



# IT'S HARDING AGAIN!

## An Evening with the Eagles

On Tuesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, the Harding alumni in the greater Oklahoma City area were formally invited to a very special assembly in the Harding auditorium. Printed invitations read: **“The Harding Eagle was once an endangered species, but now thanks to you we are soaring and thriving once more”**.

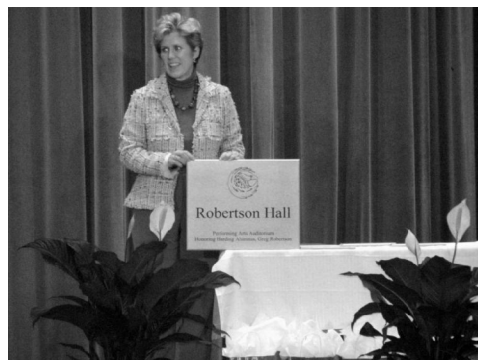
It seems that the current students, parents and faculty wanted to give the alumni a special thank you for our presence and support. After a welcome and introductions given by Principal Richard Caram, a brief history of Harding’s transformation was given by Dr. Janet Barresi, founder of the Independence Charter High School at Harding.

Mr. Caram presented to several of our alumni inscribed plaques to be placed in designated areas of the school. The first plaque was presented to **Johnny McCharen**, Class of ’64, in appreciation of his dedication and support of the new school’s success. His plaque will be placed outside the door of Clarice Wiser’s English room. **Phil Kernan**, Class of ’64, was presented a plaque for many hours spent contacting hundreds of alumni, leading to the organization of our Harding Alumni Association. Phil’s plaque will be placed outside a math department class. **Danny Smith M.D.**, Class of ’64, was honored for his love and generous financial support. His plaque will be placed outside Marjorie Miller’s classroom. Thanks to the generous donation of **The McCharen Family**, the Science Department was upgraded to meet current academic and safety standards.

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Dr. Janet Barresi dedicates Robertson Hall

## Why Do We Still Have Harding and Our Center Hall Eagle?

Do you ever give any thought as to why our Harding High School building is still standing? Why, in its one time dilapidated and dangerous state, it wasn’t bulldozed to the ground to make room for “whatever”? Do the alumni of ‘64 to ‘69 ever wonder what happened to the image of our Harding Eagle, placed ceremoniously in the floor at Center Hall? Well, both building and the Eagle are still around and doing very well as a direct result of some very caring neighbors.

The Central Park Neighborhood Association, inspired by the enthusiasm, concern and unyielding determination of member, Karen Bacon, decided several years ago that Harding High School deserved to be on the National Register of Historic Places. Karen, along with board member Allen Parleir and other concerned friends and neighbors, began the long and laborious task of making sure this became a reality. Because of their dedication to the endeavor, Harding is alive and well, again educating some our future distinguished citizens.

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### Alumni Events

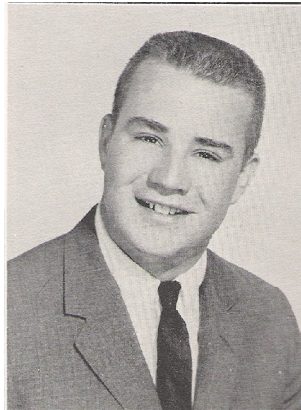
- ❖ 40<sup>th</sup> Reunion, Class of 1965. June 25<sup>th</sup>. Details are pending. For information contact: Marilyn Novak-Sullivan, 755-0485 or Mickey Kern 340-7572
- ❖ May 10<sup>th</sup>, Class of 1962 Dinner – 6:00 p.m., Laredo’s, 936 N.W. 63<sup>rd</sup>.
- ❖ First Monday of Every Month, Class of 1961 Lunch- 12:00 p.m. at Kim Wah, 2925 W. Britton Road.

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## **An Outstanding Alum**

### **The Passing Of A Friend – Jay Galt, HHS 1961**

On January 28, 2005, our friend Jay Malcom Campbell Galt passed away. Jay waged a courageous and heroic battle against cancer, remaining optimistic and positive to the end. Those of us who knew Jay were privileged and blessed to have such a wonderful, selfless friend. Jay was the definition of FRIEND. Jay was never too busy to help someone in need; never too important to help someone less fortunate; never self-consumed; never unkind. He extended his hand in love and friendship to all. Jay attended Westminster College his freshman year, then OU, graduating from the University of Oklahoma School of Law. As a U.S. Army Captain, he served in Vietnam as military advisor and was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry and Bronze Star Medal. He practiced law in OKC for 35 years. He won a case in the U.S. Supreme Court which set legal procedural precedent. Devoted to public service, Jay was a member of Optimist International, a fellow of both the American and Oklahoma Bar Associations, on the Board of Leadership Oklahoma, past president of the Oklahoma City Lawyers Club, former Chair of the OBA Committee which assisted families of POW's and MIA's, on the Board of the Urban League and other civic involvements. On March 1, the Mayor of OKC and City Council presented Jay's family with an "Official Acknowledgement of Condolence on the death of Jay Galt, whereby extending their deepest sympathies to his family and friends." The Urban League of OKC voted to change their "Corporate Partnership Award" to the "Jay M. Galt Corporate Partnership Award." This will be awarded at their annual dinner and Margie Galt has been asked to present this award each year. Jay loved Harding High School and often said that some of his dearest friendships in life started at Harding. Jay was either the chair or co-chair of every reunion the class of 1961 had. He



spent countless hours organizing and planning these successful events, always generously donating the time and services of his staff. As Virginia Byrd Henry said, "We have lost our head-cheerleader." Jay requested that memorial gifts be made to Harding Charter Preparatory. God gave Jay the gift of service, love and friendship which he extended to all with grace, dignity, ease and anonymity. We will miss our special friend whom it was both an honor and a privilege to know.

Harding Charter Preparatory (HCP) is indebted to the Galt family for establishing the Jay Galt Memorial Fund. The numerous donations to this fund have made a significant contribution to the educational goals of HCP.

### **HARDING'S LIBRARY WISH LIST**

Is it spring-cleaning time at your house – or perhaps time to finally rummage through all that junk in the attic and the closets? The staff at Harding Charter Prep is continually striving to improve the resources available to their students. You could be a valuable asset in helping these students attain their goals. Simply call the school at 528-0562 if you would like to donate any of the following items.

#### **BOOKS:**

- Current Science Books (from 2000 – present)
- Newer Encyclopedias (1980's or Newer)
- Reference Materials (Dictionaries, Almanacs, Atlases, Thesauruses, etc.)
- Computer or Technology Related Books (2000-Current)
- World History Related Books (1980's to Current)
- Books written in a foreign language (French, Spanish, Latin, Russian)
- College/Career Related Books (including SAT, ACT Prep books – recent)
- Math and/or Music Related Books – Not Textbook Type
- Travel Guides -- Fairly Current – Not Too Many

#### **PERIODICALS :**

- Current Magazine Subscriptions (Any that are appropriate. Can be recent issues)

#### **VIDEOS/BOOKS ON TAPE**

- Any videos/audio tapes appropriate for high school (literary or educational)

#### **LIBRARY DECOR**

- Artwork (framed or unframed prints)
- Curtains or decorative valances (we have green carpet and 12 windows)

- COMPUTERS – With lots of storage capacity. No more than 5 years old.

## A SECOND CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL AT HARDING

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A second charter high school is scheduled to start operations in the Harding building in the fall of 2005. The Harding Fine Arts Charter High School will occupy the northwest wing of the building. A full academic curriculum will be offered, with the integration of fine arts into the academic curriculum to enhance the learning experience. Students will attend class from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. every day. Academic classes will end at 3:00 p.m. and the last two hours will be filled with various electives in all areas of the arts. There will be approximately eleven creative arts electives offered and students will be expected to participate in at least five. It is anticipated that students with high academic standing will have the option to take college-preparatory AP (advanced placement) courses at Harding Charter Preparatory (HCP) and HCP students will be able to take creative arts electives at the Fine Arts High School. The principals of the two schools describe them as "sister schools in partnership" that offer a wide range of learning experiences to all students.

### Upcoming Events At Harding Girls Softball

- April 14-16, OCA Tournament, Bickham Field
- April 19th, Belle Isle
- April 21, Star Spencer
- April 26th, Santa Fe South
- April 28th OK Chistian Academy  
(Call 528-0562 for times and places)

### Recognizing Alumni Support

All alumni who become charter lifetime members (\$200.00) or lifetime members (\$100.00) on or before August 31, 2005 will be included in a permanent display located in the Alumni Room at Harding. Send membership dues to:

Johnny McCharen  
HHS Alumni Association  
P.O. Box 54307  
Oklahoma City, OK 73154

Please include your HHS class, first, last and maiden name with your payment.

Another project of the Central Park Neighborhood Association was the restoration of our Center Hall Eagle. Through the years, it had been trampled upon by thousands of feet to the point of being almost unrecognizable. After a significant amount of time and money, this project was also completed. Again, we can thank Karen Bacon for her persistence, along with the artistic talents of Maurice Ferris, who spent many hot summer hours on his knees restoring our Eagle. The next time you are driving down Shartel and pass our school, park in front for a few minutes and drop in at Center Hall. It will lift your spirits to see the legacy of our past honored by staff and students of Harding Charter Preparatory today.

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*Roger Edwards*, Class of '63, was recognized for his dedication in the mentoring program and work on Harding's grounds and interior. The auditorium will be named **Robertson Hall** in appreciation of the contribution given by *Greg Robertson*, Class of '64. Greg saw to it that the auditorium's sound system was rewired and updated. His invaluable donation has benefited the current students and alumni so that future assemblies and performances can be audible.

The crowning jewel of the evening was the unveiling of the school's new name—in recognition of overwhelming support of Harding High School alumni, the school is now **Harding Charter Preparatory**.

We were invited to walk the halls and enjoy refreshments in the newly dedicated rooms. It was an evening to remember!

### Fallen Eagles

Jay Galt '61, Oklahoma City, OK, January 28, 2005.

Ron Gardner '61, Houston, TX, January 17, 2005.

Larry Heon '63, Santa Fe, NM. Fall 2003.

If you know of classmates whose deaths should be listed, please contact Becky Blackstock  
(rebecca\_blackstock@yahoo.com).

**Would you like to mentor or tutor a student at HCP?**

Contact : Roger Edwards, 752-9547

# EAGLES FLY!!

## Thanks for Your



### Donations to HCP

Jeff R. Beeler '68  
 Rebecca Blackstock, Ph.D. '61  
 Sheri Black-Crenshaw '61  
 Carole Blakey '66  
 Carolyn Blumhof-Lombard '60  
 Clydene Bowman-Wright '58  
 Barby Burnett-Sidon '61  
 Linda Cartmill-Evans '61  
 Kathryn Cisper '66  
 Connie Collins-Givens '69  
 George Crenshaw '61  
 Bill I. Davis, Jr. '58  
 Neil Dobry '60  
 Jack Dodge '58  
 Charles Dorrance '61  
 Richard Douglas '65  
 Jack Drake '62  
 Henry Drilling '60  
 Roger Edwards '63  
 Hawthorne Farr '61  
 Diane Gable Mier '61  
 Jay Galt '61  
 The Jay Galt Memorial Fund  
 Carolyn Gilbert-Hert '64  
 Charles S. Givens '68  
 Martha Goodart-McBroom '59  
 Linda Graves-Blackford '62  
 Janita Guffy-Ruth '61  
 Randy Harris '64  
 Kaye Hill '66  
 Harriet Lynn Hill-Kniffen '64  
 Curt J. Holdridge '63  
 Jane Ingle-McCord '65  
 Cindy Ingram-Biddinger '67  
 Marc Kadyk, M.D. '61  
 Janet Kamber-Price '61  
 Phil Kernan '64  
 Carole Kilgore-Bourlon '61  
 Barbara Kite-Spencer '61  
 Carole Looney-Hill '61  
 Dick Magann '65  
 Judy Magann '66  
 Pat Magann-Broersma '64  
 Susan Moorman-Edwards '63  
 Robert Margo '67

Johnny McCharen '64  
 Fred Minter '61  
 Marleen Moulden '61  
 Margaret Patzer-Holdridge '63  
 Christina Points-Sauer '64  
 Carol Prosser-Magness '60  
 Marcia Quade-Christofferson '66  
 Robert Roach '64  
 Greg Robertson '64  
 Dorothy Scott-Brown '65  
 Mary Susan Sisk Bond '64  
 Dan Smith M.D. '64  
 Frank Titus '61  
 Bob Van Horn '61  
 Kelly A. West '68  
 Donna Williams-Finley '64  
 Jerry Worrell '61

### ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CHARTER-LIFETIME AND LIFETIME MEMBERS

#### Charter Lifetime Members

Joe Don Andrews '59  
 Rebecca Blackstock, Ph.D. '61  
 Anne Branam-Ward '64  
 Ford Cashion '64  
 Roger Edwards '63  
 Randall Elliott '68  
 Mike Ellis '64  
 Bill Gummerson '63  
 Susan Ingram-Jones '61  
 Judy Johnson Ruby-Brown '60  
 Tom Keltner '64  
 Denny Kaufman '59  
 Sue Magness-Gray '64  
 Johnny McCharen '64  
 Janet McNutt '58  
 Kenneth Morris '65  
 Phyllis Owen-Burchfield '58  
 Bill Parker '64  
 Duard Pyle, Jr. '63  
 Beverly Richards-Carter '60  
 Greg Robertson '64  
 Gordon Robertson '66  
 Mary Susan Sisk-Bond '64  
 Mary Streich '63  
 James Thompson, M.D. '61  
 Charles Watts '64  
 Kelly West '68  
 David Wilson '62

### Lifetime Members

Nancy Wilson-Payne-Ellis '59  
 Carl Archiniaco '68  
 Jeff Beeler '68  
 Carol Blakey '66  
 Lt. Colonel Paul Booton '61  
 Clydene Bowman-Wright '58  
 Randy Brooks '67  
 Paula Crossley-Glass '69  
 Dick Curtis '64  
 Dorthlynn Dent-Gaddis '58  
 Jack Dodge '58  
 David Downing '58  
 Jerry Edwards '66  
 Helen Edwards-Woodward '58  
 Paul Fernald '59  
 John Frank '63  
 Bill Frankfurt '59  
 Charles Freede '65  
 Linda Frensley-Lee '59  
 Don Garrett '59  
 Judy Harris-Garrett '59  
 Richard Hill '69  
 Harriett Lynn Hill-Kniffen '64  
 Wayne Hirst '58  
 Dee Ingram-Harris '64  
 Larry Lago '66  
 Carole Looney-Hill '61  
 Tom Lucas '62  
 Janie McDonald-Comstock '60  
 Susan Moorman '63  
 Donald Murphy '68  
 Glendia Parker-Thornton '63  
 Carol Prosser-Magness '60  
 Susan Ray-Graves '65  
 Kris Reeves-Frankfurt '59  
 Nick Richards '63  
 Gil Sanders '63  
 John Schroer '60  
 Christa Schwab-Chain '67  
 John Scott '64  
 Pam Shadid-Schutte '63  
 Mary Springer-Heimbach '62  
 Mary Stuart-VanMeter '59  
 Emily Sutton-Remmert '63  
 John Tarr '59  
 Bill Townsend '58  
 Dr. David Wade '65  
 Jim Walker '67  
 Sally Welker-Vernon '64  
 Nancy West-Nimmons '68  
 Linda Whitlow-Dunn '64  
 Susan Wilson-Fost '64  
 John Woodson '58  
 Jeff Zwick '61