



Warriors & Wildcats Report

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RICHARD KAMPMANN STADIUM AND MEL PATTON TRACK TO BE DEDICATED ON OCTOBER 22

- ▶ The stunning new AstroTurf football field and Rekortan running track at Uni will be formally dedicated by the Los Angeles Unified School District on Thursday, October 22, at 2 p.m., at the new facility.

The public will be welcomed to the field area, where LAUSD Board of Education President **Steve Zimmer** – in whose District 4 area Uni is located – will preside over ceremonies marking the amazing transformation of Uni’s athletic field and track from one of the worst in the City to one of the best.

At the same ceremony, the combined facility will be named for Uni’s most successful coach, **Dick Kampmann**. Still going strong at 90, Kampmann was the head of the physical education department at Uni and coached cross country and track & field from 1960-85. During that time, he changed the lives of hundreds (if not more than a thousand) young men and women through his leadership and teaching skills. He also compiled a brilliant competitive record, with eight All-City team championships (7 in cross country, 1 in track & field), 24 All-City individual champions, 77 Western League team champions, 252 Western League individual champions and 875 dual-meet wins, vs. 267 losses and 3 ties (a 76.6% winning percentage!).

The track will be dedicated in the memory of the greatest athlete in Uni history: sprinter **Mel Patton** '43. After graduating from Uni as the school's record holder in the 100 and 220-yard dashes, he served two years in the U.S. Navy during World War II and then went on to a great career at USC, winning three NCAA individual titles and setting two world records. At the 1948 Olympic Games, he won gold medals in the 200 m and on the 4x100 m relay, making him the only gold-medal winner in Uni history.

Street parking is available for the ceremony, and guests can enter through the main entrance (a long walk to the field), or from Westgate Avenue (closer) or Ohio Avenue (very close).

"Richard Kampmann Stadium" will have its interscholastic debut the following day when the Wildcats take on Fairfax in the 2015 Homecoming football game at 7 p.m. The first use of the "Mel Patton Track" will take place in the spring as Uni's hosts a home track meet for the first time in more than a decade.

Thanks to the devoted support of Kampmann alumni, Patton fans and friends of Uni, more than \$43,000 has been assembled to support the Uni cross country and track & field teams. Plaques honoring Kampmann and Patton – and the donors – will be unveiled in the spring.

UNI SCORES ON STATEWIDE STANDARDIZED TESTS CRITIQUED

- ▣ **Carol Cherman** S'66 (Carol.Cherman@CohnReznick.com) sent this comment on [last issue's lead story](#):

"The headline in the October 1 edition of the Warriors & Wildcats Report, "UNI SCORES WELL IN STATEWIDE STANDARDIZED ENGLISH TEST," reminds me of the current political campaign. Spin, spin, spin. The test scores for Uni and its feeder schools are abysmal and it does no one any good to try to make us think otherwise. Students in the early 1900s received a far better education than anyone is receiving now. This is alarming."

There's plenty to say on this subject, but let's just state that as the Los Angeles of 2015 is a different place than the Los Angeles of 1966, so the Uni student body of 2015 is not the same as the inaugural Class of 1925, the Class of 1966 or many others.

One of the ways that 2015 is different is that unlike 1925 or 1966, people who care can make a direct and immediate difference. The Uni Hi Education Foundation was founded in 1985 by the late **Jack Moskowitz** (then Uni's principal) and concerned parents, worried about the impact of budget cuts being implemented in the wake of revised property tax laws.

Hundreds of donors now give to UHEF annually to help make Uni a better and more productive center for learning and personal growth. The College Counseling Center, new laboratories in chemistry and computer science, dozens of scholarship awards, upgraded classrooms and extra-curricular activities in academic, cultural and athletic pursuits have been created and supported by the Foundation.

More are being planned now. If you want to make Uni better, we're a good place to start. You can [donate](#), come to a UHEF meeting (generally held monthly) or send in your suggestions.

It's fine to be alarmed. It's better to help Uni's students succeed; read on, please.

"CAREER DAY" VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCES WITH STUDENTS

- ▣ Uni alumni and friends are being asked to come and share their life experiences with Uni students to help show them the multitude of paths that they can take in their lives.

"Career Day" will be held on November 19 at Uni from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. along the following schedule:

- 10:00 a.m.: Meet in the Parent Center
Welcome and Program Overview
- 10:30-11:30 a.m.: Classroom presentations: 2 x 30 minutes
Guests share their careers with two classes
- 11:30 a.m.: Tour of new facilities at Uni

"We'd love to have as many as 40 people come to campus and share their experiences with our students," notes Uni Assistant Principal **Cynthia Headrick**. "These person-to-person sessions help them understand how people who sat in the same classes they did can become a success in life. There is no better lesson that we can teach them, and so we want people to contact us and come to campus on November 19."

If you are interested, please contact Cynthia directly at cynthia.headrick@lausd.net or by telephone at (310) 914-3605.

"YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, CHARLIE BROWN" READYING FOR SHOWS ON DECEMBER 3-4-5

- ▣ Never say that Uni Theater Arts chief **Ronnie Sperling** '76 isn't on the cutting edge when it comes to selecting timely shows for the Stivelman Theater stage.

With the first *Peanuts*-themed movie in 35 years set to debut at movie theaters on November 6, the cast has been set and rehearsals have started for "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown."

The show is set for four performances over three days in December: Thursday, Friday and Saturday, December 3-4-5, supported in part by the UCLA AfterSchool program:

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| • Thursday | December 3 | 7:30 p.m. | <i>Tickets:</i> | \$10 for adults |
| • Friday | December 3 | 3:30 p.m. | | (students only) |
| • Friday | December 4 | 7:30 p.m. | | \$10 for adults |
| • Saturday | December 5 | 2:00 p.m. | | \$10 for adults |

The show will be directed by Sperling, with choreography by Lindsey Lorenz and musical direction by David Kamenir.

Tickets can be purchased **NOW** [online](http://www.BrownPaperTickets.com) at www.BrownPaperTickets.com, or at the Uni Student Store, or at the door. Online purchases allow you to print tickets on your own printer; a small convenience charge of 99 cents plus 3.5% of the sales price is added to your order (\$1.34 for a single \$10 ticket).

ON CAMPUS

- ▣ A remarkable new set of on-campus courses is expanding Uni's unique Digital Media Magnet program, and allowing Uni students to obtain college credit while still in high school:
- In conjunction with West Los Angeles College (part of the Los Angeles Community College District), Uni students can now attend after-school courses on the Uni campus that offer graphic design training using the Adobe Creative Suite (Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign and Premiere Pro) or the WLAC "Introduction to Filmmaking" course which introduces students to the process of planning and producing motion pictures using the Adobe Premiere Pro software suite.
 - These courses are offered after-school in two sessions (three hours each) per week, open to any student in grades 9-12.

As part of the regular Digital Media Magnet program at Uni, courses using the Adobe Creative Suite have now led to the offering of Advanced Placement courses in Studio Art – Drawing, Studio Art – 2-D Design and Studio Art – 3-D Design. College credits are available for these courses if the students pass a spring examination offered by the College Board.

New initiatives are underway to expand the Digital Media Magnet to include Mathematics, Arts, Science and Technology (MAST), to help recruit students to Uni. Classes are being assembled, possibly for the 2016-17 academic year, to teach computer programming (code writing) as part of the Math curriculum and nanotechnology as part of the Science program. Each of these would be three-year sequences of courses to train students for work experience and college-level programs.

- ▣ Uni Fall sports report: *Follow the Wildcats on Twitter: [@Utownsports](https://twitter.com/Utownsports)*

- Boys/Football 1-5 overall (0-1 Western League)

In their October 9 Western League opener, Hamilton raced out to a 26-8 lead over Uni after three quarters and won by a 26-16 final. Uni's senior back **Gabriel McClain** again

played well on both offense and defense, with 19 total tackles (13 solo) and 35 yards rushing in five attempts. Senior end **Eugene Ford** caught 11 passes for 145 yards and one touchdown, while quarterback **Paul Davis** had a rough day with 16-40 passing for 192 yards, two touchdowns and one interception. Sophomore end **Kareem Miles** caught the other Uni touchdown pass.

For the season, Ford has caught 35 passes for 617 yards, for a gaudy 17.6 yards-per-reception average, and has scored six touchdowns. McClain, who has played in five of Uni's six games, has 63 total tackles (12.6 per game) and has 10 tackles for loss.

Uni was not competitive in its game against Southern Section powerhouse Oaks Christian of Westlake Village, losing 76-8 on October 2. The Lions led 42-0 after the first quarter and 69-8 at halftime, outgaining Uni for the game, 422-175. Uni's only score came on a Davis-to-Ford pass; Ford also made 13 tackles in the game and junior defensive end **Matthew Horwitz** had nine tackles. One small consolation: it was not Uni's worst-ever defeat (0-81 vs. Carson in 1977). In case you're wondering whether it's a home-and-home series: yes, Oaks Christian will play at Cavanaugh Field in 2016.

Uni's football program, which has made significant strides under coach **Lee Lowe**, will not participate in the City playoffs in 2015 as part of a penalty for having an ineligible player participate in the 2013 and 2014 seasons.

Uni's 2015 schedule:

Sep. 04	Morningside	Lost, 26-49	
Sep. 11	Banning	Lost, 12-35	
Sep. 18	Lincoln	Won, 28-13	
Sep. 25	at Culver City	Lost, 21-34	
Oct. 02	at Oaks Christian	Lost, 8-76	
Oct. 09	at Hamilton	Lost, 16-26	
Oct. 16	Palisades	7:00 p.m.	<i>(Western League game)</i>
Oct. 23	Fairfax	7:00 p.m.	<i>(Western League game; Homecoming)</i>
Oct. 30	at Westchester	7:00 p.m.	<i>(Western League game)</i>
Nov. 06	at Venice	7:00 p.m.	<i>(Western League game)</i>

- Cross Country

Sep. 24	5-team Invitational at Peck Park (non-scoring)		
Sep. 26	Bellarmine-Loyola Invitational at Griffith Park:		
	<i>Boys:</i>	20th, 507 points (Red Division)	<i>Girls:</i> 22nd, 623 points (Red Division)
Oct. 08	Uni d. Fairfax, forfeit		Uni d. Fairfax, 15-50
	Palisades d. Uni, 16-47		Palisades d. Uni, 15-50
	(At Kenneth Hahn Park; Fairfax did not have a full boys team)		

- Girls/Tennis 5-3 overall (5-2 Western League)

Uni's 2015 schedule:

(*=Western League matches)

Sep. 03	at S.O. CES	Lost, 3-4	Oct. 12	at *Fairfax	Won, 6-1
Sep. 17	*Fairfax	Won, 6-1	Oct. 14	at *Westchester	2:30 p.m.
Sep. 21	*Westchester	Won, 4-3	Oct. 19	*Venice	2:30 p.m.
Sep. 24	at *Venice	Lost, 3-4.	Oct. 21	*Palisades	2:30 p.m.
Sep. 28	at *Palisades	Lost, 0-7	Oct. 26	at *Hamilton	2:30 p.m.
Sep. 30	*Hamilton	Won, 5-2	Oct. 28	*L.A. CES	2:30 p.m.
Oct. 05	at *L.A. CES	Won, 5-2			

- Girls/Volleyball 4-7-3 overall (3-4 Western League)

Uni's 2015 schedule:

(*=Western League matches)

Aug. 31	Arleta	Lost, 1-3	Sep. 28	at *Palisades	Lost, 0-3
Sep. 03	at S.O. CES	Lost, 0-3	Sep. 30	*Hamilton	Lost, 0-3
Sep. 17	*Fairfax	Won, 3-2	Oct. 05	at *L.A. CES	Lost, 0-3
Sep. 19	Narbonne	Lost, 0-1	Oct. 12	at *Fairfax	Won, 3-2
Sep. 19	Bell	Tied, 1-1	Oct. 14	at *Westchester	2:30 p.m.
Sep. 19	Fremont	Tied, 1-1	Oct. 19	*Venice	2:30 p.m.
Sep. 19	East Valley	Won, 2-0	Oct. 21	*Palisades	2:30 p.m.
Sep. 19	Bravo	Tied, 1-1	Oct. 26	at *Hamilton	4:00 p.m.
Sep. 21	*Westchester	Won, 3-0	Oct. 28	*L.A. CES	2:30 p.m.
Sep. 24	at *Venice	Lost, 0-3			

REUNIONS

- ▣ Upcoming reunions that we know about include:

- October 17, 2015: CLASS OF SUMMER 1954: 60 + 1
At the Crowne Plaza Hotel Los Angeles Int'l Airport
*Information: **Carla Sampson Lowe***
(916/965-4825 or carladlowe@aol.com)
- October 17, 2015: CLASS OF SUMMER 1955
At The Olympic Collection Conference Center
*Information: **Dr. Robert E. Garfield*** (310/472-2949 or drrobertgarfield@aol.com), or **Lois B. Golden** (310/472-0198)
(Please [click here](#) for a one-page information sheet)
- April 16, 2016: CLASSES OF 1966
At the Marina City Club (*please note the change of date and venue*)
*Information: **Neal Rein*** (sabersafety@yahoo.com) and/or
Joyce (Gordon) Rangen (joyce.rangen@gmail.com).
(Please [click here](#) for the event's Facebook page!)

- July 9, 2016: CLASS OF 1976
At the Marina City Club
*Information: **Leslie Messer Ward** (lmward421@icloud.com)*
Reservations and tickets: The Reunion Committee, at
(661) 259-5999 or www.reunioncommittee.com

Please send details of any and all reunions, meetings or informal get-togethers to Connect@UHEF.org for inclusion in future issues.

- ▣ **Laurie Reilly** (laurie.m.reilly@gmail.com) is asking for contacts in the Class of 1944:

“Can you please give me the contact information for Chairperson for the Class of 1944. My mother; Ella Norgard McGregor, graduated in this class and I attended several reunions with her and would like their contact information.”

Sorry to say, Laurie, there’s no designated contact person for any Uni class. We’re posting your note here in case a ‘44 classmate will see it and respond to you directly.

- ▣ **Suzie Keels** ‘55 (McQueen36@aol.com) asks:

“Do you have any news about a Class Reunion for the Vaqueros Class of W-1955? We were a small class of 200; I don't know how many are still able to attend a Class Reunion.”

*“The Vaqueros of W'55 and Grecians S'55 had their 50th together in 2005. We weren't going to have a 50th class reunion, but the Grecian Class contacted **Ruth Abalar Russell** and both classes had their 50th together: this worked out fine, but Ruth passed away before we could get a book of memories done and out the our guests.”*

You can see above that the S’55 class is getting together on October 17, but we have no information on W’55. We hope one or more of our readers can work with you to put an event together. If so, please let us know!

- ▣ **Meridith Goodrow** ‘68 (mgoodrow@sonic.net) writes:

“The class of '68 were having reunions every five years after the 20th and we haven't had one in a long time, unless I missed it. Who is on the committee now? When is the next one planned? Who do we contact?”

Meridith’s question is a familiar one. **Formal reunions and informal get-togethers get organized because one person decides it should happen and finds other classmates who feel the same way.** We’re happy to post these inquiries in the hope that a note here will spur like-minded classmates to find each other and then reach out to others.

As you can see above, we’re happy to post notices of reunions, but have only four listed. We’d be delighted to have more, so let us know!

*If your class maintains a [Web site](#) or [Facebook page](#),
please send the address to Connect@UHEF.org
and we'll add it to this list!*

Class of 1965: Artesians & Peleans

- <http://uni65.com> or <https://unihi65.wordpress.com>
- To join the Class Facebook page, send an e-mail to UniHi65@gmail.com

Class of Winter 1961: New Yorkers

- <http://www.unihiw61.com>

UNI HI EDUCATION FOUNDATION NEWS

- ▣ The Uni Hi Education Foundation exists to raise money to support the instructional programming at University High School. A new LAUSD policy allows *on-campus signage* to be available to recognize donations which assist the educational program.

Interested for yourself or your company? Sent us a note and we'll help to get the ball rolling:
Connect@UHEF.org.

- ▣ One of the easiest ways to donate to Uni directly is via the ***Ralphs Rewards Card***. As part of its Community Contribution program, from 1-4% of monthly purchases made by members is sent to Uni, but only if you designate the school by linking it to your Rewards Card.

Have your card handy (you'll need the number on the back), go to the Ralphs [Community Contribution page](#) and either **register** or **sign in** (Questions answered [here](#)); Uni's code for the Ralphs program is **93275**.

- ▣ The Foundation, created by committed Uni administrators, alumni and parents in 1985, has raised nearly \$600,000 to support Uni's mission of educational excellence, and to supplement the instructional budget in these lean times. You can donate to the cause by [clicking here!](#)

UNI ALUMNI NOTEBOOK

- ▣ **Grayne Price '50** (grayneprice@gmail.com) writes: "Keep up the good work! Er – are Ivan [Finkle] and I the only ones left from the Class of '50? Let me know if there is anyone left in Orange County."

Unfortunately, Grayne, neither Uni nor the Foundation have comprehensive contact information for past classes, faculty or staff. But we share inquiries like yours here in the hope that our more than 7,000 readers will include one or more of your classmates!

- ▣ A great note from **Roy Farhi** '74 (Royfarhi@youngsmarket.com), a fine cross country runner at Uni and a Vice President at Youngs Market Company:

"[S]ince leaving high school, I have been involved in over 6,000 fights; yes.

"You would think I would have every bone broken, scars galore, no teeth, no brain cells but all legal as an Inspector for the California State Athletic Commission since 2006 . . . from UFC [Ultimate Fighting Championship], Bellator [mixed martial arts], RFA [Resurrection Fighting Alliance] . . . biggest boxing matches from Staples to Arco Arena and from Blanca's Fiesta Hall to the Finish Line in Pomona to parts unnameable, LOL. 10 years going strong!"

Great to hear, Roy, but please make sure you stay at ringside and not inside the ring!

SIXTH PERIOD BELL

- ▣ **Marco Fantone** '81 (mfantone@rpa.com) writes:

"Haven't been able to find a calendar of events anywhere and was wondering if the annual alumni picnic/car show is still going on?"

Good question, Marco, and one we get frequently. Happily, we can tell you that planning is now underway to revive the Alumni Picnic (and maybe the Car Show too) at Uni this spring. It's been impossible to hold it due to all of the construction on campus, but now that the football field and track are done and the only major project is the Collins & Katz YMCA at the far southwest corner of campus, it's possible to host alumni in a comfortable way once again. Look for details in a future *Warriors & Wildcats Report!*

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