



Warriors & Wildcats Report

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UHEF 2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan. 11	Second semester begins	
Apr. 16	Spring Clean-Up Day	<u>Volunteer opportunity</u>
Apr. 26-29	“Disney’s High School Musical”	Stivelman Theater
May tba	Unveiling of naming plaques for Richard Kampmann Stadium and Mel Patton Track	On campus
May tba	All-Classes Picnic & Car Show	On campus

UNI STUDENT BODY SNAPSHOT: 1,670 STUDENTS ENROLLED

- ▣ The Los Angeles Unified School District requires that each of its school collect a census of the student body for each academic year. For the 2015-16 year, Uni's demographic spread as of December was:

American Indian/Alaska native:	4 students	0.2%
Asian:	126	7.5%
Black:	399	23.9%
Filipino:	34	2.0%
Hispanic:	916	54.9%
Pacific Islander:	7	0.4%
White:	172	10.3%
Unknown:	12	0.7%

The total of 1,670 students, in grades 9-12, is a different reality from the 3,000+ students that used to attend Uni in grades 10-12, but is an accurate reflection of the student bodies in LAUSD schools. The goal of the UHEF is to assist the educational effort on-campus to make the Uni experience as good or better for today's students as it was at any time in the past.

UNI YEARBOOKS COMING TO UHEF.ORG BEGINNING IN JANUARY, 2016

- ▣ The Uni yearbook project is well underway, with the functionality of the first eight yearbooks now in the testing stage.

Once opened, readers will be able to do much more than simply see their yearbook online:

- Each class year (and yearbook) will have a separate page, on which the yearbook can be viewed, page-by-page, in two-page spread, just as you would view it in print.
- Readers can also purchase a PDF copy of any yearbook, via download, for a fee. Proceeds from these sales will go back into the yearbook project, to help digitize more years.
- At the top of each class/yearbook page will be opportunities for sponsorship, and for dedications (there will be a fee for these options), to be shown at the top of the page.
- Below each yearbook's page view will be a space for comments – "*Class Chatter*" – which will allow you to post messages that can be viewed by all readers of that class page. This is a free service that can help to keep class members informed of events, get-togethers, reunions and personal updates!

The first yearbooks to be posted will be 1924 (as Wilson Junior High School, on what became the Harding and Uni site!), 1925, 1926, 1927, 1938, 1942, 1966 and 1967.

These yearbooks will be available online beginning sometime in January 2016. Yearbooks will generally be posted from the older years forward, owing to their aging condition.

Individuals or classes who wish to “jump the line” will be able to do so upon request by pre-payment of the cost of digitizing and presenting their yearbook. Look for more details on this aspect once the first yearbooks are posted.

MASSIVE EMERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL MODERNIZATION PROJECT DEDICATED

- ▣ One of Uni’s main feeder schools, Emerson Middle School, has been under construction for almost two years, receiving its first major improvement work since 1940!

The project was formally dedicated on November 18, in the new gymnasium, which rises above Selby Avenue. Board of Education President Steve Zimmer, who dedicated Uni’s new field and track on October 18, presided over the ceremony.

The Emerson facilities improvement program included:

- New gymnasium, with a basketball court, dance classroom, music classroom and locker rooms and showers.
- Renovation of existing spaces into two arts classrooms and two computer lab rooms.
- New, synthetic-turf outdoor field (a first for Emerson!) and multi-sport outdoor courts.
- Elegant new all-electronic LED marquee and flagpole at the main entrance on Selby Avenue.
- New bus and student drop-off lane on Selby Avenue, plus new staff parking and a reconfigured traffic flow.

Zimmer, as has become his custom, engaged in an athletic contest with Emerson Principal Dimone Watson on the basketball court; at the Uni field dedication, he threw the football around with Principal Eric Davidson and two Uni players. More importantly, the ribbon-cutting ceremony marked a new era for the 952 students at Emerson, in a substantially-improved campus. Congratulations to Zimmer, the District 4 representative, for his efforts to make these improvements to a school which desperately needed them.

ON CAMPUS

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

- Boys/Football

Congratulations to Uni seniors **Gabriel McClain** and **Eugene Ford**, named to the *All-City Division 2* first team at linebacker and defensive back, respectively, and to junior **Matthew Horwitz**, named to the second team on the defensive line.

- Boys/Basketball 8-4 overall

Under the direction of **Steve Ackerman**, the Wildcats are 8-4 heading into the holiday break.

Uni's 2015-16 schedule:

Nov. 23	Wilson	Won, 62-53	El Monte Tournament
Nov. 25	Hoover	Won, 87-56	El Monte Tournament
Nov. 27	Workman	Won, 68-52	El Monte Tournament
Nov. 28	St. John Bosco	Lost, 68-52	El Monte Tournament
Nov. 30	Crossroads	Lost, 81-74	St. Monica Tournament
Dec. 01	La Salle	Lost, 67-51	St. Monica Tournament
Dec. 02	Santa Monica	Lost, 62-19	St. Monica Tournament
Dec. 03	St. Monica	Won, 51-47	St. Monica Tournament
Dec. 07	New Designs		
	University Park	Won, 100-41	Jim Nakabara Classic @ Uni
Dec. 09	Marshall	Won, 60-39	Jim Nakabara Classic @ Uni
Dec. 10	Buckley	Won, 54-27	Jim Nakabara Classic @ Uni
Dec. 11	Bernstein	Won, 83-73	Jim Nakabara Classic @ Uni
Jan. 02	Saugus	5:00 p.m.	Clash at the Canyons Showcase
Jan. 04	North Hollywood	7:00 p.m.	JFK Cougar Classic
Jan. 05	Van Nuys	7:00 p.m.	JFK Cougar Classic
Jan. 06	Gardena	7:00 p.m.	JFK Cougar Classic
Jan. 07	Verdugo Hills	7:00 p.m.	JFK Cougar Classic
Jan. 11	Venice	5:30 p.m.	(Western League Game)
Jan. 13	Palisades	5:30 p.m.	(Western League Game)
Jan. 15	@ Fairfax	6:30 p.m.	(Western League Game)
Jan. 18	tbd		Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Showcase
Jan. 20	@ Westchester	5:30 p.m.	(Western League Game)
Jan. 22	Hamilton	4:00 p.m.	(Western League Game)
Jan. 25	@ L.A. CES	5:30 p.m.	(Western League Game)
Jan. 29	@ Venice	6:30 p.m.	(Western League Game)
Feb. 01	@ Palisades	5:30 p.m.	(Western League Game)
Feb. 03	Fairfax	5:30 p.m.	(Western League Game)
Feb. 05	Westchester	5:30 p.m.	(Western League Game)
Feb. 10	L.A. CES	5:30 p.m.	(Western League Game)
Feb. 12	Hamilton	tbd	(Western League Game)

- Boys/Soccer 1-3 overall (0-1 Western League)

The Uni schedule (*=Western League match):

Dec. 02	@ Van Nuys	Lost, 2-1	Jan. 22	Venice	2:30 p.m.
Dec. 04	San Pedro	Lost, 1-0	Jan. 25	@ L.A. CES	2:30 p.m.
Dec. 07	Los Angeles	Won, 4-1	Jan. 29	@ Venice	2:30 p.m.
Dec. 09	L.A. CES*	Lost, 2-1	Feb. 03	Palisades	2:30 p.m.
Jan. 11	@ Palisades	5:00 p.m.	Feb. 05	@ Hamilton	2:30 p.m.
Jan. 13	Hamilton	2:30 p.m.	Feb. 10	@ Westchester	2:30 p.m.
Jan. 20	@ Fairfax	2:30 p.m.	Feb. 12	Fairfax	2:30 p.m.

- Girls/Basketball 4-2 overall

The Wildcat girls crushed Cleveland, 56-30, before the holiday break. We'd love to provide more highlights, but no game statistics are available from any of Uni's games.

Uni's 2015-16 schedule:

Nov. 23	King/Drew	Won, 48-27	Carson Classic
Nov. 24	Compton	Won, 52-27	Carson Classic
Nov. 27	South Gate	Won, 37-34	Carson Classic
Nov. 28	Carson	Lost, 51-22	Carson Classic
Dec. 14	Taft	Lost, 37-21	
Dec. 18	@Cleveland	Won, 56-30	
Jan. 4-9	tbd		Fairfax City Classic
Jan. 11	@ Venice	4:30 p.m.	(Western League Game)
Jan. 13	@ Palisades	4:30 p.m.	(Western League Game)
Jan. 15	Fairfax	5:00 p.m.	(Western League Game)
Jan. 16	Marlborough	4:30 p.m.	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Showcase
Jan. 20	Westchester	4:30 p.m.	(Western League Game)
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REUNIONS

- ▣ We're asked constantly about whether reunions of specific classes are happening. If they aren't listed below, we don't know about them, but are happy to list the information as soon as supplied to us.

Formal reunions and informal get-togethers get organized because [one person](#) decides it should happen and finds other classmates who feel the same way. Just decide that you're going to make it happen . . .

- ▣ Upcoming reunions that we know about include:

- April 16, 2016: CLASSES OF 1966
At the Marina City Club, Marina del Rey
Information: **Neal Rein** (sabersafety@yahoo.com) and/or
Joyce (Gordon) Rangen (joyce.rangen@gmail.com).
(Please [click here](#) for the event's Facebook page!)

- June 4, 2016: CLASS OF SUMMER 1956 (*Cambodians*)
At The Beach Club, Santa Monica
Information: Carolyn Willis Vena (carolynpaints@earthlink.net) or (503) 861-2136, or *Joel & Jacki Woolf* (jackiwlax@aol.com) or (310) 536-4000, or *Dick Wollmer* (RichardWollmer@csulb.edu) or (714) 536-7685.
- June 25, 2016: CLASS OF WINTER 1961 (*New Yorkers*)
At Rancho Park, Los Angeles
Information: Joan Kline Redlich (jred4444@aol.com) or call (310) 441-0410.
- July 9, 2016: CLASS OF 1976
At the Marina City Club, Marina del Rey
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.

▣ ***Classes of 1986 and 1996, are you holding 30-year and 20-year reunions in 2016?***

The Foundation can provide some help in locating classmates, if we have them as part of our database of 14,000+ addresses (online and postal). If you're out there and want to know more, contact UHEF Co-President *Ivan Finkle* '50 via connect@UHEF.org right away!

▣ ***Carolyn Vena S '56*** (carolynpaints@earthlink.net) has the details on her 60-year reunion:

"I would very much appreciate it if you would include information about the upcoming S'56 - 60th Reunion. The Cambodians will be celebrating on Saturday, June 4, 2016 starting at Noon at The Beach Club in Santa Monica. More information will be sent out at the beginning of February.

"The 'Ad Hoc Committee' has tried calling all of our classmates on the lists that we have. Sadly, they are greatly out of date. We need classmates to get in touch with one of the following people with current contact information:

- Joel & Jacki Woolf: (310) 536-4000 E-mail: jackiwlax@aol.com
- Dick Wollmer: (714) 536-7685 E-mail: RichardWollmer@csulb.edu
- Carolyn Willis Vena: (503) 861-2136 E-mail: carolynpaints@earthlink.net

"We will continue to include information in each report leading up to the reunion."

*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://unih65.wordpress.com>
- To join the Class Facebook page, send an e-mail to UniHi65@gmail.com

Class of Winter 1961: New Yorkers

- <http://www.unihw61.com>

UNI HI EDUCATION FOUNDATION NEWS

If you're reading this and didn't get your own copy of the 20-page, 2015 Annual Newsletter, it's easy. Just let the Foundation know where you are! It's easy to join in: everyone who makes a donation of any amount is a full member for a year. [Click here now](#) to join us!

- ▶ 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 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**.

- ▶ Your purchases on **Amazon.com** can also help Uni! Just go to the UHEF.org "[Donate Now](#)" page, scroll down and **click on the Amazon logo** to go to Amazon.com and your purchase will be credited toward rebates which go to support Uni!
- ▶ The Foundation, created by committed Uni administrators, alumni and parents in 1985, has raised more than \$800,000 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

- ▣ Further to our inquiry last issue about Uni grads who became general officers in the U.S. armed forces, **Rick Ostiller** '76 chimed in:

*In response to your question, our principal, **Paul Godfrey**, was a [brigadier general](#) in the Marine Corps, although as the link shows, he was not an alum.*

Amazing; thanks, Rick! We noted previously that the two Uni alums we know of who made it to the rank of General include:

- **Roger Peterson** S '47 Major General U.S. Air Force
- **Paul Dettmer** '73 Major General U.S. Air Force

Any others? Peterson is now enjoying his retirement; sadly, Dettmer passed away in 2014.

- ▣ From **Ray Huntington** S '61 (baronrayh@gmail.com), better known as *The Baron*:

I am Baron Ray R. Huntington, Summer 61, Islander Class. I have a dear spot in my heart for Uni. All of my aunts and uncles (four of them) went to Uni including my mother, Edna M. Huntington, and my sister, Janice L. Huntington. My parents met on the Uni High tennis courts; my father, Carl A. Huntington, having gone to Beverly Hills High School.

The family is still entrenched in West Los Angeles, still owning the Blue Wave Car Wash properties on the corner of Federal and Santa Monica Blvd. I have retired to the Big Island of Hawaii and am surely living in paradise. There are a couple of other alumni on the islands and we correspond several times a year.

So, please keep up the great work. It's nice to hear about what is going on.

SIXTH PERIOD BELL

- ▣ We've had lots of requests for class names by decade. We previously ran the names from the 1950s and 1940s, so with thanks to UHEF Co-President **Judy Wolfenstein**, here are the 1930s, for what was finally known as University High School:

W '30: <i>Pirates</i>	S '30: <i>Pioneers</i>	W '35: <i>Islanders</i>	S '35: <i>Ambassadors</i>
W '31: <i>Riffs</i>	S '31: <i>Martians</i>	W '36: <i>Argonauts</i>	S '36: <i>Metropolitans</i>
W '32: <i>The Conquerors</i>	S '32: <i>Olympians</i>	W '37: <i>Tyroleans</i>	S '37: <i>Bengals</i>
W '33: <i>Los Vaqueros</i>	S '33: <i>Highlanders</i>	W '38: <i>Vagabonds</i>	S '38: <i>Musketeers</i>
W '34: <i>Commodores</i>	S '34: <i>Les Masques</i>	W '39: <i>Tahitians</i>	S '39: <i>Midshipmen</i>

The S '32 class name – Olympians – makes special sense as the 1932 Olympic Games were held in Los Angeles that summer. Look for more class names in each issue!

*Contribute your comments, ideas and news to the **Warriors & Wildcats Report!***

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