



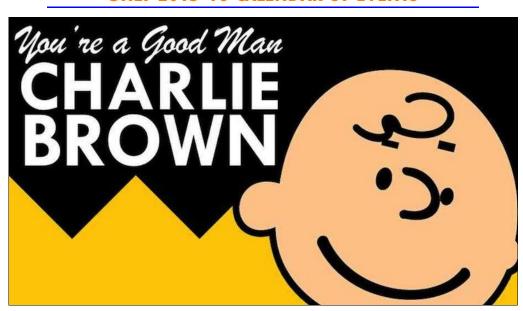
Warriors & Wildcats Report

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UHEF 2015-16 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Dec. 3-5 "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" Stivelman Theater

Thursday Dec. 3 7:30 p.m. Tickets: <u>click here</u>
Friday Dec. 4 7:30 p.m. Tickets: <u>click here</u>
Saturday Dec. 5 2:00 p.m. Tickets: <u>click here</u>

Apr. 16 Spring Clean-Up Day <u>Volunteer opportunity</u>

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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
Mav tba	All-Classes Picnic & Car Show	On campus

"YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, CHARLIE BROWN" SET TO GO ON DECEMBER 3-4-5

E Get ready to head for Uni for the school's fall production of "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown." Uni Director of Theatre Arts *Ronnie Sperling* '76 promises a good time for all:

"We are so excited to bring this hilarious production of You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown' to the UNI stage, fast on the heels of the successful 20th Century Fox film, 'The Peanuts Movie.'

"The last time it was produced at UNI was 1972. This version of the beloved musical is based on the revised, 1999 Broadway revival. It includes characters and songs that weren't in the original and lots of NEW surprises.

"Our highly talented, diversified cast is a hoot! The score will be played LIVE by our incredible Music Director David Kamenir. A perfect show for your family to kick off your holiday season. Suitable for ALL AGES ... and don't forget it's still cheaper than going to the movies!"

All your favorites will be there: Charlie Brown, Snoopy, Linus, Lucy, Marcie, Peppermint Patty, Pig Pen, Sally, Schroeder and, of course, Woodstock.

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:

•	Thursday	December 3	7:30 p.m.	Tickets:	\$10 for adults
•	Friday	December 4	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 is being directed by Sperling, with choreography by *Lindsey Lorenz* and musical direction by Kamenir.

Tickets can be purchased *NOW* <u>online</u> at <u>www.BrownPaperTickets.com</u>, 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).

Street parking is available; sorry, we have not yet been able to organize on-campus parking yet.

ON CAMPUS

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

• Boys/Basketball 3-1 overall

Steve Ackerman's Wildcats are off to a strong start this season, winning their first three games in the El Monte Tournament before falling to St. John Bosco in the final. Junior wing *Jude Agbasi* (6-0) has been the top player thus far, averaging 20.8 points a game and 11.5 rebounds, while shooting 58% from the field. Junior guard *Rudy Eugenio* (6-0) has averaged 10.8 points and a team-high 4.5 assists a game while junior wing *Kevin Javier* (6-1) averages 10.0 points a game and 8.8 rebounds.

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	3:00 p.m.	St. Monica Tournament			
Dec.	01	La Salle	3:00 p.m.	St. Monica Tournament			
Dec.	02	St. Monica	6:00 p.m.	St. Monica Tournament			
Dec.	03	tbd		St. Monica Tournament			
Dec.	07	New Designs					
		University Park	7:00 p.m.	Uni Tournament			
Dec.	09	Marshall	7:00 p.m.	Uni Tournament			
Dec.	10	Buckley		Uni Tournament			
Dec.	11	tbd		Uni Tournament			
Jan.	02	tbd		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 0-0 overall

Uni will kick off its 2015-16 campaign, under the direction of coach *Jorge Pineda*, on December 2. The Uni schedule (*=Western League match):

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Dec.	02	@ Van Nuys	2:30 p.m.	Jan.	22	Venice	2:30 p.m.
Dec.	04	San Pedro	5:00 p.m.	Jan.	25	@ L.A. CES	2:30 p.m.
Dec.	07	Los Angeles	6:30 p.m.	Jan.	29	@ Venice	2:30 p.m.
Dec.	09	L.A. CES*	2:30 p.m.	Feb.	03	Palisades	2:30 p.m.
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Jan.	13	Hamilton	2:30 p.m.	Feb.	10	@ Westcheste	er 2:30 p.m.

Feb.

12

Fairfax

2:30 p.m.

Cross Country

20

@ Fairfax

Jan.

Uni's only City Finals qualifier, *Robert Gonzalez*, finished 72nd in the Boys Junior Varsity race, in 21:00.43.

Girls/Basketball

3-1 overall

2:30 p.m.

The Wildcat girls have also started 3-1 for coach *Ron Cass*, reaching the finals of the Carson Classic before losing to the Colts in the final. Uni's top returnee is 6-3 senior center *Jada Gambrah*, but no game statistics are available from any of Uni's games played so far.

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, 49-22	Carson Classic
Dec.	14	Taft	4:00 p.m.	
Dec.	18	@Cleveland	4:00 p.m.	
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
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• Girls/Soccer

0-0 overall

Second-year coach *Chayanne Santiago* will be looking for improvement on last season's 3-7-6 record when the Wildcats open their season on December 2 against the Van Nuys Wolves. The Uni schedule (*=Western League matches):

Dec.	02	Van Nuys	2:30 p.m.	Jan.	20	Fairfax*	2:30 p.m.
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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 (please note the change of date and venue)

Information: Neal Rein (<u>sabersafety@yahoo.com</u>) and/or Joyce (Gordon) Rangen (<u>joyce.rangen@gmail.com</u>). (Please <u>click here</u> for the event's Facebook page!)

• June 25, 2016: CLASS OF WINTER 1961 (*New Yorkers*)

At Rancho Park

Information: **Joan Kline Redlich** (ired4444@aol.com) or

call (310) 441-0410.

• 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 <u>Connect@UHEF.org</u> for inclusion in future issues.

Forget about reunions every ten years. How about every year! The Class of S '54 – Capries – 60-year reunion in 2014 was such a success that it's now an annual affair. *Michaela Foley* sent this recap of the "60+1" reunion weekend:

"We were all anticipating the weekend of October 16-18, 2015, for our 60+1 Class Reunion luncheon this year at the Crowne Plaza LAX as it would be our first Reunion coordinated by email ... with a few phone calls to classmates who don't use email.

"It was to start Friday night with an informal dinner at the hotel for those in town...but, it did not materialize because that was the day of the great mud slides in the Tehachapi Pass that closed the major north-south freeways and diverted all travel to Highway 101. It took some of us 15 hours to make the trip!

"But, we all were alert and eager to greet classmates in the Burgundy Room on Saturday at 11:30 a.m. The registration table was full of wonderful memorabilia from the past 60 years, the tables and room decorations were lovely, and the yummy appetizers and a friendly bartender made for a perfect welcome for the 29 participants.

"Once again, classmates were happy to see large name tags with pictures, and a free drink ticket attached! The menu choices and desserts were excellent and sumptuous. Our afternoon 'program' started by our singing our wonderful Class Song telling of our fondness for Uni with its great memories. After that, classmates told of an experience, or circumstance that they acknowledge has had an impact on their lives. Many classes and teachers were mentioned: Miss Mazziotta in Geometry, Mrs. Goodwin in Leadership, Mr. Purnell in Latin, and Coach Pursell.

"Classmates had often stayed in touch with these teachers; one had attended Coach Pursell's 100th birthday!

"And, we were privileged to have a 'mystery' guest speaker: our own Jim Wood, who was celebrating the publishing of his book, 'What a Trip.' He entertained us, telling stories of his life and reading delightful passages from the book. Classmates lingered until 4:30 p.m., visiting and taking pictures and talking about what we might do for our 60+2 Reunion next year!

"That evening, a group walked next door to the Sheraton Hotel for an Italian dinner at the Paparazzi Room. Our Sunday activity was a wonderful, and nostalgic, four-hour City Bus Tour of many sites in the West Los Angeles and Hollywood areas that we had known so well over 60 years ago.

"Classmates will soon receive another email letter from the Reunion Committee asking for their thoughts about this Reunion, and ideas for our next Reunion. The Crowne Plaza LAX has been tentatively booked for the same time next year!"

Capries, please note: if you were in the Class of Summer '54 and were not contacted about this Reunion, please contact *Carla Sampson Lowe* at (916) 708-4111. Can't wait for 2016!

If your class maintains a Web site or Facebook page, please send the address to <u>Connect@UHEF.org</u> 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

If you're reading this and didn't get your own copy of the 20-page 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 <u>Community</u> <u>Contribution page</u> and either **register** or **sign in** (Questions answered <u>here</u>); Uni's code for the Ralphs program is **93275**.
- Your purchases on *Amazon.com* can also help Uni! Just go to the UHEF.org "<u>Donate Now</u>" 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 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

▶ Walter Loy '42 (<u>loymiami@aol.com</u>) writes:

"I am a North Carolina resident now, having been graduated from Unihi in the spring of 1942 (first class after Pearl Harbor). I do not remember much, except I was one of the valedictorians, don't have a Yearbook, recall that the Principal was Mr. Wadsworth, one teacher [was] DelaVega, don't know the class's 'nickname,' nor do I recollect [any] students' names. Can you shed any light on this?"

Walter, you came to the right place. The UHEF has commissioned a new page on the <u>UHEF.org</u> Web site, on which will be posted digital editions of each Harding High and University High yearbook, beginning with 1925!

One of the first to be posted, as it has already been scanned, is the 1942 yearbook, which also featured a portrait – in the A10 class – of a sophomore identified as *Norma Baker*. She, of course, went on to become film star Marilyn Monroe. So you'll be able to walk down "memory lane" on your computer, tablet or phone with your yearbook pretty soon.

▶ Art Tidey '49 (estherart@juno.com) writes from Monmouth, Oregon:

"Sadly, this is about the loss of a fellow classmate, **Dan Currie**, class of 1949. After years in industry, Dan and Hilda Currie settled in Burke, Virginia. They visited Esther and I in Oregon and we visited them at their home.

"Dan was incredibly strong. We saw it proven when, as new 10th graders, we were suckered into visiting the Ag area pond by some seniors. When the seniors tried to throw us into the pond and made the mistake of shoving Dan around, three of them wound up totally drenched instead. It's a great memory."

▶ Dr. Mal Stock '49 (<u>stockhome@starstream.net</u>) shared more memories of Uni track & field coach Jim Pursell:

"Living on Barry Avenue, just two blocks from University H.S., I spent many a Saturday working out at the school and where I spent countless hours enriching my mind with the wisdom of Jim Pursell.

"At USC, he played guard at 147 pounds behind All-America Brice Taylor. Players went both ways in those days, and Jim was tough as nails to handle it at his weight. Even in his later years, he never weighed much more than that.

"In 1948, an L.A. Times sports writer asked which college coach sent the most track and field athletes to the Olympic Games. That year. It was a trick question because it wasn't a college coach at all, but our own Jim Pursell. His trio consisted of **Mel Patton**, **Craig Dixon** and discus or javelin thrower **Taylor Lewis**.

"Jim passed away at the age of 103 and he was the ultimate sportsman."

"Too little mention is made of great Warrior, great Bruin, and great person, Craig Dixon. He would likely have won gold in London in '48 except for catching his back toe on a hurdle and falling during a preliminary heat. Up until he took an interest in me at UCLA, my idea of sprinting was punching holes in the turf with my feet.

"The old Unihi track was abysmally slow, but so was the UCLA and Coliseum tracks. Of course, with me running on it, it made little difference.

"My M.S. thesis entitled "The Medium High Hip Start" was the first study on running acceleration conducted with a photo-electric cell timer, and is currently used by virtually every Olympic Games sprinter. Whenever I lectured on its merits, I always gave credit to Craig Dixon, who taught it to me at UCLA.

"I have an interesting story to tell about my first day in Uni, but I'll leave that for another day. Does anyone remember when someone would remove a big crawdad from the old agricultural pond, discretely place it in a girl's purse, and the piercing scream that would follow when she opened her purse? Good times, great memories."

[*Editor's note:* Taylor Lewis competed in the discus at the U.S. Olympic Semi-Trials in the Coliseum in 1948, but did not make the U.S. team for London.]

Len Traubman '57 (<u>ltraubman@igc.org</u>) writes about the dedication of the new Mel Patton Track at Uni and childhood memories of two of Uni's greatest athletes:

"This November 1st issue brought back powerful memories of my boyhood in Westwood on the road to Uni. One was sitting cross-legged inches from the UCLA track when Ducky Drake was coach during a meet with USC. Admission to those campus sports events was much more casual in those days in the late '40s.

"We watched **Craig Dixon** sweep the high and low hurdles, while **"Pell Mel" Patton** set two world records (one wind-assisted) during that one unforgettable afternoon.

"The new UniHi track was named perfectly."

Look for an announcement soon on a special event – likely in May – to celebrate both Patton and Coach *Dick Kampmann*, for whom the stadium facility has been named.

▶ Very sad news from Janna Gelfand '77 (<u>jegprods@gmail.com</u>) that her father, Chuck Gelfand, passed away at age 81 on November 20. Although not a Warrior himself, he was the devoted husband of Inez (Roston) Gelfand '54 and father of two Uni grads: Janna and Dr. Cheryl Gelfand '76.

"I met Chuck when I was in the 12th grade," remembered Inez. They both attended UCLA and Chuck was a lineman on Red Sanders' national-championship team in 1954, graduating in 1956.

Janna noted that "While dad was a football player, he was also an avid UCLA basketball fan, being close friends with coach John Wooden and a long-time president of [the Bruin Hoopsters]. Dad and Coach shared a box of popcorn at every home game and Coach was a surprise guest at Dad's 75th birthday dinner. They are at Coach's favorite breakfast joint often, and since the mid 1950s, Coach served as a mentor to my father."

Chuck was highly successful himself, working in the insurance industry, and served as President of the Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers Association of Los Angeles, as well as President of Brentwood Country Club. There's more on Chuck <u>here</u>. Our condolences to the Gelfands, and their friends and family.

▶ Dr. Keith Serxner '73 (<u>keserxner@icloud.com</u>) writes that he "is very happy to have joined the Heavenly Valley Ski Patrol. See you on the slopes!"

For those not familiar, the <u>Heavenly Valley Ski Patrol</u> is a volunteer organization which helps with safety at the Heavenly Mountain Resort in South Lake Tahoe. Thanks to Keith for helping keep everyone safe!

Congratulations to *Barbara Roisman Cooper* '59 (<u>PenInc1@aol.com</u>) on the publication of her new book:

"As an alumna of Uni (when they were still Warriors; graduated in 1959, Continentals class), I'm especially proud to have my newest book published <u>Great Britons of Stage and Screen: In Conversation</u>.

"This is my third book. The other two: <u>Straight From the Horse's Mouth: Ronald Neame: An Autobiography</u>, the autobiography of director Ronald Neame (remember "Poseidon Adventure" and "The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie"?); I worked with him for four years; I also wrote the autobiography of actress Anna Lee, <u>Anna Lee: Memoir of a Career on General Hospital and in Film</u> (she played Lila Quartermaine for 25 years). Contact me (<u>PenInc1@aol.com</u>) for information about UniHi alumni discounts on the publications...or for anything else!

"Prior to taking pen in hand, I taught high school English and Film Studies for 28 years. I've been married to the wonderful Martin for 54 years, and we've shared great adventures; he's worked for two of the most famous men of the 20th century: Walt Disney and Hugh Hefner."

Delighted to hear it, Barbara! If you're interested in more on Great Britons, click here.

From Uni's worldwide alumni, this time from Gardabaer, Iceland:

"My name is **Thora Jakobsdottir** from Iceland and I have been meaning to write to you for many weeks now.

"I was American Field Service exchange student to Uni Hi for the schoolyear 1964 to 1965. I had a great year and made a lot of wonderful friends. I was not able to come to the reunion last summer because of health problems, but wanted very much to donate to your Uni Hi Education Foundation, but could not do it here from Iceland.

"I have a brother living in Texas, Oskar Jakobsson, and he sent you a 100 dollars in my name, and he also sent me the letter he got from you. I am sorry I didn't make contact sooner. I wish the Foundation all the best and thanks to the school for all my great memories."

Thanks, Thora! Her brother, Oskar, is well known to track & field fans as a two-time Iceland Olympian, in the javelin (1976) and shot put and discus (1980).

▶ Valerie Winkler (vbwinkler@gmail.com) asks:

"Does anyone know what happened to the **Pearl C. Breuer** Memorial Scholarship for students planning to major in history? It was endowed in, I believe, 1987 by Pearl's UniHi colleague and successor history department chair (and former student) **Edmund Lindop**, with an

additional contribution from me (Pearl's daughter).

"I believe the fund was administered either by the school or the district, since UHEF was not yet in existence. I haven't heard of this scholarship being awarded for some time now, and I'm wondering whether the endowment was exhausted, or if its existence simply was forgotten. Can someone research this for me?"

Valerie, we don't have this information at our fingertips, but we will ask the questions for you!

SIXTH PERIOD BELL

Did you know that "Chieftain" was not the original name for the school yearbook?

Actually, the yearbook for the first Harding High School class of 1925 was called "La Estrella": in English, "The Star." The name "Chieftain" was first used for the 1926 yearbook and has stuck ever since, making the transition from Harding to University High when the name was changed in 1929.

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

Send a note to Connect@UHEF.org!

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