# Osborne, Grassley stump for candidate Stenberg

BY BRIAN CARLSON

Election 2000

Don Stenberg got a little help in his Senate campaign on Saturday from Iowa Sen. Chuck Grassley and legendary Nebraska football Coach Tom Osborne.

Grassley and Osborne, now a Republican congressional candidate in the 3rd District, joined Stenberg at a fund-raising dinner at the Cornhusker Hotel before the Nebraska-Iowa football game.

Grassley was the third U.S. senator in the past month to campaign in Nebraska for Stenberg, the state attorney general and GOP Senate nominee. Sens. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., and Don Nickles, R-Okla., also have campaigned for Stenberg.

"Having people like Tom Osborne and Chuck Grassley attend these events is very helpful, both in terms of raising money, as well as highlighting the importance of this race to our state and to our nation," Stenberg said.

Outside support helps bolster his campaign's team-oriented approach, Stenberg said. On the campaign trail, he has continually called for voters to support a Republican team of presidential nominee George W. Bush, Sen. Chuck Hagel and himself.

By placing the White House and the Congress in Republican hands, voters will allow the GOP to rebuild the national defense, trim government regulations, protect local control of schools and rebuild the farm economy, Stenberg said.

Stenberg continued to dispute a copyrighted Omaha World-Herald poll, published on Monday, that showed he trailed Ben Nelson, a Democrat who served as governor from 1991-99, by a 53-33 margin in the race to succeed retiring Democratic Sen. Bob Kerrey.

The Stenberg campaign's latest internal poll actually shows Stenberg with a one-point lead over Nelson, he said.

Nelson has said Stenberg's use of outside campaign help was part of a failed strategy by Stenberg to attach himself to more popular political figures.

"I don't feel I've had to bring in a lot of outside help to gain me credibility," Nelson said recently.

Grassley said he was campaigning for Stenberg, in part, because of his frustration at serving three terms in the Senate with Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa.

"My support, and taking time to be here, is because I want to make sure Nebraska has a strong voice in the United States Senate and doesn't have Chuck Hagel's vote canceled," he said. "I've had a Democrat colleague for 16 years, and I've had my vote canceled too often."

Grassley said Stenberg would provide Nebraska with a strong voice on agricultural issues.

When the 1996 Freedom to Farm Act expires in 2002, Congress will consider a wide range of options, Grassley said.

The act gave farmers more flexibility in planting choices in the hope that expanded markets would keep commodity prices up. But in the last three years, those prices have taken a nose dive.

Grassley said Congress would consider re-authorizing the act, refining it or developing a completely new program.

"But I don't think we'll ever return to the position where we'll have farmers dictated to by bureaucrats from Washington as to how many acres of corn and soybeans they can plant," Grassley said.

Osborne, who is expected to win a landslide victory in the 3rd District, said he supported Stenberg because of their shared conservatism.

"Don is a friend of mine, and Ben Nelson is a friend. The only place we part company is ideology, and that's so important," he said. "One of the things that bothers me is that so often people are making decisions on who they're going to vote for based on sound bites. They're not really examining the issues.

"The reason I'm standing here today is that I'm a conservative in the way I approach things."

# RHA tables Ally safe space bill

BY MAUREEN GALLAGHER

RHA

The Residence Hall Association tabled a bill Sunday night that would have declared another Allies safe space on campus.

If passed, the resolution would declare the RHA office and all RHA-sponsored events and meetings Allies safe spaces.

Bill Napoliello, president of Selleck Residence Hall, made a motion to table the resolution until the next RHA meeting to give residence hall governments time to discuss the bill.

Napoliello said it is his job to represent the students in his residence hall, and he did not feel comfortable voting on the resolution until he knew their opinions.

Tiffany Quinze, vice president of RHA, said this is a very important issue. Although she is disappointed with the delay, she does want individual residence hall governments to discuss the issue and be in agreement, she said.

Quinze stressed that RHA meets on Sundays at 6:30 p.m. in the Nebraska Union and is open to all students living in residence halls.

The bill will be brought up again for a vote on Sunday.

# Cheney comes to Iowa, blasts Gore campaign

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administration's energy policy. He said President Clinton and Gore have failed to encourage domestic oil production, leaving the United States reliant on foreign sources and vulnerable to high gasoline prices.

He also alluded to the controversy over stolen nuclear weapons secrets from the national laboratory in Los Alamos, N.M.

"The Energy Department has 16,000 employees and no energy policy," he said. "I guess that's because they've been so busy down there in Los Alamos National Laboratory safeguarding our nuclear secrets."

Clinton's decision, at Gore's behest, to release some of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to help lower energy costs, was "unwise" and "shortsighted," Cheney said.

He said the reserve was intended to be used only in emergencies such as military operations, as it was during the Gulf War.

"In effect, it's a matter of putting Al Gore's political interests above the national interest," he said.

Cheney was born in 1941 in Lincoln, where his father worked for the soil conservation service. After Dwight Eisenhower was elected president in 1952, he reorganized the service, and Cheney's father was transferred to Casper, Wyo.

Cheney served as chief of staff for President Gerald Ford. Before serving as secretary of defense, he was a 10-year congressman from Wyoming.

"I certainly didn't need to get back into politics," he said Friday. "I decided to do it because I couldn't think of anything more important to do in the next few months than to try to give my grandkids a government they could be proud of."

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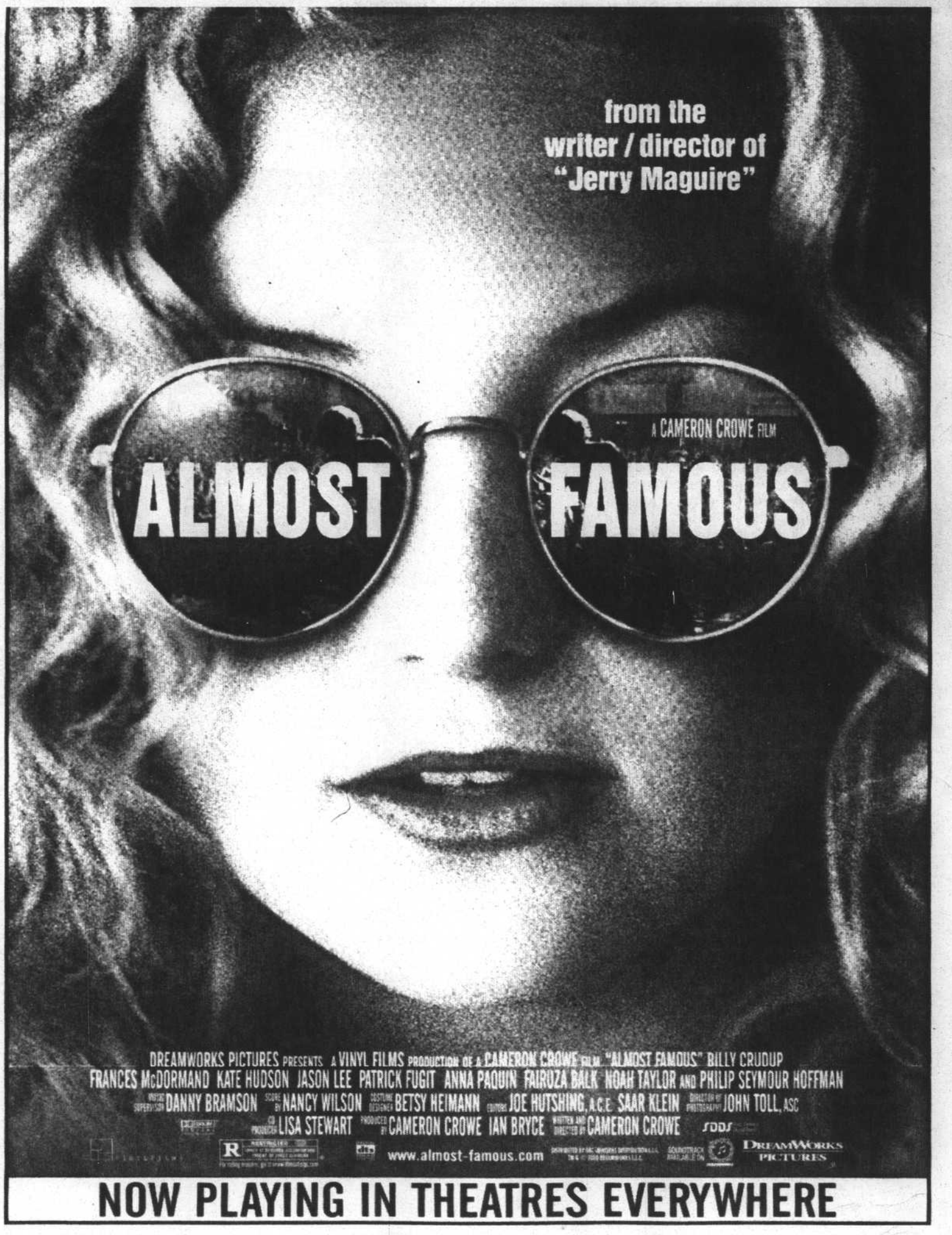
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