

## Our view

# Restore Ogden High's history

**W**e support the grassroots efforts of the Ogden School Foundation to raise millions of dollars to restore and maintain historic parts of Ogden High School, which itself was a million-dollar construction in 1936.

On Friday, there was a gathering at the high school to kick off the public portion of the fundraising effort. Utah Lt. Gov. Greg Bell, a 1966 graduate of Ogden High School, was the featured speaker. Organizers announced that they have already raised almost \$7 million from private, big-money donations. The foundation's goal is to increase that total to \$9 million in the months ahead.

Ogden, and the rest of the Top of Utah community, should get behind this and donate what money they can spare. The school is a beautiful landmark. Its unique architecture and design makes it a building of historical merit. It is on the National Register of Historic Places. The school has also been a set for movies. "Three O'Clock High" and "Drive Me Crazy" are among films that featured Ogden High School.

The school's auditorium is also a

magnificent creation and deserves to retain its grandeur, distinction and beauty.

The renovation of Ogden High School, both public and private, will take years. Those traveling past the school on Harrison Boulevard may already notice lots of renovation and construction work.

That's part of a bond, passed by the public, that upgrades the school so it can provide the best learning facilities and educational experience for students.

The fundraising effort of the Ogden School Foundation is distinct from that. Its goal is to restore the historical presence and architecture of the school. Money raised by the foundation will restore, for example, the school's auditorium to what it was like in the 1930s.

We have a famous high school in Junction City. It's a significant part of our history and we are proud of it. We hope the foundation has success in its efforts to maintain that pride. And check out the restoration effort's Web site at \_\_\_\_\_