



Warriors & Wildcats Report

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SURPRISE 90th BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR UNI LEGEND DICK KAMPMANN ON FEB. 7

- ▣ Uni's legendary cross-country and track & field coach **Dick Kampmann** reached 90 on January 13, but alumni from as far away as Brazil are headed back to Southern California for a surprise birthday party. The cake, candles and memories will be on display beginning at 1 p.m. on Saturday afternoon, **February 7, 2015** at Pepperdine University (where Kampmann coached cross country and track after retiring from Uni).

Kampmann taught physical education and coached at Uni from 1960-84, leaving a remarkable legacy of success, unmatched by any other coach in school history:

- 8 All-City team championships
(7 in Cross Country – 1974-75-80 varsity boys, 1979-84 varsity girls, 1981 boys JV, 1977 boys 10th grade – and the 1970 varsity boys Track & Field title)
- 24 All-City individual champions
- 77 Western League team champions
- 252 Western League individual champions
- 875 dual-meet wins, vs. 267 losses and 3 ties (a 76.6% winning percentage!)

If you would like to attend (it's free of charge), *please* send your e-mail address (and those of others who should know about the event) to rperelman@perelman-pioneer.com so we can keep you informed. Tell your friends and reach out to your teammates . . . we want as many people to salute Coach K as possible in February.

And mums the word to Coach . . . it's (still) a surprise! (No, he doesn't get this newsletter.)

ON CAMPUS

▣ Uni Winter sports report: *Follow the Wildcats on Twitter: @Utownsports*

- Boys/Basketball: 11-7 overall (0-1 Western League)

The Wildcats won three of four games at the Kennedy Cougar Classic in their first tournament of 2015, but lost a 73-68 fourth-quarter heartbreaker at Venice to start the Western League season on January 14.

Uni continues to be led by 6-1 senior forward Cushan Allen, averaging 19.9 points and 8.1 rebounds a game. He's shooting 52.4% from the floor. Senior guard Nicholas Brooks, despite being only 5-8, is averaging 11.1 points and a team-leading 2.6 assists a game.

Nov. 24	Franklin	Won, 85-48	(Alhambra Moor Classic)
Nov. 25	Roybal	Won, 73-42	(Alhambra Moor Classic)
Nov. 26	Alhambra	Won, 72-55	(Alhambra Moor Classic)
Nov. 28	Yeshiva	Won, 57-45	(Alhambra Moor Classic)
Dec. 01	Salesian	Won, 72-45	(St. Monica Tournament)
Dec. 02	Verbum Dei	Won, 81-66	(St. Monica Tournament)
Dec. 03	Chaminade	Lost, 58-68	(St. Monica Tournament)
Dec. 04	St. Monica	Lost, 61-81	(St. Monica Tournament)
Dec. 08	El Segundo	Won, 63-56	(Jim Nakabara Classic @ Uni)
Dec. 11	St. Bernard	Won, 73-59	(Jim Nakabara Classic @ Uni)
Dec. 12	Windward	Lost, 53-67	(Jim Nakabara Classic @ Uni)
Dec. 13	Harvard-Westlake	Lost, 71-90	(Jim Nakabara Classic @ Uni)
Jan. 03	Trinity Classical	Lost, 41-64	(Clash at the Canyons Showcase)
Jan. 05	Van Nuys	Won, 54-52	(Kennedy Cougar Classic)
Jan. 06	Grant	Won, 61-40	(Kennedy Cougar Classic)
Jan. 07	Cleveland	Lost, 62-64	(Kennedy Cougar Classic)
Jan. 08	Verdugo Hills	Won, 52-42	(Kennedy Cougar Classic)
Jan. 14	@ Venice	Lost, 68-73	
Jan. 16	@ Palisades	6:30 p.m.	
Jan. 19	tbd	2:30 p.m.	(Martin Luther King, Jr. Showcase)
Jan. 21	Fairfax	5:30 p.m.	
Jan. 23	@ Westchester	6:30 p.m.	
Jan. 26	Hamilton	6:30 p.m.	
Jan. 28	@ Los Angeles CES	5:30 p.m.	
Jan. 30	Venice	6:30 p.m.	
Feb. 04	Palisades	5:30 p.m.	
Feb. 06	@ Fairfax	6:30 p.m.	
Feb. 09	Westchester	5:30 p.m.	
Feb. 11	@ Hamilton	6:30 p.m.	
Feb. 13	Los Angeles CES	6:30 p.m.	

Want to see the Wildcats? Admission to Western League boys varsity home games on the Uni campus is \$7 for adults, \$4 for students and \$3 for children under 12. Girls varsity Western League games held on Fridays have the same prices. Cash only, please; no credit or debit cards.

- Girls /Basketball: 11-4 overall (1-0 Western League)

This is a good year for Wildcat basketball with Ron Cass’s varsity girls winning five of their last six games and enjoying an 11-4 mark after defeating Venice to open league play. Uni has an 9-2 record against City teams and star 5-9 senior guard Precious Nwaba is enjoying a sensational season, averaging 23.8 points, 8.8 rebounds and 4.8 steals per game. Junior 6-4 center Jada Gambrah is also averaging in double figures at 11.6 points a game, 9.1 rebounds and 1.3 blocks; she had 22 points vs. Venice!

Nov. 24	King/Drew	Won, 72-22	(Carson Tournament)
Nov. 25	Huntington Park	Won, 56-18	(Carson Tournament)
Nov. 26	Amino South L.A.	Won, 47-40	(Carson Tournament)
Nov. 28	Carson	Lost, 47-32	(Carson Tournament)
Dec. 15	Taft	Won, 51-42	
Dec. 19	Cleveland	Won, 49-29	
Dec. 26	Indio	Won, 54-34	(MaxPreps Holiday Tourn. @ Shadow Hills)
Dec. 27	Valencia	Lost, 54-61	(MaxPreps Holiday Tourn. @ Shadow Hills)
Dec. 29	Alta	Lost, 54-64	(MaxPreps Holiday Tourn. @ Shadow Hills)
Dec. 30	San Dimas	Won, 61-24	(MaxPreps Holiday Tourn. @ Shadow Hills)
Jan. 06	Marshall	Won, 56-26	(L.A. City Showcase @ Fairfax)
Jan. 07	Granada Hills	Lost, 43-50	(L.A. City Showcase @ Fairfax)
Jan. 08	Cleveland	Won, 58-37	(L.A. City Showcase @ Fairfax)
Jan. 10	Garfield	Won, 48-39	(L.A. City Showcase @ Fairfax)
Jan. 14	Venice	Won, 62-37	
Jan. 16	Palisades	7:00 p.m.	
Jan. 21	@ Fairfax	4:30 p.m.	
Jan. 23	Westchester	7:00 p.m.	
Jan. 26	@ Hamilton	5:00 p.m.	
Jan. 28	Los Angeles CES	4:30 p.m.	
Jan. 30	@ Venice	7:00 p.m.	
Feb. 04	@ Palisades	4:30 p.m.	
Feb. 06	Fairfax	7:00 p.m.	
Feb. 09	@ Westchester	4:30 p.m.	
Feb. 11	Hamilton	4:30 p.m.	
Feb. 13	@ Los Angeles CES	4:30 p.m.	

- Boys/Soccer: 3-1-1 overall (3-0 Western League)
(Home games at Webster Middle School)

Dec. 01	@ Van Nuys	Tie, 1-1
Dec. 08	@ San Pedro	Lost, 1-4
Dec. 10	@ Fairfax	Won, 3-2
Dec. 12	Los Angeles CES	Won, 4-1
Jan. 14	@ Venice	Won, 3-0
Jan. 16	Palisades	2:30 p.m.
Jan. 21	Hamilton	2:30 p.m.
Jan. 23	@ Westchester	2:30 p.m.
Jan. 26	Fairfax	2:30 p.m.
Jan. 28	@ Los Angeles CES	2:30 p.m.
Feb. 04	Venice	2:30 p.m.
Feb. 06	@ Palisades	2:30 p.m.
Feb. 11	@ Hamilton	2:30 p.m.
Feb. 13	Westchester	2:30 p.m.

- Girls/Soccer: 1-0-3 overall (1-0-1 Western League)
(Home games at Webster Middle School)

Dec. 01	@ Van Nuys	Tie, 2-2
Dec. 05	@ Roosevelt	Tie, 1-1
Dec. 10	Fairfax	Won, 2-1
Dec. 12	@ Los Angeles CES	postponed/rain
Jan. 14	Venice	Tie, 1-1
Jan. 16	@ Palisades	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 21	@ Hamilton	2:30 p.m.
Jan. 23	Westchester	2:30 p.m.
Jan. 26	@ Fairfax	2:30 p.m.
Jan. 28	Los Angeles CES	2:30 p.m.
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Feb. 11	Hamilton	2:30 p.m.
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REUNIONS

▣ Upcoming reunions that we know about include:

- March 21, 2015: CLASS OF 1985
At Mountain Gate Country Club
Reservations: Visit www.ReunionCommittee.com
- March 28, 2015: CLASS OF 1975
At Mountain Gate Country Club
Reservations: Visit www.ReunionCommittee.com
- June 13, 2015: CLASSES OF 1965
At Riviera Country Club
Information: www.UniHi65.com or <http://UniHi65.wordpress.com>
or send an e-mail to unihi65@gmail.com
- October 17, 2015: CLASS OF SUMMER 1954
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 send details of your reunions to Connect@UHEF.org for inclusion in future issues!

- ▣ The Classes of 1965 (Artesians and Peleans), getting ready for their 50-year reunion at Riviera Country Club on June 13, 2015, has established a “class challenge” goal of \$1 million! More than \$100,000 has already been raised; for more details, check out their Web site at www.UniHi65.com or the class blog at <http://UniHi65.wordpress.com>.

UNI HI EDUCATION FOUNDATION NEWS

- ▣ Visit www.UHEF.org and tell your classmates to sign up for the *Warriors & Wildcats Report* and volunteer for UHEF activities.

The Foundation, now in its 29th year, 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

- ▣ Fabulous memories from a 1948 Uni grad who has become a noteworthy author of some remarkable books, **Fred Basten**:

“My years at Uni were a highlight in my life.

“I spent my years at Uni from 1946 to 1948, graduating as a Tartan, class of ‘48. During my senior year, I was editor-in-chief of the Warrior newspaper. I think I remember the name of my Journalism teacher – Mrs. Reed rings a bell – I hope I’m right on that; she was terrific. I’ve gone on to become the author of over 40 books, many best-sellers (click [here](#) for a partial list).

*“At Uni, I also became a close friend of then-Principal **Ralph Wadsworth**, who was my grandfather’s roommate throughout their years at Indiana University. My grandfather became quite a legend there, not only as an athlete, but as one of the founders of the school’s ‘Old Oaken Bucket’ trophy.”*

*“I’ve noticed the listing of Uni’s noted graduates and it’s really impressive. In my class were a few others who are missing and probably should be included. They are: **Skip Homeier**, actor; **Barbara Whiting**, actress; **Jane Devlin**, actress; and maybe even me as ‘author.’”*

Who are these people? Fans of the original “Star Trek” series from the 1960s will remember [Skip Homeier](#) as Deputy Fuhrer Melakon in the 1968 episode, “Patterns of Force” and as Dr. Sevrin in “The Way to Eden” (1969), as well as dozens of appearances in westerns, war films and television episodes. Basten remembered, “[He and] I were in the same graduating class. We even had one class together, which was all about radio. The classroom even had a little stage, microphones and a recorder. Radio was the big entertainment then; television was still to come. I haven’t seen Skippy since I left Uni but I understand he’s still around and living in the Palm Springs area.”

[Barbara Whiting](#) has a star on the HOLLYWOOD WALK OF FAME, primarily for her work in radio as the star of the “Junior Miss” show beginning in 1948. She appeared in movies and in television series including “Dragnet.” She passed away at age 73 in 2004; a fuller biography is available [here](#). Basten remembered that “I was a semester ahead of her, so she graduated just after I did as a Tartan.”

Jane Devlin was also an actress, remembered for an uncredited role as Gladys Brown in the 1944 drama, “Since You Went Away,” which received nine Oscar nominations (with one win for Best Music).

Basten himself has created a remarkable range of literary works over more than 40 years, from his 1995 and 2008 biographies of Hollywood make-up star Max Factor, assistance on the autobiography of porn star John Holmes and historical reviews of iconic Southern California landmarks such as the Chateau Marmont, Santa Monica Bay, UCLA, Beverly Hills and others.

Fred asked that his e-mail address not be published, but if you have questions or comments, send them to Connect@UHEF.org and we can forward them to him.

SIXTH PERIOD BELL

▣ We have gotten this question quite a few times in various forms:

“Why are the early years of Uni divided up into 2 sessions? I noticed some of the older pictures of alumni say Summer or (S).”

It’s a good question. The answer is that for decades, the L.A. Unified School District ran courses on two tracks, “Winter” and “Summer.” That meant that some students graduated at the end of the year and others graduated in June. This practice of splitting grades, referred to at lower grade levels as “B” (first semester of a grade) and “A” (for second semester of a grade), was ended with the 1968-69 academic year. Beginning in the fall of 1969, all students were assigned to a single grade year (for Uni at the time: 10th, 11th or 12th). And it’s been that way ever since.

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