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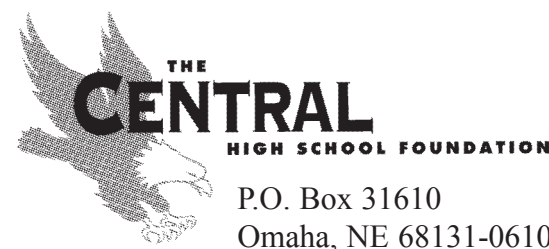
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THE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION
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From the President

Dear Central High Supporters,

It's been eight years since the Central High School Foundation started, and five-and-a-half since our office opened in a private residence. We began as a grass roots organization, composed of people who have been touched by Central High School and want the fine education it offers to be part of the lives of future generations.



Dr. Rusty Crossman '66 with daughters Liz '95 and Ally '98 at the 5th Hall of Fame Event, October 2, 2003.

In our short history, the Foundation has grown tremendously, in both the number of organizations it supports and the services it offers, and in the financial support it provides to the students, teachers and programs of Central High School. We have been extremely successful in keeping Central High School alive in the hearts and minds of our constituents.

We support the groups under our umbrella with events such as the annual PEP Auction, and answer calls from people asking for help in genealogy research.

We continue to increase the Scholarship Endowment Fund, and to assist donors in establishing named scholarships to honor friends and family members.

We assist alumni in planning class reunions.

I couldn't be prouder of our growth and accomplishments. However, the Foundation is at a critical juncture in its development. As we continue to increase our day-to-day services, more staff and space are required to continue our efforts. More financial support is also needed for the Foundation itself, to keep our lights on and doors open to help all who love Central.

To address these concerns, the Foundation has begun a strategic planning process to help create a unified vision and direction for all of those who care deeply about Central High School. Building on the rich traditions of generations, this process will insure that the outstanding education Central offers will continue.

Please join us in supporting the tradition of excellence at Central High School.

Sincerely,

Dr. Rusty Crossman, '66
 President

Foundation Makes Critical Difference for Central

According to Central Principal **Jerry Bexten**, the CHS Foundation is truly an asset to Central.

"Besides raising funds, maintaining our Scholarship Endowment Fund, and helping many of our organizations, Terry Price does tremendous work in alumni relations," he said. "When we have people contact us with questions, we can send them to the Foundation for up-to-date information."

The restricted funds (see graph on page 2) raised by the Foundation make a huge difference for Central students, he said.

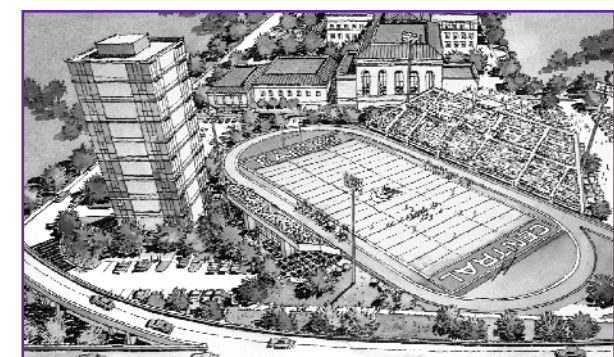
"For example, there's a donor who has provided \$10,000 a year to the Science Department, and has done so for several years," Mr. Bexten explained. "This has allowed the instructors to purchase the supplies needed to offer the students some incredible scientific experiences."

Mr. Bexten said donations that go through the Foundation often impact students for many years, citing a donation by the Gates Foundation a few years ago for technology in the school.

"The Foundation's activities complement and enhance our core mission, which is making sure our students get a great education," he said.



Central Principal Jerry Bexten at the site of the stadium construction on the north side of the school.



An artist's rendering of Central's new stadium and multi-purpose field. The facility is scheduled for completion by August 2005, for use in the 2005-2006 school year.

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Central Hosts News Conference to Kick-off the 150! Omaha Birthday Festival

On July 2, 2004, Bruce R. Lauritzen (at the podium), chairman and CEO of First National Bank, and Omaha Mayor Mike Fahey (standing), held a news conference on the east steps of Central to announce the activities of Omaha's 150! Birthday Festival weekend, July 16-18.



Central was selected as the venue for the announcement to commemorate Omaha's first picnic, which was held July 4, 1854 on Capital Hill (the site of CHS), to celebrate the founding of the new city.



Douglas County Historical Society volunteers in period dress read banners outlining Omaha's early history.

Our Foundation is Growing... (We're outgrowing our space!)

Founded in 1996, the CHS Foundation's role of supporting Central and a number of its organizations has grown significantly in scope over the years. Today, the Foundation is providing more services than ever before, and involving larger number of alumni, parents and educators in its work.

The CHS Foundation office has operated from a private residence since December 1998. With our growth and increased responsibilities, it is not surprising that we are in need of additional space to keep functioning effectively.

We anticipate moving into a larger office space as soon as possible, and would deeply appreciate the donation of the following new or gently used items:

- Approximately 2,000 sq. ft. of office space
- Office cubicles
- Office desks and chairs
- File cabinets
- Sturdy storage shelves
- Conference table and chairs so volunteers can help with projects (would also serve for meetings)
- Book cases to hold our heavy O Books/yearbooks (1898-2004)
- Paper shredder
- Waste baskets
- Refrigerator

Pat Salerno '58, president of Central's Alumni Association, noted that the organization relies heavily on the Foundation office to support its activities "This office is significant because Terry Price, our administrative secretary and treasurer, supplies needed support services not only to the Foundation, but also to all the other groups which fall under the Foundation's umbrella," he said. "The office needs additional personnel, space and funding to operate effectively."

Campus Update

• The \$16 million renovation to Central as a result of the bond issue passed several years ago is in full swing, and should be completed by December as scheduled. The building renovation includes upgrading the electrical and network capabilities throughout the school, and installing air conditioning. The gym has also been enlarged significantly.

• A generous donation from **Susie Buffett '71** will provide funding for a lobby adjacent to the gym on the north side of the school. This will provide Central the space and services necessary to host home basketball games. The Foundation paid for the initial designs for this project.

• Work is also underway on Central's new stadium and multi-purpose field, just north of the school. The facility will be used extensively for band, flag corps and cheerleading practices, physical education and ROTC classes and track, soccer and football activities. It will allow Central to continue its heritage of excellence in sports, and to host home games at the school.

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