Albert B. Crum, Class of 1949

After graduating from Central, Albert B. Crum went on to become one of the nation's leaders in the study of mental health, stress, and substance abuse. With an undergraduate degree from Redlands University, Dr. Crum went on to receive his M.D. from Harvard Medical School in 1957, followed by a Psychiatric Residency with Columbia University in 1963. He later also received an M.S. in Neuroanatomy/Neurosciences from NYU in 1987. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi, and Mensa. A Clinical Professor of Behavioral Sciences at NYU,

Dr. Crum is a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons. The Founder/President of Stress Watchers, Inc., a franchise company focusing on stress management, Dr. Crum has developed and patented products to help combat the impact of stress on the body's immune system. He created "The Percept Method for Stress Relief" and he is President/Founder of The ProImmune Company which has plans to market immune-enhanced dietary supplements. As a physician, scholar, psychiatrist and forensic expert, Dr. Crum also provides assessments for traumatic stress, court testimony, psychiatric consulting and medical/forensic evaluations. In addition to a lengthy list of community service accolades and awards, Dr. Crum has published books and numerous articles and has been a speaker at many academic meetings and seminars. Dr. Crum has also served as a Captain in the United States Air Force and Chief, Neuropsychiatric Service at Continental Air Command HQ.

#### Central High School Hall of Fame 2005 (Continued)



David P. Young, Class of 1954

David P. Young's Central High experience included Concert Band, Debate, Road Show, Central High Players, Hi-Y, Latin Club and Journalism. After graduating from CHS, Mr. Young went on to Carlton College, graduating with honors in English in 1958. He earned his M.A. and Ph.D. at Yale University in 1959 and 1965. During his nearly half-century career, Mr. Young's published works have included ten volumes of poetry as well as eleven volumes of verse translated from Chinese, German, Spanish and Czech. Mr. Young's other works include creative nonfiction

and critical studies of Shakespeare and Yeats. He has edited six anthologies and received fourteen major awards and fellowships, including a Guggenheim Fellowship in 1979 and the Pushcart Prize in 2002. Mr. Young has taught at Oberlin College since 1961, including visiting professorships at Harvard, Bread Loaf School of English, Yeats International Summer School and University of California/Irvine.



#### Nathaniel R. Goldston III, Class of 1956

Nathaniel R. Goldston founded Gourmet Services, Inc., the largest wholly black-owned food services management company. His 2,500 employees provide meals to 40,000 students attending universities and 360,000 students attending three urban school districts. Mr. Goldston was an active student at CHS, participating in Student Council, ROTC, football and golf. After getting a start in the food service industry at Omaha's Blackstone Hotel, Mr. Goldston earned a business degree with specialization in hotel and restaurant management. He went on to work in the catering industry

and advanced rapidly to senior vice president. Mr. Goldston has received numerous awards, including the "Catalyst Award," which recognizes Atlanta's most promising businesses, and Turner Broadcasting's "Trumpet Award." Mr. Goldston founded the 100 Black Men of Atlanta and went on to become one of five founders of the 100 Black Men of America. He also serves on several national boards including the Board of Trustees of his alma mater, the University of Denver.



Rudolph Smith, Sr., Class of 1963 When photojournalist Rudolph "Rudy" Smith joined the staff of the *Omaha World-Herald* in 1964, he became the first African American to work in the News Department. Since then, his photographs have reached national and international audiences through the pages of Newsweek, Sports Illustrated, Newsday, Life, Time, Ebony, among others. The winner of more than 50 awards for excellence in photography, Mr. Smith is widely known as a "community catalyst" for his efforts on behalf of North Omaha and the metropolitan Omaha community. As a

student leader at the University of Nebraska-Omaha, Mr. Smith helped establish UNO's Department of Black Studies and introduced legislation to remove discriminatory housing practices near campus. He later became the first African American faculty member in the UNO Department of Communications and served as an instructor there for many years. Mr. Smith helped develop scholarship programs for minority students as well as a training program to improve business opportunities for women and minorities across Nebraska. Mr. Smith served as chair of the State Affirmative Action Committee throughout the terms of four Nebraska governors. In partnership with the NAACP, Mr. Smith developed initiatives to support youth and university students, to improve police-and-community relations and to increase jobs for minorities in trade unions and restaurants. In collaboration with the Great Plains Black Museum, Mr. Smith published "Visions of the Great Plains", "History of Blacks in Nebraska from 1865". He is a co-creator of Discover Omaha, a board game used in Omaha schools. Mr. Smith has been honored with the UNO Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award and was the only photojournalist ever inducted into the Nebraska High School Sports Hall of Fame.



#### Howard Rosenberg, Class of 1969

Howard Rosenberg is currently a Washington, D.C.-based producer for ABC's "Prime Time Live." While a student at Central, Mr. Rosenberg served as a photographer for the Register and OBook, and went on to graduate with honors from George Washington University and to serve in the U.S. Navy. His Atomic Soldiers (Beacom, 1980) documented abuses in the nuclear testing program of the 1950s and established his credentials nationally, especially when his book served as a basis for the 1989 TNT show "Nightbreaker" starring Martin Sheen and Emilio Estevez and then

went on to win the Writer's Guild Award for Best Teleplay. An award winning investigative reporter, Mr. Rosenberg worked for "The CBS Evening News with Dan Rather" from 1884 to 1990 before becoming a producer for "60 Minutes" from 1991 to 1997. Recent television credits include "Rumsfield's Rules of War" and "9/11: Moment of Crisis." A prolific writer, his articles have been featured in dozens national publications.

**THANK YOU!** The CHS Alumni Association is grateful to the volunteers on the Hall of Fame Committee chaired by Gary Willis '90 and the Dinner Committee headed by Judy Church Blazek '58. Without their dedication, this signature event would not be possible.

To nominate someone for the 2006 Hall of Fame, please request a form from Gary Willis (12135 Wirt Street, Omaha 68164 or grwillis@cox.net) or find it on our web site www.centralhighomaha.org. Nominations are considered for three years.

We welcome your ideas! If you would like to become more involved with the Hall of Fame, please contact Gary.

#### PLEASE CUT AND RETURN BY SEPT. 26, 2005.

## 7th Annual CHS Hall of Fame Dinner

Thursday, October 6, 2005 Dinner – CHS Courtyard 6 p.m. / Program – CHS Auditorium 7:30 p.m. Price – \$40 per person or \$320 for a table of eight Name:

Class Of: Street Address: City, State and Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to reserve space for \_\_\_\_\_ people at \$40 each. Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Phone Number:

I would like to reserve a table for eight for \$320. (If you are paying for a table, please provide a list of the names of those seated with you.)

Please make your check payable to the Central High School Foundation. Your check must accompany your reservation and be received by Sept. 26, 2005. If you have questions, please contact Judy Blazek at (402) 397-4444

> Mail to CHS Foundation / Hall of Fame Dinner, PO Box 31610, Omaha, NE 68131-0610



# CHSAA President's Column - From The Desk Of President Mary Moberg '51

For many people, this time of year means "Back to School," no matter how old you are, or whether you have kids in school or not.

This generation of Central students is lucky in so many ways. Air conditioning circulates cool air to the classrooms filled with computers and other high-tech equipment. A new stadium, cafeteria and other facilities create a campus that's on par with the best in the nation.

On the other hand, the class of 2006 can't remember ever crossing the Courtyard and breathing in fresh air between classes. The statues of classical figures that once adorned the halls and staircases have vanished. Many of our cherished traditions, such as "Miss Central," are long gone.

What remains are the common threads that weave between the generations to make the fabric of a Central education. Academic excellence, a naturally occurring ethnic and socio-economic diversity, a superb faculty and a graceful, dignified setting along with a host of social and educational opportunities have been a part of the Central experience for more than 125 years.

For those of us involved in the Alumni Association, our passion for Central doesn't diminish. We still get a thrill when we throw our heads back to admire the architecture, or to applaud graduates' achievements, or to laugh at a performance at "Road Show" or the school comedy.

We hope you'll join us. The Alumni Association must have your membership to survive, and today's Central needs its alumni to keep it strong. Please make a contribution today. It doesn't need to be a financial gift (although those are nice, too!). There are dozens of Alumni Association committees that are eager for your help. Or simply reach out to a lost friend through our website. Volunteer at the school for an afternoon. Even the smallest steps can have a huge impact.

Please keep in touch. Next time you're in town, stop by Central. You'll continue to be amazed. Go Eagles!

Mary Moberg Mary Moberg, CHSAA President

#### New Inside!

The Fall 2005 issue of the Alumni Register - featuring the CHS Hall of Fame 2005 - is included in this year's annual report.

Please see pages 10 - 12.



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#### Don't Miss The Central High School 2005 Hall of Fame!

See pages 10 and 11 for event information, as well as photos and biographies of this year's honorees. A dinner reservation form has also been provided on page 11.



# CHS Principals Commemorated in Art

Artwork honoring Central High Principals from 1871 to the present now graces the hallway outside the main Auditorium. The handmade and hand painted ceramic tile artwork was created by artist Patty O'Connor-Seger of Starkville, MI. and donated to the school by the CHS Class of 1946.

The artwork stretches 12 feet horizontally and features each principal's name and dates of service. The names are surrounded by illustrations of important inventions and elements of popular culture of each era (i.e., a DNA helix signifying the 1950s, blue jeans for the 1870s, the Mars Rover for 1990s, etc).

"This sculpture not only honors those Principals who served Central over the past 125 years, but also presents a fun glimpse into life during the different decades," said Eunie Denenberg, chairman of the Class of 1946 effort. "We hope current students are prompted to consider how Central's students and traditions are part of the history of the community and the larger world."

#### **CHS Reunion Schedule**

If you need help planning your reunion, just give us a call at (402) 556-1996. We're here to help with mailing lists, arrangements and other details.

Reunion Date	Reunion Class
September 2-3, 2005	Class of 1995 (10th)
September 9-11, 2005	Class of 1945 (60th)
October 14-16, 2005	Class of 1955 (50th)
October 15, 2005	Class of 1975 (30th)
Date TBD, 2006	Class of 1976 (30th)
May 26-29, 2006	Class of 1996 (10th)
July 21-23, 2006	Class of 1956 (50th)
August 18-20, 2006	Class of 1966 (40th)
October 5-7, 2006	Class of 1951 (55th)
Date TBD, 2007	Class of 1947 (60th)
Date TBD, 2007	Class of 1967 (40th)
Date TBD, 2009	Class of 1964 (45th)

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	in the	CHS Alumni Association!

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Membership is good for one calendar year from the date you join.					
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Annual Membershsip Levels:  \$15 Bronze Eagle \$25 Silver Eagle \$50 Golden Eagle \$500 Diamond Eagle					
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