



Warriors & Wildcats Report

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NEW UNI FOOTBALL FIELD NEARLY COMPLETE WITH THE NEW TRACK TO BE POURED IN MAY

- ▣ Hard hats and safety vests were distributed to a half-dozen Uni alumni and supporters on April 7, who toured the remarkable new football field now almost completely installed, with the all-weather track to follow.

Steven Oh of Ohno Construction, which is managing the installation, described in detail the new, state-of-the-art field, featuring AstroTurf 3D60 Extreme. Although a synthetic carpet, the look and feel of the fibers are very much like grass, but with considerably more engineering above and below it.

Under the turf layer is a half-inch-thick Brock International “shock pad,” designed to absorb energy in order to lessen the impact of collisions between players. The “give” in this layer mimics a natural-grass field, but also allows drainage through it to keep the playing surface dry.

Workmen were busy distributing the first of 105 tons of specially-selected sand across the top of the entire field to help hold the turf down. Properly maintained, this new field will last from 8-12 years and will be available for both football and soccer. There is a slight, almost imperceptible crown of a 0.5% slope to help with drainage, topped by an orange-and-blue letter “U” at midfield.

The base layer of the new, all-weather track has also been completed and the pouring of the world-class Rekortan S surface (sandwich system) will proceed in May. After curing and then lining, the field and track will be completed in time for Uni's 2015 graduation ceremonies in June.

A dedication ceremony is planned to be held in August, prior to the start of the 2015-16 school year.

While this project is nearing completion, what was once the student parking lot along Ohio Avenue is now being excavated as the initial steps in the building of the Collins & Katz Family YMCA, which is expected to open in 2016. Once complete, it will give Uni one of the finest sets of athletic facilities in the City.

- ▣ A casualty of the field construction has been Uni home baseball games, for which multiple scenarios have been considered. Although a conversion of the upper field (formerly known as the Girl's Field) into a Fenway Park-type facility – complete with a short porch in right field – was suggested, the L.A. Unified School District facilities division has determined that it is not possible to place a regulation baseball facility in the available space on campus.

Uni Principal **Eric Davidson** reported that “the District will be assisting Uni in finding a playing site for baseball for the 2015-16 school year. They are in discussions with West Los Angeles College at this time.

“The American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) is interested in partnering with the District to create a (baseball) practice facility on the upper field. The facility will include up to four batting cages, two bullpens, and a regulation infield. More to follow.”

Uni has been playing its “home” baseball games at Hamilton or Venice High Schools this season, although an attempt to play at West L.A. was made. Softball will continue to be played on the upper field, but it appears that Uni will no longer have home baseball games on campus in the future.

- ▣ Induction Gala tickets are still available for the L.A. City Schools Athletic Hall of Fame, honoring – along others – Uni grads **Howard Enstedt** '50 and **Jim Mora** '53, who went on to fame as volleyball and football coaches, respectively.

The public is invited to attend the Hall of Fame Induction Gala, which will be held on Sunday, April 26 at the Hilton Doubletree in Culver City. The ceremony and dinner is modestly priced at \$75 per person. RSVPs are due by April 15; the details are [here](#) and the ticket-order form is [here](#).

Mora and Enstedt will be Uni's second and third selections into the City Athletics Hall of Fame. Created in 2010, classes are inducted every two years. Uni legend **Mel Patton** '43 was selected as a member of the inaugural class, enshrined in 2011.

- ▣ The May 8 premiere of Uni's production of “**Into The Woods**” is coming up quickly!

Tickets for [all four performances](#) are available at a pre-sale discount of \$5 each at the Uni Student Store, open during school 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.

Show schedule, all at the Stivelman Theater on campus: Opening Night, May 8 at 7 p.m.; After-School Show, May 14 at 3:30 p.m.; Evening Finale, May 15 at 7 p.m. and the Matinee, May 16 at 2 p.m.

- ▣ The rhubarb over temporary placement of some ninth graders from the City Charter High School at Emerson Middle School has been settled. Uni Principal Eric Davidson was informed by Emerson Principal **Dimone Watson** on April 7 that the L.A. Unified School District's offer of Emerson was rescinded and changed to Los Angeles High School. So there will be no relocation of City Charter students to Emerson, to the relief of parents and school supporters who petitioned against the move.

ON CAMPUS

- ▣ Uni Spring sports report: *Follow the Wildcats on Twitter: [@Utownsports](#)*

- Boys/Baseball 5-14 overall (2-4 Western League)
(Home games to be played at Hamilton or Venice High Schools; game times all 3 p.m.)

Uni has had a rough time of late, losing four in a row before Tuesday's game vs. Fairfax, for which no report was available.

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	Lost, 4-5	(SoCal Invitational)
Mar. 07	Highland	Won, 2-1	(SoCal Invitational)
Mar. 09	Culver City	Lost, 3-10	(SoCal Invitational)
Mar. 11	Roosevelt	Lost, 0-4	(SoCal Invitational)
Mar. 12	@ Taft	Lost, 3-13	
Mar. 17	@ Hamilton	Lost, 0-7	
Mar. 18	@ Hawthorne	Won, 7-4	
Mar. 19	Hamilton	Lost, 3-4	
Mar. 23	Los Angeles CES	Won by forfeit (7-0)	
Mar. 26	Los Angeles CES	Won, 12-2	
Mar. 28	@ Carson	Lost, 3-11	
Apr. 07	Westchester	Lost, 4-5	
Apr. 09	@ Westchester	Lost, 1-8	
Apr. 11	@ Banning	Lost, 1-9	(San Fernando Tiger Classic)
Apr. 14	@ Fairfax	No report	
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 6-2 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	Lost, shot 202	at Penmar Golf Course
Mar. 13	Los Angeles CES	Lost, shot 202	at Penmar Golf Course
Mar. 16	Venice	Won, 201-275	at Rancho Park Golf Course
Mar. 27	Los Angeles CES	Won, shot 202	at Rancho Park Golf Course
Apr. 10	Venice	Won, 210-281	at Alondra Golf Course
Apr. 10	Carson	Won, 210-266	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 1-6 overall
 (Game times scheduled for 3 p.m.)

Feb. 25	@ North Hollywood	Lost, 0-15
Mar. 11	@ King-Drew Medical	Lost, 3-25
Mar. 17	Hamilton	Lost, 2-21
Mar. 19	@ Venice	Lost, 0-25
Mar. 23	Westchester	Won, 10-9
Apr. 07	@ Fairfax	Lost, 4-28
Apr. 09	@ Los Angeles CES	Lost, 13-14
Apr. 14	Palisades	No report
Apr. 16	@ Hamilton	
Apr. 21	Venice	
Apr. 23	@ Westchester	
Apr. 30	Fairfax	
May 05	Los Angeles CES	
May 07	@ Palisades	

• Swimming Boys: 2-0 Girls: 2-0
 (Meet times scheduled for 2:30 p.m.)

Mar. 04	@ Carson/Boys	Won, 96-52
	@ Carson/Girls	Won, 111-52
Mar. 11	@ Panorama/Boys	Won, 104-55
	@ Panorama/Girls	Won, 122-43
Apr. 08	@ Venice	No report
Apr. 15	Palisades	
Apr. 29	@ Hamilton	

• Boys/Tennis 8-8 overall
 (Match times scheduled for 2:30 p.m.)

Feb. 23	@ Birmingham	Lost - forfeit
Feb. 25	El Camino Real	Lost, 0-7
Feb. 27	@ San Pedro	Won, 6-1
Mar. 04	Fairfax	Won, 6-1

Mar. 06	Westchester	Won, 6-1
Mar. 09	@ Venice	Won, 4-3
Mar. 11	@ Palisades	Lost, 0-7
Mar. 13	Hamilton	Lost, 1-6
Mar. 16	@ Los Angeles CES	Lost, 2-5
Mar. 20	@ Fairfax	Won, 7-0
Mar. 23	@ Westchester	Lost, 2-5
Mar. 25	Venice	Won, 4-3
Mar. 27	Palisades	Lost, 0-7
Apr. 07	@ Hamilton	Lost, 1-4
Apr. 09	Los Angeles CES	Won - forfeit

City Division II playoffs (Uni seeded 13th):

Apr. 13	@ 4 Carson	Won, 18-11½
Apr. 21	@ 5 N. Hollywood	1 p.m.

• Track & Field Boys: 0-1 Girls: 0-1
 (All meets on the road)

Mar. 20	Sotomayor @ Dorsey	Non-scoring
Mar. 27	@ San Pedro/Boys	Lost, 23-102
	@ San Pedro/Girls	Lost, 30-74
Apr. 09	Western League Relays	
Apr. 17	@ Hamilton w/Fairfax	
May 01	@ Fairfax w/Venice	
May 07	League Prelims @ Fairfax	
May 14	League Finals @ Fairfax	

• Boys/Volleyball 8-6 overall
 (Match times scheduled for 4:00 p.m.)
 (* = Non-conference Venice Tournament)

Feb. 27	@ San Pedro	Lost, 0-3
Mar. 09	El Camino Real	Lost, 0-3
Mar. 16	Fairfax	Won, 3-1
Mar. 18	Westchester	Won by forfeit

Mar. 21	*Beverly Hills	Won, 2-0	Apr. 07	Hamilton	Won, 3-0
Mar. 21	*Narbonne	Won, 2-0	Apr. 08	@ Los Angeles CES	Won, 3-0
Mar. 21	*Chatsworth	Lost, 0-2	Apr. 15	@ Fairfax	
Mar. 21	*El Camino Real	Won, 2-1	Apr. 20	@ Westchester	
Mar. 21	*Sylmar	Lost, 0-2	Apr. 22	Venice	
Mar. 21	*Marshall	Lost, 0-2	Apr. 27	Palisades	
Mar. 23	@ Venice	Won, 3-1	Apr. 29	@ Hamilton	
Mar. 25	@ Palisades	Lost, 0-3	May 04	Los Angeles CES	

REUNIONS

▣ Upcoming reunions that we know about include:

- May 30, 2015: CLASS OF WINTER 1970
At The Proud Bird
Information: Janie Cowan Bernard (JanieBernard@aol.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!

▣ **Judith Burns Van Brocklin** '60 (judibv1@gmail.com) writes: "Please let me know who I contact to get information about my 55th Reunion. It is this year. Thank you."

We don't have any information on a Class of 1960 reunion, but by posting it here we're hoping one of your classmates will see it and get the program started!

▣ From **Judy Kleinberg** '65, energetically organizing the 50-year reunion of the *Artesians* and *Peleans*:

The Class of '65 needs your help!

Do you have a sibling who graduated in 1965? We still have quite a long list of people who are “lost” and we hate to think that someone who's interested in our big reunion might not hear about it because we can't find them!

Please have a look at our “Lost” page – <https://unihi65.wordpress.com/lost/> – and if you know anyone on the list, leave a Comment there or send an email to unihi65@gmail.com. Thanks so much for your help!

The '65 reunion will be held at Riviera Country Club on June 13, 2015, and has 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>.

▣ From **Jamie Weiss** '70 (jamie.weiss@verizon.net):

“The Senecan class of Winter '70 will be holding our 45th reunion. Details are as follows:

- When: Saturday, May 30, 2015
- Where: The Proud Bird, 11022 Aviation Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90045
- Time: 6:30 p.m.: Cocktail Hour and 8:00 p.m.: Buffet Dinner

“We sending invitations out next week to our email list, but are missing contact information for a lot of our classmates.” Senecans, please contact **Janie Cowan Bernard** (JanieBernard@aol.com) to help find your missing classmates in time for May 30.

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.

▣ 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!](#)

SIXTH PERIOD BELL

- ▣ Dr. Dan Freeman, D.D.S. (Dan@marindentel.com) writes with more details on Uni's first championship volleyball team in 1975:

"A small point of clarification to pass on; not sure anyone would care except for the six of us on the 1975 CIF State Championship volleyball team.

"The 1975 Uni High Boys Volleyball team not only won the L.A. City Championship but also the CIF State Championship. I don't know if any other team has accomplished this in Uni history. Although Neal Newman was the faculty sponsor for the team, it was coached by community volunteer, Dave Schafer. The team was coordinated and administered by me while I was a student on the team.

"Just sayin'."

Thanks, Dan and you're right: we're not aware of any other Uni team that won a California State championship. Congratulations . . . even if it is 40 years late!

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