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Feb. 16 Noon Forum: What's Ahead for UNMC?

Omaha's building climate has been good over the past decade, and one of the most consistent builders has been the University of Nebraska Medical Center. As soon as one building is being finished, it seems, ground is broken for another. The newest facilities support a transplant unit, cancer care, emergency rooms and research facilities. And it's not over.

UNMC has even more plans for expansion, if it can find the land. The medical school has pretty much run out of space on its campus between 42nd Street and Saddle Creed Road.

Don Leuenberger, UNMC's vice chancellor for business and finance, will talk about those plans and more at the OPC Noon Education Forum on Thursday, Feb. 16.

Last year UNMC proposed relocating Saddle Creek Road a block west to create more room on its campus. The relocation would make a natural intersection with Dodge Street and re-establish Saddle Creek as a waterway to help eliminate flooding problems during heavy rains. In January, the federal government agreed to fund a study of the proposal.

Leuenberger will address the relocation plan and future building plans. He will also talk about new and existing research programs at UNMC.

The program will begin promptly at noon and will end at 1 p.m. The cost is \$15 per person and includes lunch. Guests and nonmembers are welcome to attend. Validated parking is available in the DoubleTree Hotel garage. To RSVP, call 345-8008.

Fahey Will Be Next 'Face' on Feb. 9

Omaha Mayor Mike Fahey will be honored as the 105th "Face on the Barroom Floor" in a ceremony on Thursday, Feb. 9.

Roasting and toasting His Honor are: Mike Kelley, attorney, Kelley & Lehan; Rex Fisher, president, Qwest Communications for Nebraska, Council Bluffs Mayor Thomas P. Hanafan and Bruce Rohde, chairman emeritus of ConAgra Foods. The emcee will be Travis Justice of KMTV.

Fahey will be the seventh mayor inducted as a "Face" since 1971.

Fahey is serving his second term as Omaha's 49th mayor. He was elected to office in 2001, the first elected position he had ever held. The "neighborhood mayor" has focused on improving the city's parks. Issues during his terms have included renovation of north and south

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Mayor Mike Fahey

Annex This! OPC Show Set for March 10-11



Photo by Howard K. Marcus

KETV reporter Carol Kloss joined about 40 other cast members at the Press Club on Jan. 8 for the unveiling of the script for "Annex THIS!"

Our 49th gridiron production, billed as Omaha's Funniest Fund-Raiser, will be March 10 and 11 at the Rose.

Tickets range from \$25 to \$125 (including a pre-show dinner). Call Jeanie at 345-8587 to reserve your seats.

For details on ticket packages, see the order form on page 8.

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Message from the President's Desk

By Anne Walsh

Last year I said that I'd be the luckiest president in Omaha Press Club history if our committees kept up their excellent work and if the club continued to regain its financial health. Well, it's official — I am the luckiest and happiest president ever!

Our committees had so many firsts that it's hard to know where to begin — the celebration of the club's 50th anniversary honoring Johnny Carson and Dick Cavett, other successful "Face on the Barroom Floor" events, several sold-out Noon Forums, and the best-ever Excellence in Journalism awards competition. My deepest thanks to our talented, dedicated committee members.

The Omaha Press Club Journalism Education (OPCJE) board, which oversees the distribution of funds for numerous journalism scholarships, voted to change the name of our philanthropic arm to the OPC Foundation. Together, both the OPC and OPC Foundation boards continue working together through a Development Team to find

new ways to fund our scholarship program, in addition to the OPC Show proceeds.

Speaking of the OPC Show, this year's "Annex This!" production promises our usual irreverent song-and-dance review of the year's political goofs and gaffes. Catch the show March 10-11 at the Rose Theatre, as plans are underway for a new location and format for 2007 to coincide with the show's 50th anniversary.

Finally, my grateful thanks to Steve and Christine Villamonte and the OPC board of directors. Their work ethic and dedication make them the envy of any club or organization, and I am proud to have collaborated with them this past year.

Their leadership, combined with this year's new membership dues/minimums structure and continued focus on attracting outside events, has resulted in your Omaha Press Club making solid financial progress. Please watch for and support a membership drive planned in the next few weeks. The drive's success will ensure the club's long-term future, as we look ahead to the next 50 years!



Guest cartoonist: Freelance illustrator Jim Horan, who worked for the *Omaha World-Herald* for 22 years, is best known to OPC members as creator of the "Face on the Barroom Floor."



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Smoking is allowed in selected areas of the Omaha Press Club, including the fireplace and at the bar. It is not allowed anywhere in the dining room or meeting rooms.



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Chair: Chris Nelson

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Co-Chairs: Susan Eustice and Judy Horan

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Chair: Dave Ogden

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Co-Chairs: Jim Fogarty and Carol Schrader

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A Note from the Executive Director

By Steve Villamonte BS, CEC

The second Winemaker's Dinner at the Press Club was a fun bash. It is interesting how an event can take on a certain ambiance. As you would expect, guests who participated enjoyed the food and the wine — but the mingling of guests seemed to be the highlight. Guests table-hopped and partied into the midnight hour, including me. I think having KFAB host the event helped create such a comfortable environment that everyone becomes acquainted by the night's end. We are planning four Winemaker's Dinners this year — the next one will be held in April.

A belated "Thank You!!" to all of the members who participated in the club's annual holiday bonus program. For many private clubs, giving to this fund is an annual tradition to provide a timely holiday bonus to the staff. I was personally surprised at the number of members this year who chose to increase the gift amount. Management and staff extend our deep, sincere thanks to you all.

Our annual meeting was poorly attended. In a club, this is good news. A heavy turnout usually means the club is having financial difficulties. This year, the

club was fortunate enough to be in the black once again. The profits generated go right back into the club for improvements, and are the key to our success.

Valentine's Dinner: Now is the time to make your reservation for the annual Cupid's dinner. It's best to make them early to ensure the best seat available.

St. Patrick's Bash: Shamrock and Kolache will be performing this year at the club. See menu and details on page 8.

Club Closed: The club will be closed on President's Day, Monday, Feb 20. OPC typically follows First National Bank and closes on federal holidays.

On a Personal Note: (Press)ton Gabriel Villamonte is now 2-1/2 months old. He weighs 13 pounds, and is sharing his first smiles between lengthy naps.

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See you at your club!

PRIME RIB THURSDAYS

Enjoy a Two-For-One Prime Rib Dinner on Thursday Nights for Just \$24.95.

TO RSVP, CALL 345-8008.

OPC Remembers Insurance Executive John Burrell

The Omaha Press Club extends its sympathies to longtime member Judith Burrell on the death of her father, John Burrell. John Burrell led operations for United of Omaha, an affiliate of Mutual of Omaha.

Burrell died Sunday, Jan. 1 in Cleveland. He was 86. Services were held Jan. 6 in South Dakota.

He is also survived by his wife, Maria, and children Nancy, Rebecca and Thomas.

Please make reservations 24 hours in advance, if possible.

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Call Christine at 345-8008 for details
or visit www.omahapressclub.org for menus

PROFILES IN JOURNALISM: The Press and Freedom of Information

This article is the fourth in a series examining issues relating to the role of journalism in society. Future columns will address issues such as the evolution of libel and slander and cultural trends reflected in the media.

By Todd Cooper

Omaha World-Herald

Dave Barry once told an Omaha crowd the origins of his humor writing. "I used to be a real journalist," he said. "I used to do what real journalists do — go out, interview people, take notes, come back and then make things up. And I thought, 'Why not just cut out the middle man?'"

Like it or not, working journalists can't cut out the middle man. And they can't pull a James Frey or a Jayson Blair and simply make stuff up.

Instead, we often have to deal with the middle man — the government middle manager or spokesperson — in our quest to obtain public information. Some are great. Some are helpful. Some are responsive. The rest are virtual bureaucratic bodyguards — folks who like to censor documents, erect shrouds over public information or protect elected officials from those pesky things called questions.

Here's where the middle men and women derail us: At times, they can frustrate us, confuse us or try to intimidate us into forgetting who we're reporting for.

We're not reporting for their approval or for the approval of elected officials or police officers or jocks or coaches. We're reporting for the silent masses who will never write into the Public Pulse, never fire off an e-mail to an editor and never call "7 Can Help."

In our duty to the silent majority, we need to be committed to accuracy. We need to be committed to the truth, or as close to the truth as we can get. And, it should be noted, most of our TV brethren simply need to be committed.

In all seriousness, our commitment can be tested by the obstructionists we deal with on a daily basis. Here's just a few recent examples:

- In a recent trial, a woman testified about being raped by her estranged husband twice, despite the fact that the man was supposed to be on supervised work-release from a jail. One of the assaults came two days after the first. After the

trial, it was revealed that the law enforcement agency investigating the rape had failed to contact corrections to revoke the guy's work release after the first rape. When asked for an account of their actions, the law enforcement agency accused a reporter of preying on the woman at a moment of weakness. (Apparently, telling your darkest nightmare to 12 strangers on a jury is a sign of weakness.) The spokesperson went on to decry the press's obsession with reporting negative news before begrudgingly relaying some of the reporter's questions.

- A reporter found out about missing funds from an elected office and started making phone calls. Asked basic questions about the probe, the elected official refused to talk, referring to the reporter's queries as "stupid little questions." The official refused to give a public accounting for weeks.

- One county had to pay out \$10,000 to an employee to settle an employee's discrimination case against a former elected official of that county. Officials refused to release who the elected official/alleged discriminator was, claiming they didn't have to.

- A police department investigated a major crime. A reporter repeatedly asked, over months, how many suspects had been questioned. Police refused to release that information, saying the mere number of people questioned fell under the statutory exemption of "intelligence information." As if a number (12, 15, 20) could derail the investigation.

That's just the brink. Weekly, if not daily, law enforcement agencies or court officials refuse to release the names of juveniles who have been charged — even though Nebraska statutes afford no such

PROFILES IN JOURNALISM



An Examination of Current Issues in Media

protection for juveniles. Heck, some agencies don't believe they can tell you the names of victims. Many don't know the law. Others apparently believe it's their job to decide what's proper to publish, that reporters and editors give no thought before deciding who to name.

So what's the answer to the lack of answers? Know the law. Or know a lawyer who knows the law. Section 84-712.05 of Nebraska statutes enumerates 16 exceptions in which records may be withheld from the public. Paragraph five outlines what records law enforcement may withhold.

Some of the exceptions are clear. Others not so. If you're denied information you believe is clearly public, challenge them. Make them cite you a statute or a court ruling. If they persist, file a formal public records request. They have four days to either give you the information or their legal grounds for withholding it. You can also appeal a denial of the public records to the Attorney General's office.

And by all means, if they won't give you what is clearly the public's information, report their refusal to do so. We don't publicize our First Amendment fights nearly enough.

If we did, the public would understand two things: That we're advocates for their right to know. And that you just can't make up stories about the lengths to which some folks will go to block the truth.

— *A journalist for 12 years, Cooper has covered courts for six years for the Omaha World-Herald — the last three in Douglas County.*

Call for Entries for OPC's Third Annual Journalism Awards Competition

The Omaha Press Club officially opened its Call for Entries for its Third Annual Excellence in Journalism Awards Competition on Tuesday, Jan. 10. Entries must be post-marked by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 17, 2006.

The awards contest is designed to recognize excellent writing, reporting and photography.

Copies of the Call for Entries packet, which includes the complete rules and cat-

egories of competition, are available at: www.buildimage.com/OPCEntry2006.pdf.

Entry categories include newspaper, magazine, television, radio, photography and public relations. All entries must have

been published, broadcast or transmitted in Nebraska and/or the eight-county Omaha metropolitan area (including Cass, Douglas, Sarpy, Saunders and Washington counties in Nebraska and Harrison, Mills and Pottawattamie counties in Iowa) during the 2005 calendar year.

OPC individual and corporate members in good standing pay a \$20 fee per entry. Nonmembers pay \$35 per entry. Judging is performed out of the area. There is no limit to the number of entries each individual or organization may submit, as long as it is accompanied by a separate entry fee and form.

A portion of the proceeds of the OPC Excellence in Journalism Awards Competition will be donated to the OPC Foundation to fund scholarships for college journalism students. A \$500 contribution was made from the proceeds of the 2005 awards.

Questions? Call Sean Weide at 558-0637 or e-mail sean.weide@yahoo.com.



Official Entry Form
Entry Deadline:
Friday, March 17, 2006

Each individual entry must have TWO completed copies of this form attached. Please type or print clearly. Photocopies of the Official Entry Form may be used, if copied full size. If you have questions, contact (402) 345-8587 or e-mail awards@omahapressclub.org

NAME OF ENTRANT(S) _____
 COMPANY _____
 PRIMARY AFFILIATION (Newspaper, Magazine, TV, Radio, Public Relations, etc.) _____
 BUSINESS MAILING ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
 BUSINESS PHONE _____ HOME PHONE: _____
 E-MAIL ADDRESS _____ FAX _____
 URL (ONLINE ENTRIES ONLY) _____

Current Omaha Press Club Member? Yes No

ARE YOU THE OFFICIAL CONTACT IF THIS ENTRY IS A FINALIST? Yes No

If No, please provide the following information

Name of Contact _____
 Home Address _____ Home Phone _____
 Business Phone _____ E-mail _____

ENTRY NUMBER/CATEGORY (i.e., P8 – Best Special Section) _____

NAME OR NAMES TO APPEAR ON AWARD _____

HOW ORGANIZATION/INDIVIDUAL SHOULD BE ANNOUNCED AT DINNER: _____

NUMBER OF REPORTS, PHOTOS, OR A/V CLIPS SUBMITTED WITH ENTRY _____

DESCRIBE THIS ENTRY IN FEWER THAN 50 WORDS. Include purpose or results, if appropriate. (Write on back, if necessary)

ENTRY FEES:	Omaha Press Club Member	_____ entries @ \$20 each	=	\$ _____
	NonMember	_____ entries @ \$35 each	=	\$ _____
	Total Entry Amount			\$ _____

PAYMENT: Check (Make Checks Payable to: OMAHA PRESS CLUB) Credit Card: Visa Mastercard

Name on Credit Card _____ Signature _____

Card Number _____ Expiration Date _____

Mail entries to: Omaha Press Club • 1620 Dodge St., 22nd Floor • Omaha, NE 68102-1561

2006 OMAHA PRESS CLUB SHOW DINNER MENU

SEE PAGE 8 FOR RESERVATION INFORMATION

Appetizers

Crayfish & Leeks Bisque

Salad

Omaha Press Club's Famous
Thunderbird Salad

Entrée

Medallion of Beef Tenderloin Marsala
& Chicken Villa Encroute
Roasted Garlic Twice-Baked Potato
Baby Green Top & Asparagus Bundle

Dessert

Tiramisu Parfait

OPC Foundation Annual Awards Set For April 28

The OPC Foundation will bestow its annual Career Achievement Award on a local broadcasting legend and will present 15 scholarships to college journalists at its annual awards ceremony on Friday, April 28, at the Omaha Press Club.

Dave Hamer will receive the 2006 Career Achievement Award for his pioneering work in photojournalism. He began his broadcast journalism career in 1956 at KVTM in Sioux City, Iowa. Shortly after, he moved to Omaha and helped put KETV on the air. He moved to KMTV, where he worked with future NBC network anchors Floyd Kalber and Tom Brokaw. He then joined WOWT and retired in 1991 after 10 years at that station.

The ceremony will begin at 5:30 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres. The awards program will begin at 6:30 p.m. An optional no-host dinner with a set menu will follow the event.

For details, contact Dave Ogden at 554-3132 or e-mail dogden@mail.unomaha.edu.

January Noon Forum Panel Addresses Terrorism Readiness

According to panelists at the Omaha Press Club's Jan. 19 Noon Forum, the Omaha metropolitan area is better prepared to prevent and respond to terrorist attacks and natural disasters that residents might face than it has ever been.

Steve Lee, director of the Douglas County Emergency Management Agency, stressed that Y2K provided an "advantage in preparedness" which fostered a cooperative approach between agencies and organizations that work on disaster preparedness issues.

For example, Y2K planning spawned the Heartland Business Emergency Task Force, which sponsors seminars for businesses on preparing for emergencies. Lee said that close to 60 private agencies have been meeting regularly for the past four years.

The second panelist was Phyllis Dutton, coordinator of the Omaha Metropolitan Medical Response System (OMMRS).



Phyllis Dutton



Dr. Adi Pour



Steve Lee

OMMRS is a multidisciplinary group of responders who provide integrated medical response for any situation. The organization has developed personnel processing systems, working in conjunction with the United Way, to coordinate volunteers and ensure an appropriate medical response.

"The strength of OMMRS is its partnerships. We've developed so we can respond in a coordinated fashion," Dutton noted.

The final speaker was Dr. Adi Pour, health director for the Douglas County Health Department. She addressed the government response to a biomedical crisis.

"We need to be prepared for a small outbreak as well as a large one. We need to be aware of what's happening nationally."

"We don't have all the solutions or answers, but we are more prepared than we were on Sept. 11," Lee added.

'State of the Club' Discussed at OPC's Annual Meeting

At the annual meeting of the Omaha Press Club on Jan. 18, outgoing president Anne Walsh and club executive manager Steve Villamonte submitted their year-end reports.

Walsh thanked the board, OPC Foundation and staff for their hard work in 2005, noting that the "club's finances are in good shape" and the business model focused on usage is "working for us." She added, "Everything is moving in the right direction."

Villamonte reported that food sales increased approximately \$20,000 over the previous year, while bar sales declined \$4,500. Dues revenue continues to decline, while club usage increases. He also outlined improvements to the club's facilities and equipment, including the purchase of a new computer monitor, fax machine and software, as well as the purchase of new banquet china, glassware and silverware. Additions to the kitchen included a new Ansul system, two new reach-in refrigerators and a new toaster and soup warmer.

OPC Foundation: Dave Ogden reported that OPCJE, Inc. became the OPC Foundation in 2005. The Foundation awarded 15 scholarships (totaling \$31,000) to journalism students at Creighton, the University of Nebraska at

Omaha, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. In addition, the \$2,000 Mark Gautier Internship Award was given to a UNO broadcast student. Former *Omaha World-Herald* reporter Mary McGrath received the OPC Foundation's Career Achievement Award.

OPC Show: Kurt Keeler gave the OPC Show report, noting that the 2005 show netted \$28,000 in proceeds, on revenue of \$85,000 and expenses of \$57,000. Of the proceeds, \$13,400 went to fund journalism scholarships, \$9,900 was distributed to club operations, and \$4,700 was retained for 2006 start-up costs. Keeler also reported that the 50th anniversary show will be held on Saturday, April 21, 2007, at the Mid-America Center, a "one-night only" event to replace the current two-night format.

Media Relations/Development: Steve Kline outlined the committee's activities over the past year, including the reintroduction of weekly e-mails for club events and notices. The committee secured donations and helped promote the club's 50th anniversary event in October. The group is currently cultivating a relationship with the NU Foundation that they would like the board to formally consider.

Marketing/Membership: Anne Walsh noted that the primary focus of the committee has been to develop and implement a membership drive. The group also negotiated an agreement with KFAB for in-kind trades, with the help of Kay Kriss. The committee is working on marketing materials to support the new membership campaign.

Face on the Barroom Floor: The "Face" committee organized four "Face" events in 2005, including a special 50th anniversary event in October in which two faces were honored (Dick Cavett and Johnny Carson). The year started with John Gottschalk being honored as the OPC's 100th "Face." Mayor Mike Fahey will be honored as the next OPC "Face" on Feb. 9.

The committee hopes to host a total of five face events in 2006 and has identified several possible faces for 2006. Tentatively, the remaining face events will be held in April, June/July, September and November.

Communication: Co-chairs Susan Eustice and Judy Horan highlighted the work of this committee, which is responsible for the monthly newsletter and the new PowerPoint sign in the club's lobby. New features in the newsletter include the Profiles in Journalism series (to "put the press back in the Press Club") and a new cartoon feature.

Education: The committee's signature Noon Forum events attracted an average attendance of 30 people in the past year, but also hosted sell-out events for the Spring Mayoral Debate, a Ted Kooser reading and the "One City, One School District" debate.

Excellence in Journalism: The 2005 contest attracted 69 entries, representing revenue of \$1,835. After expenses, net proceeds were \$1,045. The committee donated \$500 to the OPC Foundation and held over \$545 as seed money for the 2006 contest.

Following the committee reports, elections were held. New officers include: James D. Fogarty (president); Steve Kline (president-elect); Gary Willis (secretary); Mark McMillan (treasurer); and Anne Walsh (past president). In addition, John Heaston, Judy Horan and Rob McCartney were re-elected to the OPC board. Capt. James Graybeal, USN and Ashley Hassebroek were newly elected.

Fogarty outlined his goals for the year, and Cindy Jones spoke about an extensive club renovation plan for 2008.



(Front row, left to right): Kurt Keeler, Capt. James Graybeal (USN), Anne Walsh, Gary Willis and James D. Fogarty. (Back row, left to right): Kay Kriss, Susan Eustice, Cindy Jones, Steve Kline, John Heaston, Rob McCartney, Dr. Dave Ogden and Judy Horan. (Not pictured: Mark McMillan, Ashley Hassebroek.)

Valentine's Day At the Press Club

February 14, 2006
\$55.00 Per Person

Two Seatings:
5:30 p.m. & 8:30 p.m.

STARTING WITH
A CHAMPAGNE TOAST

Cupid's Menu du Jour

LOBSTER VELOUTÉ
A smooth lobster cream soup

MINI CHICKEN WELLINGTON
Grilled chicken breast topped with
a mushroom duxelle wrapped in
puff pastry then topped with a
pesto béchamel

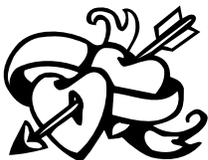
SALAD CHOICE
OPC's Famous Thunderbird
OR
Classic Caesar

ENTRÉE (SELECT ONE)
ROASTED BEEF MIGNON BÉARNAISE
Center cut tenderloin topped with
a smooth spicy custard sauce
OPC'S FAMOUS PRIME RIB OF BEEF
GRILLED SALMON LEMON
CHAMPIGNON
Topped with a lemon mushroom sauce

DUCK BREAST MONTMORENCY
A tart cherry burgundy sauce

PASTA PRIMAVERA

DESSERT CHOICE
Chocolate Peanut Butter Ice Cream Pie
Cheesecake Factory Original
Cheesecake with Driscoll Strawberries
Chocolate Raspberry Soufflé



**For Reservations
Call 345-8008**

ST. PATRICK'S DAY AT THE PRESS CLUB FEATURING SHAMROCK & KOLACHE

Friday, March 17, 2006 • 6 p.m.
Members: \$10 • Nonmembers: \$15

FIRST TAP BEER ON THE HOUSE



Buffet:
Tender Corned Beef
Cabbage
Irish Potatoes
Green-Frosted Brownies



OMAHA PRESS CLUB SHOW
OMAHA'S FUNNIEST FUND-RAISER
"Annex THIS!"
March 10 & 11
The bars fly fast and furious
in this hilarious spoof
of the year's headline stories!
The Rose Theater
6:30 p.m. cocktails and silent auction
8 p.m. curtain

Dine at the OPC restaurant and then make your way to The Rose for the show. We've set aside a block of first-rate seats at the theater for our dinner-and-show patrons.

☆☆☆ DINNER & SHOW PACKAGE ☆☆☆

FRIDAY - March 10
Main floor: \$125 ea. (inclusive) _____ Qty Balcony: \$95 ea. (inclusive) _____ Qty
SATURDAY - March 11
Main floor: \$90 ea. (inclusive) _____ Qty Balcony: \$75 ea. (inclusive) _____ Qty

☆☆☆ SHOW ONLY TICKETS ☆☆☆

FRIDAY - March 10
Main floor: \$75 ea. _____ Qty Main floor: \$65 ea. _____ Qty Balcony: \$45 ea. _____ Qty
SATURDAY - March 11
Main floor: \$40 ea. _____ Qty Balcony: \$25 ea. _____ Qty **BEST VALUE!**

Name _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
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E-mail _____

METHOD OF PAYMENT:

Charge my OPC acc't./member # _____
 Check enclosed
 VISA MasterCard Discover
account # _____
exp. date _____ Signature _____

A non-refundable non-exchangeable payment is required on all ticket orders.
Barrows Sings to OMAHA PRESS CLUB SHOW, c/o Jackie Campbell

QUESTIONS? CALL JEANIE AT 345.8587

Tickets are non-refundable/non-exchangeable. 25% of your show ticket is tax deductible. Proceeds from ticket sales and the silent auction benefit the Omaha Press Club Scholarship Fund for communications majors at UNQ, UNL and Creighton University.

OPC OFFICE: (402) 345-8008 Fax: (402) 345-8008 Visa MasterCard Discover • Tickets mailed _____ Seat No. _____ Will Call _____ Pk. _____ Sat _____

YOUR TICKET OPTIONS:

Prices include taxes and gratuity
Fax order form to:
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or
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**OPC Show
1620 Dodge St.,
Suite 2200
Omaha, NE 68102**

Fahey Will Be Honored for Civic, Business Contributions

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24th street, annexation of Elkhorn and construction of the Holland Performing Arts Center, Hilton Omaha and the National Park Service headquarters.

The long-time businessman founded American Land Title Company in 1978, five years after graduating from Creighton University. He remained as CEO after selling the company in 1990, retiring in 1997.

A reception will start at 5:30 p.m. The roast and toast begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by an optional dinner.

Those who plan to stay for dinner should call 345-8008 for reservations. Dinner is \$40 for members and \$50 for nonmembers (menu below).

There is no cost for attending the roast and toast. Members as well as nonmembers are welcome to attend.

105th Face on the Barroom Floor: Mike Fahey

Thursday, Feb. 9, 2006

Dinner Will Follow the Face Ceremony
\$40 OPC Members • \$50 Nonmembers

Amusé

Dual Salmon Cakes Presented
 With a Sun-Dried Cherry Balsamic Reduction

Salad

OPC's Famous Thunderbird Salad

Entrée

Roasted Tenderloin Béarnaise
 Accompanied by a Breast of Chicken O'Fahey
 A Kendall Jackson Chardonnay Sauce

The Big "O"!

A Trio of Petit Fours

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Club members often ask where the world-class cleverness and acerbic wit of the Press Club Show is born. Answer: In sessions such as this recent brainstorming huddle held at a local reading room. From left: Tom Becka, Gary Sadlemyer, and Matt Tompkins, all of KFAB, and John Prescott of Stratcom.

Events Listing

THURSDAYS IN FEBRUARY

Two-For-One Prime Rib Special

THURSDAY, FEB. 9 • 5:30 P.M.

105th Face on the Barroom Floor:
Mayor Mike Fahey

TUESDAY, FEB. 14, 2006

Valentine's Day at the Press Club

MONDAY, FEB. 20, 2006

Press Club Closed – President's Day

THURSDAY, FEB. 16 • NOON

Noon Forum: What's Ahead for UNMC?

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FRIDAY, MARCH 17 • 5 P.M.

OPC Excellence in Journalism Awards
Contest Deadline

FRIDAY, MARCH 17 • 6 P.M.

St. Patrick's Day at the Press Club
Featuring Shamrock & Kolache

FRIDAY, MARCH 31

End of Current Minimum Quarter

FRIDAY, APRIL 28 • 6 P.M.

2006 OPC Scholarship Ceremony

Media Notes

NEW NETWORK RAISES QUESTIONS

It is still not clear what the future is of Omaha's UPN and WB stations now that the two networks have merged to form a new "CW Network." In Omaha, UPN (Cox Channel 248) only signed on last fall as a digital offshoot of Gray Communications-owned WOWT (Cox Channel 8). WB affiliate KXVO (Cox Channel 15) recently launched a 10 p.m. newscast and is operated by Pappas Telecasting Companies.

"Nobody has a clue," said WOWT and UPN Omaha General Manager **Frank Jonas**. "So few people even knew about it (the merger). I would think that in the next two or three weeks we'll find out how the game will be played."

KXVO news director **Allen Beckner** said he knew of nothing official.

"This is still so new," Beckner said. "I do know that our COO and CEO are both in talks now with the new ownership group."

NEW HIRES AT KETV, WOWT

KETV weekend evening meteorologist **John Campbell** is one of several new faces

showing up on Omaha newscasts. The Creighton University graduate and former KETV intern returns to Omaha from WXOW in Eau Claire, Wis., where he was a weekend meteorologist.

Campbell joins two other new hires at KETV. **Owen Lei** last worked for KESQ (ABC) in Palm Springs, Calif. He is a native of Thousand Oaks, Calif., and has a masters degree in journalism from Northwestern University. **Farrah Fazal** is the other general assignment reporter hired to fill vacancies created by the departures of Reggie Kumar and Trisha Meuret. She comes from Fox affiliate, **KTVI**, in St. Louis.

WOWT's newest reporter is **Maniko Barthelemy**, a graduate of the University of Maryland University College. She has print reporting experience with *The Gazette Newspaper* in Largo, Md., and television experience with **CTV** in Maryland.

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