



Warriors & Wildcats Report

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“CITY CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL” 9th-GRADERS MAY LAND AT EMERSON FOR A YEAR

- ▣ Parents and friends of Emerson Middle School – a main feeder school for Uni – have been busy of late opposing the temporary assignment of 125 ninth-grade students from the City Charter High School to the Emerson campus.

Flyers and petitions have been circulated to parents dropping off their children at the school, urging attendance at an informational meeting on May 12 and sending petitions to the Los Angeles Unified School District against the assignment.

Uni principal Eric Davidson explained that the LAUSD is following procedures adopted under California Proposition 39 (passed by voters in 2000), which requires that facilities be made available to eligible public charter schools that serve students who reside in that school district.

In specific, the plan is for 125 ninth graders to be located at Emerson for one academic year (2015-16) until the City Charter H.S. facility at Venice and Motor Avenues (Hamilton H.S. area) is completed.

If all four grades (9-12) of the City Charter High School student body were to be moved permanently to the Emerson campus – now being re-developed for the first time since 1940 – it could be a significant negative for Uni. But the move is proposed only for a year and only

for the 125 ninth-graders. Although Emerson now serves grades 6-8, it was for decades a Junior High School, serving grades 7-9. And there is space available on-campus to support classrooms dedicated to the City Charter ninth-graders; the City Charter students in grades 10-12 would be accommodated elsewhere in the LAUSD.

- ▣ **“Into The Woods”** update: Lots of inquiries about Uni’s spring performance, and especially about how to get tickets. One typical note: “So we can't buy tickets online? Where on campus is the student store and what hours is it open? What date will they be available?”

All good questions, so here are some answers:

- (1) No ticket sales online yet. Uni Director of Theater Arts Ronnie Sperling ‘76 is working to get an online sales outlet set up, and we will keep you informed.
- (2) Tickets for all performances are available at the Uni Student Store, open during schools hours: Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The Student Store is in the Administration Building, on the main floor; you can get directions from the main office near the front entrance at Texas and Westgate Avenues.

Remember, Opening Night is coming on Friday evening, May 8 (7 p.m. curtain), with we’ll have more details shortly on a fund-raising Gala to take place beforehand.

- ▣ **Claudia Strock** (cjstrock1@gmail.com) writes “I recall reading a couple of years ago that engraved bricks could be ordered for placement in front of the new gym. I’m wondering if that is still on the drawing board, and what the timeframe might be. Thank you.”

Principal Eric Davidson informs us that the commemorative bricks program has been delayed due to the continuing construction of the new field, new track and the Collins & Katz Family YMCA. Once these projects have been all or nearly completed, then the bricks can be sold and installed without having to weather more upheaval on the site.

ON CAMPUS

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

- Girls /Basketball: 21-11 overall (7-5 Western League)

Behind star guard **Precious Nwaba**, Uni completed a wild season as the Los Angeles City Division I Consolation Champions, defeating Granada Hills, Fairfax and Carson to qualify for the California State Division I playoffs! The Wildcats lost to Canyon Springs, 79-51, in the first round of the State tournament to end their season at 21-11.

Nwaba was unstoppable in the playoffs, scoring 39, 40, 34 and 38 points in her final four games. Her 40 points vs. Fairfax came on 13-22 field goals and 11-12 free throws, plus nine rebounds and four steals. She scored 34 against Carson to help Uni overcome a two-point deficit at the end of the third quarter; she made 10-23 field goals and 13-15 free

throws against the Colts, and was helped by senior guard **Lizeth Hernandez's** 15 points and junior forward **Meagan Hall's** seven rebounds.

Even in defeat at Canyon Springs, Nwaba scored 38 points on 15-31 field goals and 7-11 free throws. Junior center **Jada Gambrah** added 10 rebounds.

For the season, Nwaba averaged 24.7 points, 7.8 rebounds and 4.1 steals per game. She was named the Western League's *Player of the Year* and already has two scholarship offers to NCAA Division I universities. We'll keep you posted on where she chooses to go.

Gambrah finished second in scoring on the season at 11.3 points a game, a team-high 9.3 rebounds and 1.2 blocks. Hernandez ended the season at 10.1 points a game, giving Uni three players averaging in double figures. Congratulations to the Wildcats and head coach Ron Cass.

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	Lost, 59-71	
Jan. 21	@ Fairfax	Lost, 28-39	
Jan. 23	Westchester	Lost, 41-46	
Jan. 24	Mount Miguel	Won, 46-39	
Jan. 26	@ Hamilton	Won, 87-26	
Jan. 28	Los Angeles CES	Won, 46-31	
Jan. 30	@ Venice	Won, 54-51	
Feb. 04	@ Palisades	Lost, 52-64	
Feb. 06	Fairfax	Lost, 45-58	
Feb. 09	@ Westchester	Won, 53-32	
Feb. 11	Hamilton	Won, 66-25	
Feb. 13	@ Los Angeles CES	Won, 43-35	
Feb. 20	@ Narbonne	Lost, 52-60	(City Div. I quarterfinals)
Feb. 27	@ Granada Hills	Won, 58-41	(City Div. I consolation quarterfinals)
Mar. 03	Fairfax	Won, 58-57	(City Div. I consolation semifinals)
Mar. 05	@ Carson	Won, 60-56	(City Div. I consolation final)
Mar. 11	@ Canyon Springs	Lost, 51-79	(California State Div. 1 first round)

- Boys/Baseball 2-8 overall
(Home games to be played at Hamilton or Venice High Schools; game times all 3 p.m.)

It appeared that Uni would play its home games at West Los Angeles College this season,

but the arrangements could not be finalized in time, so Hamilton or Venice High Schools will be the site of Wildcats home games in 2015. West L.A. College is a possibility for 2016 as the upper field (a.k.a. Girl's Field in days of yore) will likely be undergoing renovations for baseball during that time.

Feb. 20	Monroe	Lost, 3-4	(Poly Classic)
Feb. 21	North Hollywood	Win, 2-0	(Poly Classic)
Feb. 25	Bell	Lost, 0-7	(Poly Classic)
Feb. 26	Garfield	Lost, 3-7	(Poly Classic)
Feb. 28	Cleveland	Lost, 3-6	(SoCal Invitational)
Mar. 05	Glendale	Loss, 4-5	(SoCal Invitational)
Mar. 07	Highland	Won, 2-1	(SoCal Invitational)
Mar. 09	Culver City	Loss, 3-10	(SoCal Invitational)
Mar. 11	Roosevelt	Loss, 0-4	(SoCal Invitational)
Mar. 12	@ Taft	Lost, 3-13	
Mar. 17	@ Hamilton		
Mar. 18	@ Hawthorne		
Mar. 19	Hamilton		
Mar. 23	Los Angeles CES		
Mar. 26	Los Angeles CES		
Mar. 28	@ Carson		
Apr. 07	Westchester		
Apr. 09	@ Westchester		
Apr. 11	@ Banning		(San Fernando Tiger Classic)
Apr. 14	@ Fairfax		
Apr. 16	Fairfax		
Apr. 18	@ San Pedro		(San Fernando Tiger Classic)
Apr. 25	@ Van Nuys		(San Fernando Tiger Classic)
Apr. 28	Palisades		
Apr. 30	@ Palisades		
May 05	@ Venice		
May 07	Venice		
May 18	@ Hawthorne		

• Boys/Golf 2-0 overall

Mar. 06	Los Angeles CES	Won, 202-211	at Penmar Golf Course
Mar. 06	Venice	Won, 202-246	at Penmar Golf Course
Mar. 13	Westchester	No report	at Penmar Golf Course
Mar. 13	Los Angeles CES	No report	at Penmar Golf Course
Mar. 16	Venice		at Rancho Park Golf Course
Mar. 27	Los Angeles CES		at Rancho Park Golf Course
Apr. 10	Venice, Carson		at Alondra Golf Course
Apr. 17	Los Angeles CES, Venice		at Rancho Park Golf Course
Apr. 24	Los Angeles CES, Westchester		at Griffith Park/Harding Course
May 01	Western League		at Griffith Park/Harding Course
May 20	City Finals		at Griffith Park/Harding Course

• Girls/Softball 0-2 overall
(Game times scheduled for 3 p.m.)

Feb. 25	@ North Hollywood	Lost, 0-15	Mar. 23	Westchester
Mar. 11	@ King-Drew Medical	Lost, 3-25	Apr. 07	@ Fairfax
Mar. 17	Hamilton		Apr. 09	@ Los Angeles CES
Mar. 19	@ Venice		Apr. 14	Palisades

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| Apr. 16 | @ Hamilton | | Mar. 27 | Palisades | |
| Apr. 21 | Venice | | Apr. 07 | @ Hamilton | |
| Apr. 23 | @ Westchester | | Apr. 09 | Los Angeles CES | |
| Apr. 30 | Fairfax | | | | |
| May 05 | Los Angeles CES | | • Track & Field | | |
| May 07 | @ Palisades | | (All meets on the road) | | |
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| • Swimming | (no report) | | Mar. 20 | @ Dorsey | |
| (Meet times scheduled for 2:30 p.m.) | | | Mar. 27 | @ San Pedro | |
| | | | Apr. 09 | Western League Relays | |
| Mar. 04 | @ Carson | no report | Apr. 17 | @ Hamilton w/Fairfax | |
| Mar. 11 | @ Panorama | no report | May 01 | @ Fairfax w/Venice | |
| Mar. 25 | Los Angeles CES | | May 07 | League Prelims @ Fairfax | |
| Apr. 08 | @ Venice | | May 14 | League Finals @ Fairfax | |
| Apr. 15 | Palisades | | | | |
| Apr. 29 | @ Hamilton | | • Boys/Volleyball | 0-2 overall | |
| | | | (Match times scheduled for 4:00 p.m.) | | |
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| • Boys/Tennis | 4-2 overall | | Feb. 27 | @ San Pedro | Lost, 0-3 |
| (Match times scheduled for 2:30 p.m.) | | | Mar. 09 | El Camino Real | Lost, 0-3 |
| | | | Mar. 16 | Fairfax | |
| Feb. 23 | @ Birmingham | (no report) | Mar. 18 | Westchester | |
| Feb. 25 | El Camino Real | Lost, 0-7 | Mar. 23 | @ Venice | |
| Feb. 27 | @ San Pedro | Won, 6-1 | Mar. 25 | @ Palisades | |
| Mar. 04 | Fairfax | Won, 6-1 | Apr. 07 | Hamilton | |
| Mar. 06 | Westchester | Won, 6-1 | Apr. 08 | @ Los Angeles CES | |
| Mar. 09 | @ Venice | Won, 4-3 | Apr. 15 | @ Fairfax | |
| Mar. 11 | @ Palisades | Lost, 0-7 | Apr. 20 | @ Westchester | |
| Mar. 13 | Hamilton | No report | Apr. 22 | Venice | |
| Mar. 16 | @ Los Angeles CES | | Apr. 27 | Palisades | |
| Mar. 20 | @ Fairfax | | Apr. 29 | @ Hamilton | |
| Mar. 23 | @ Westchester | | May 04 | Los Angeles CES | |
| Mar. 25 | Venice | | | | |

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
Tickets: on sale until June 8 at <http://unihi65.brownpapertickets.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 [click here](#) for a one-page information sheet)

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

- ▣ The Uni Hi Education Foundation exists to raise money to support the instructional programming at University High School. How can your donation help?

In the words of Uni principal Eric Davidson: “A 20th century building can be brought into the 21st century with a little money, a little elbow grease, and a ton of dedication.”

For less than \$10,000, a Uni classroom can be fully equipped with a ceiling-mounted LCD projector, 42-inch LCD television, a wireless microphone for the teacher, new speaker system and a magnetized fabric to turn a whiteboard into an interactive presentation tool.

The transformation allows display of Word documents, PowerPoint presentations, videos, the Internet and so on. The teacher can write on the board at the same time and have the notations transferred to and saved on a computer. Those lessons can then be made available to students online the same day. More concentration, more focus, more learning.

A new LAUSD policy allows on-campus signage to be available to recognize donations which assist the educational program. Interested? Sent us a note and we'll help to get the ball rolling: Connect@UHEF.org.

- ▣ 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

▣ **Steven Ray** '78 (steven.redriverpictures@gmail.com) writes:

*[Can you] help me locate **William Pappas**? Former history and economics teacher at Uni in the 70's and 80's. He retired after teaching at Santa Monica College.*

Steven, we don't have any specific information on Mr. Pappas, but perhaps one of our readers does. Unfortunately, Uni does not maintain a contact list on former faculty, students or staff.

SIXTH PERIOD BELL

▣ Our condolences to Warriors **Julie Nimoy** '73 and **Adam Nimoy** '74, on the passing of their father, Leonard Nimoy, on February 27. Adam is a television director and wrote a fascinating memoir, *My Incredibly Wonderful, Miserable Life: An Anti-Memoir* in 2009.

Julie starred with her father in a 1991 commercial for Oldsmobile. She worked in film and television production before graduating from the Le Cordon Bleu Culinary School and continuing her career in the culinary arts.

Our condolences to both Julie and Adam on the loss of their father.

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

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