



New School Named After Longtime Educator

It seems everywhere you turn in the El Paso Independent School District, or El Paso for that matter, someone knows Harry S. Brown. If they really know him, they refer to him as “Hut.”

Now, everyone will know his name since it will be placed on the walls of a brand-new school. Harry S. Brown Middle School is the name of EPISD’s newest school under construction in Northwest El Paso at the corner of Helen of Troy and Northwestern streets. After receiving hundreds of nominations, the

Board of Trustees approved the name at the April 25 board meeting. The school, which will be part of the Franklin High feeder pattern, is scheduled to open its doors in early 2007.

“I’m still soaring three feet off the ground,” Brown said about the news. “Now, people call me or see me everyday and compliment me about that. It’s a very happy moment and a wonderful feeling.”

The longtime educator received a bachelor’s degree from Texas Christian University in 1949 and a master’s degree from Texas Western College (now, the University of Texas at El Paso) in 1961. Brown, who was born May 28, 1929, in Del Rio, Texas, graduated from Sanderson High School at the stunning age of 15.

He earned his first teaching job in 1949 at Fabens High at the young age of 20. Brown joined EPISD in 1952 as a coach and teacher at El Paso High. In 1955, he was a member of the first teaching crew at Burges High. The school is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year.

Brown went on to assistant principal positions at Bassett Middle and Andress High in the 1960s, later becoming the principal at Andress in 1969, where he remained as the school’s leader until 1981. He was then appointed as EPISD’s Associate Superintendent for the Northeast Area, eventually retiring in 1990 after 38 years with the district. It was then, that Brown’s wife, Jacqueline Brown, also well known in

the education field, vowed to her husband that one day a school would be named after him. “That was her goal since my retirement; she said it was her sole project,” Brown said.

Jacqueline Brown passed away last year, but not before submitting a packet overflowing with numerous submissions from across the city and country, showing support for “Hut” Brown. “My wife shares in this honor with me; it was her project,” Brown said.

I’m having a tree planted at Burges, where she was well known, in her honor. now, that’s my project for her.” Today, Brown continues to volunteer as a “children’s storyteller” with schools in the area and after 41 years in the field, he is still a strong advocate when it comes to teaching.

“My advice to teachers today is to be positive about everything,” Brown said. “Have a positive outlook and it will be that much more rewarding.”

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