



The Marionette

Major Scholarship Honors Harding Teacher Maurine Sayre

Many former Harding High students will remember the Chair of the Mathematics Department and teacher Maurine Sayre. To some she was simply the best teacher they had while they were at Harding. Mrs. Sayre taught most of the upper division math courses in those years and therefore, those students with interests in mathematics and the sciences were sure to sit in her classes. Mrs. Sayre's class was certainly not easy. She set the bar high and then through her outstanding teaching abilities and her sincere interest in the success of her students, she helped them reach those lofty goals. Her students remember her not only for her outstanding teaching but also for the level of professionalism that she displayed in the classroom.

Most of those students did not know much about Mrs. Sayre's personal life. She was a single mother who not only raised her daughter but was also sole support of her mother who lived in the house next door to hers. During our years at Harding, she took care of her grand-

children after school. They now recount fond memories of accompanying their grandmother to Harding on weekends where she worked to complete grading of exams and how she worried when some did not perform as she would have them.

This year five Harding alumni sponsors and additional donors came together to establish a major scholarship to be given to a Harding Charter Prep student who excels in mathematics and/or the sciences. This award fund now exceeds \$6000.00. The first scholarship will be presented at the Spring HCP graduation ceremonies.

The award testifies to what alumni can do if they come together. The initial sponsors of the Sayre scholarship were delighted to see additional alums join them as sponsors in this effort. The HHSAA encourages other alumni to consider honoring their favorite teacher in this way. Since sponsored scholarships are open to additional sponsors you may be surprised to see how fast the fund grows. Why not direct an award to support a graduate of Harding Fine Arts Academy? We



Maurine Sayre, AB, M.Ed.

all benefited from our years at Harding in different ways and our lives have been enriched by it. What a great way to say thank you to those who helped us along the way. Our Harding High School teachers dedicated their lives to preparing students for college and we are now in a position to pass along a helping hand to the next generation of college students. If you are interested in sponsoring a scholarship or for more information, contact Carolyn Sims (carolynsims@kw.com).

Great Schools Have Great Teachers!

A school is really no better than the teachers who work there. The charter schools at Harding are no exception.

Harding Charter Preparatory (HCP) teacher Tom Kindinger holds a BSE from the University of Michigan, a MSA from the University of Michigan and a MBA from Michigan State University. He teaches seven different subjects including AP physics, AP statistics, PreAP Geometry, Personal Finance, Psychology, Economics and Sociology. If that were not enough he is the coach of the tennis and golf teams. This year he took on the task of coach and advisor of the Academic Team. This was the first such team for HCP and Mr. Kindinger guided the team to the state finals.

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Viet Nam Memorial at Harding

There are plans to honor our Viet Nam casualties in the Harding building with a plaque containing the names of those lost in the war. Those currently identified are Dr. Norman Singer '58, Royal George Issacs '59 and Mike Grammar '60.

If you any additional Harding alumni who lost their lives in Viet Nam, please contact Boyd Barclay at:

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Outstanding Alum—Walter Stark, M.D. '60

Following graduation from Harding, Walter Stark attended college at Davidson College in North Carolina before transferring to the University of Oklahoma in 1961 where he completed his bachelor's degree. He attended medical school at the OU College of Medicine and graduated in 1967. Walter completed his internship at Duke University and his residency in Ophthalmology at the Wilmer Eye Institute at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD. He was a Clinical Associate at the NIH in Bethesda, MD prior to becoming Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in 1976 where he remains to this date. Since 1976 Dr. Stark has risen through the ranks and is now Distinguished Professor of Ophthalmology and holds the Boone Pickens endowed professorship. He is currently Director of the Corneal and Cataract Services at the Wilmer Institute.

Dr. Stark was instrumental in the development of the Medical Eye Bank of Maryland and Tissue Banks international, organizations that have the goal to allevi-

ate blindness caused by corneal disease. He is currently Medical Director of the Medical Eye Bank of Maryland and Director of the Medical Board of Directors at Tissue Banks International.

Dr. Stark has served as consultant to the FDA, NIH and National Naval Medical Center. He served as associate editor of the Archives of Ophthalmology. He has received numerous awards and honors over the course of his career. Included among these are his selection as "Guest of Honor" at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Ophthalmology meetings in 2000 and as a recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award by that same organization in 2003. In 1991, Dr. Stark's patients honored him by endowing the Walter J. Stark Distinguished Professorship at Johns Hopkins.

A renowned leader in corneal transplantation, excimer laser and intraocular lens implantation, Dr. Stark has served as visiting professor at medical schools throughout the United States and in China.



Walter J. Stark, M.D.

In addition to his clinical duties Dr. Stark has contributed over 400 publications to the medical literature and has published five textbooks on ophthalmic surgery.

Walter married Carey Pauline Allen and together they have three children and 10 grandchildren. In his spare time Walter likes to travel, play golf and spend time at the beach.

Great Progress from Scholarship Recipients

We have news from two of our former HHSAA scholarship recipients:

Robyn Latham from the HCP class of 2008 is now attending OSU. She is in her second semester and maintains a 3.0 GPA. She says her HHSAA scholarship alleviated the need to take out student loans this year and also helped her go to a college where she could live on campus. Robyn would like to thank all of the Harding alumni to contributed to the scholarship fund.

Christa Bradford from the Class of 2007 is now a sophomore at OSU with a GPA of 3.8. She is majoring in business and is considering becoming an accountant. Christa says "coming from a family of eight children, the Harding

alumni Scholarship meant that I did not have to work and could maintain my focus on my academics. With my AP test standing, the preparation I received from Harding Charter Prep, and along with your support, my college experience has been more than I could have ever imagined. Thank you again. You will never know how much this financial support helped me in my freshman year."

The HHSAA continues to hear feedback from students such as these which attest to the benefits they have received from the scholarships we fund each year. The amounts may be modest in comparison to the cost of college but even a \$1000.00 scholarship can make a big difference.

Consider offering your support to the scholarship funds. There is a form on page 4 to use for this purpose!

Harding High School Class of 1959 Reunion

It's the 50th!

June 12-13, 2009

- Registration afternoon of the 12th.
- Picnic dinner the evening of the 12th.
- Tour of Harding the morning of the 13th followed by lunch in Bricktown.
- Dinner at the Marriott Hotel the evening of the 13th.

For more information go to www.harding59.com or call Paul Fernald at 405-286-1052

Teachers (from page 1)

Mr. Kindinger is the type of teacher who is found at school very early in the morning and late in the afternoon and is dedicated to the success of his students. He has taught at HCP for the past five years and has excelled in all of his endeavors.

The theater program at Harding Fine Arts Academy (HFAA) is fortunate to have Ms. Brenda Williams at its helm. Ms. Williams is an excellent and accomplished actress and director. She teaches a beginning and an intermediate drama class as well as a class in stagecraft. This multi-talented lady also teaches English I and creative writing and leads an after school Improv group.

Ms. Williams is also developing young talent at Oklahoma Children's Theatre and Lyric Academy. She has taught performance camps for several summers and has worked with after school programs there as well.

As many of HFAA's artist-educators, Ms. Williams maintains an active performance schedule. She recently completed a production of *The Diary of Anne Frank* where she played the character of Mrs. Frank. Her list of productions includes modern day comedy to Shakespearian tragedy. She was a regular in Pollard Theater's cast for several years as well. Besides her acting duties she did costuming, directing and stagecraft for the Guthrie community theater.

Entering Ms. Williams' classroom is a welcome home. Her walls are filled with cheery playbills and the furnishings are colorful and creative. She immediately makes her students feel at home and gets them right to work. The class time flies by as they run through scenes, create stories and poems, write dialog, and more. She is the "favorite teacher" of many HFAA students because they know she truly cares about them and wants the best for them.

Fallen Eagles

Larry Ball '60, 10/31/08, Oklahoma City, OK

Bill Buckley '59, 11/13/2008, Oklahoma City, OK.

John Campbell, M.D. '58, 12/6/2008, Tulsa, OK.

Bill Dunn '62, 11/16/2008, Oklahoma City, OK.

Pam Webber Flood '62, Summer 2008, Lenexa, KS.

Linda Garrett Easley '67, 3/17/2009, Oklahoma City, OK.

Darnell Gepford III '58, 10/18/2008, Oklahoma City, OK.

Allen Hawk '58, 1/11/2009, Oklahoma City, OK.

Phyllis Jones Larrick '64, 2/13/08, Dallas, TX

Mickey McCall White '66, 3/18/2009, Fort Worth, TX.

Please report recent deaths to
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What Are They Doing Now?

Cheri Ingram '64 was the director and choreographer of a show in Hollywood starring Gloria Loring held March 22. The show is set to have multiple companies across the nation very soon. Look for "TV Tunez Tonight" in your area.

Susan (Julie) Wilson Frost '64 has lived in Edmond Oklahoma with her husband Jerry for 13 years. She owns The Divas of Directing. Susan is Past President of the Downtown Edmond Merchants Association, past VP of the Edmond Area Chamber of Commerce and a graduate of Leadership Edmond. She ran for Mayor of Edmond in 2004 but was not successful. She says that was probably a lucky thing. Susan has two sons.

Linda Cartmill Evans '61 has retired and now spends her time as a Master Gardener, serving on her neighborhood association and working on genealogy—her's or anyone else's. She is living in Beaverton, OR.

Linda McFarlane Haller '60 is living in Edmond, OK. She is the PR Director of the National Cowboy Museum in Oklahoma City.

Mary Luman Graczyk '65 is a semi-retired accountant at Career and Technical School in Aurora, CO. She will retire soon and be home in the mountains.

Cindy Davis Robinson '66 lives in Mechanicsburg, PA and works for Penn National Insurance where she is a business/systems analyst.

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