



Harding Fine Arts Partners with OKC Artists

By Dr. Jay Smith, Principal,
Harding Fine Arts Center

Harding Fine Arts Center opened its doors to its first class this fall. The main goal of the school is to educate students while incorporating the arts throughout the curriculum.

In addition to the traditional academic courses taught by certified teachers, students at Harding Fine Arts Center (HFAC) receive training from community professional artists as well. Siobhan Morava, HFAC theater teacher, is a full time employee of Lyric theater, OKC's premier adult theater. Alyson Atchison produces visual art for the commercial market as well as teaching at HFCA and the University of Central

Oklahoma. Guitar students at HFAC benefit from the teaching of Dan Kline, professional guitarist, who also gives private guitar lessons in the city.

On March 4, a television commercial was filmed at Harding involving HFAC students of Ms. Morava. Roles involving youth have been filled by HFAC students in some of Lyric Theater's productions, providing another avenue for students to get "real world experience". We are very fortunate to have the caliber of teachers that we do. Our Karen Voyles, dance instructor and language arts teacher, was a professional dancer and taught dance at Baylor University.

College Prep—For All Who Will Try

By Dr. Stephen Prilliman
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Every school year starts full of hope, and there are always wonderful stories to tell. After enrolling her daughters, one of our new

parents said, "girls, you are on your way to college!" I love her enthusiasm, and that of all of our parents. What I do not understand is why there are not more parents like her lined up at our doors.

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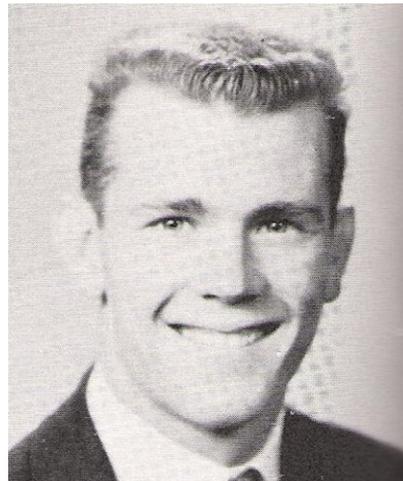
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ALUMNI EVENTS

- *CLASS OF '66 REUNION, June 2-3, 2006*
- *FIRST ANNUAL HARDING HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEETING—Saturday July 15th, 11:00 a.m.*

Outstanding Alum—Norman Neaves

Norman Neaves was a member of the HHS class of 1959. He met his wife Kipp Ketchum at Wesley Methodist Church while attending a Wednesday night youth group during high school. Norman graduated from OCU and then Duke University's School of Divinity. He received his doctorate from Drew University. Norman's first ministry was in Altus, Oklahoma, where he "grew" a church that was aging and declining. While in Altus, the Methodist Conference asked Norman to start a Methodist church in the rapidly, expanding northwest part of Oklahoma City. Norman accepted this challenge and the rest is history. The Church of the Servant now has a membership of over 7,000. Norman Neaves has made such significant contributions



to OKC and to the membership of the Church of the Servant. His is an inspiration to us all and continues to touch the hearts of so many.

First Annual Meeting of The Alumni Association

Plans are underway to hold the first Annual Meeting of the Harding High School Alumni Association on Saturday, July 15th. The meeting will be held at Harding beginning at 11:00 a.m. At the meeting members will be updated on the activities of the alumni association and vote on a slate of officers and board members. Following the meeting, those attending are invited to lunch at Johnnie's restaurant on Britain Road. Start making your plans to attend.

DO YOU WANT TO JOIN?

If you have not yet joined the alumni association, consider doing so today!

Memberships are \$10.00 for a yearly membership or \$100.00 for a lifetime membership. Send your dues along with your name, address, phone number and e-mail address to:

Harding High School Alumni Association
of Oklahoma City
P.O. Box 54307
Oklahoma City, OK 73154

Class of 1966—40th Reunion

Date: June 2-3, 2006

Reservation Deadline—May 1

Keep up with the latest information at:

www.hardingreunion.com

Email: okchhs66@yahoo.com

Events:

June 2, Golf (Harold Clark)

June 3, 10:00 a.m.—Harding Tour and Assembly.

June 3, 12:20 p.m.—Lunch @ Johnnie's

June 3, 7:00 p.m.—PARTY, Sportsman's Club

Saturday Events Open to All Classes

Fallen Eagles

Jean Heckman-Bates '58, July 2005, Gladstone, MO

Pamela Taylor-Byrd '65, Oct 31, 2005 Okla. City, OK

Barbara Felix Combes '58, Nov 30, 2005, Okla. City, OK

Judy Ashton-Culbert '62, Oct 12, 2005, Okla. City, OK

Mary Lou Reinhart-Finley '59, 2003, Okla. City, OK

Pam Tebrinke-Gravitt '58, Aug 7, 2005, Okla. City, OK

Mark Hendrickson '66, Oct 31, 2005, Washington DC

Judy Henley-Janes '61, Mar 6, 1999, Okla. City, OK

Eileen Edinger-Johnson '62, June 2005

Jimmy Kaker '59, Jan 2005, Denver, CO

Beverly Bolender-Mulder '59, 2005, Homossassa, Fla.

Auburn Odom, '59, 2003, Okla. City, OK

Leslie Westerfelhaus-Wills, '59, Nov 4, 2005, Okla. City, OK

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Three years after our inception, we have over 250 students in grades 9 through 11. At the end of next year, we will graduate our first class. It will be the first to graduate from Harding High School in 40 years.

We offer only Advanced Placement (AP) courses or their prerequisites. AP courses are rigorous courses that can lead to college credit. They are one of the first things college admissions officers look for and are credited with helping students raise their SAT scores. In other words, these classes are the gateway to college.

I know first-hand the power of AP courses. The AP courses I took in high school started me on a path that led to a Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of California Berkeley.

Now I am an AP teacher myself, hoping to inspire my students in the same way that my AP teachers inspired me.

The chance to teach AP courses and be a part of our exciting program at Harding has attracted many talented teachers. Our AP U.S. History teacher has her J.D. Another teacher covers all of the advanced language courses—Spanish, French and Russian. Most of us could be paid much more to do something entirely different. Instead, our dedication compels us to spend many hours after school tutoring, grading essays, and coaching without additional pay.

Our students work just as hard. Our freshmen have two hours or more of homework each day. Some are helping raise a younger sibling, are split between two homes or

have some other distraction in their lives with which they must deal. Yet they find time to write essays and study for exams. In the end, they grow in ways that surprise even themselves and make their parents proud.

At Harding Charter Preparatory, we have high expectations of every student. That expectation means that our students have to work very hard. I know that they get frustrated and tired, but I also know this is exactly what they need to be prepared for college. By pushing them hard to succeed, we unleash our student's potential. My students have chosen to have these demands and expectations placed upon them. They have chosen the difficult path, because they know it is the path that will lead to college and the infinite possibilities that lie beyond.



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***It is not too late to order
Harding Alumni T-shirts!!***

***Send your \$14.00 check, your return address, phone number and the
size (S, M, L, XL, XXL) to:***

Harding Student Council

3333 N. Shartel

Oklahoma City, OK 73118

***Proceeds will be used for the School Activities Fund which supports
dances, sports and other activities.***

Your order will be mailed to your return address