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PLAQUES UNVEILED TO MARK KAMPMANN STADIUM, PATTON TRACK AND CAVANAUGH FIELD

- Four massive acrylic plaques were unveiled at a gala luncheon at the University High School South Gym on Sunday, May 15, to mark the school's new athletic facilities as Kampmann Stadium, Patton Track and Cavanaugh Field:



Shown above, left to right: Uni Principal Eric Davidson, Coach Dick Kampmann, Shirley Patton and son Gary Patton, in front of the plaques honoring Angus Cavanaugh, Kampmann and Mel Patton (Photo courtesy Jan Fambro).

The plaques measure 30 inches wide and 40 inches high, and are made of solid acrylic to ensure durability and resistance to vandalism. Each weighs about 20 pounds and will be installed on the north exterior wall of the South Gym, facing the football field and track.

The program celebrated the excellence for which the Uni cross-country and track & field teams have long been known. **Mel Patton** '43, won All-City titles in the 100 and 220 yards in both 1942 and 1943 and established school records that were not broken for more than 30 years. He went on to win two gold medals in the 1948 Olympic Games in London and set multiple world records in the sprints from 1947-49, while winning five NCAA titles at USC. **Dick Kampmann** coached eight Uni teams to All-City titles from 1960-85 in cross country and track & field, with 24 individual City champions, 77 Western League championship teams and 252 individual Western League title winners.

Former Uni high jumper – and later a principal and regional administrator for the Los Angeles Unified School District – **Bob Collins** '63 led off the event by presenting an award recognizing the inclusion of Kampmann and Mel Patton into the LAUSD honor roll of outstanding graduates. Some 1,250 have been named to date and more nominations are being solicited.

Patton was honored next, with his career introduced by historian and Patton fan **Larry Booth**, whose book – [*World's Fastest Humans*](#) – was distributed to attendees as a memento of the great sprinter. Booth broke up the audience with the memory of his first meeting with Patton, then the coach at Long Beach City College:

“I ran track for three years in high school and I thought I was hot stuff. So at the first meeting of the Long Beach City College track team I summoned the courage to go up to my boyhood hero, the great Mel Patton, and I told him I had the largest scrapbook of his clippings in the world, which I had collected since I was in grammar school. I'll never forget what he said: ‘That's great, but can you run fast?’”

Although Patton passed away in 2014, his wife, Shirley Patton was on hand and in excellent spirits, answering questions about her and Mel. Asked what Mel would think about the ceremony, the naming and the plaque, she said “He would have been surprised, and pleased.”

She recalled how they were childhood sweethearts at Emerson Junior High School, sharing the same homeroom class, but after a tiff in the eighth grade, Shirley decided to go to Hamilton, while Mel went on to Uni. They made up in the 11th grade, started dating again and were together through his passing, two years ago.

After high school, World War II was in full force and Mel went into the Naval Air Corps to be a fighter pilot, but didn't see action before the war ended. Shirley and Mel were married after his discharge and he went on to USC, running track under the legendary Dean Cromwell.

Shirley was at home in Los Angeles during the London Games in 1948 and news of the results of the Games traveled slowly in those days. *“He went off [to London] and they [the press] called me and said ‘Why didn’t he win the 100 [meters]?’ I was in California. I had no idea and so we decided – his folks and I – and we went to Sequoia to get away from the telephones and the people. And he came home and continued his career [at USC] and he became a coach in 1949 at Long Beach [City College].”*

Patton was famous, but didn’t strive to capitalize on his fame, but sometimes it helped. Shirley remembered that after coaching six years at Long Beach City College, the phone rang:

“Someone called us and said, ‘We’d like you to come to Wichita and be the coach there.’

“And Mel said, ‘No, I don’t want to go to Wichita.’

“What will it take to get you there?”

“And he said – he knew Cromwell was making \$10[,000] and we were making \$3,000 – ‘Oh, at least \$10,000.’ And a half-hour later, we got a call: ‘You’re our new coach.’

“And then we were stuck. He got off the phone and said, ‘Well, that takes care of that.’

The Pattons stayed at Wichita – now known as Wichita State – for one year only, then came back to Southern California, eventually joining the staff of Northrup Corporation and started a distinguished career in the aerospace industry.

Uni Principal **Eric Davidson**, the 16th principal of University High School, spoke about the first principal, **Angus Cavanaugh**, for whom the football field has been named for decades. He noted that there were a lot of differences between how Cavanaugh ran Harding High (and later Uni after the name change) and how he administers the school today. Speaking first about the area that is now the football field named for Cavanaugh, Davidson noted:

“[I]t didn’t become a field magically, There was a walnut grove where the track and field is now. So what he did was he gave all of the students axes, and they chopped down all of the trees and cleared the field of the stumps.

“He gave all of the students axes. Now, let go forward 90 years ... (laughter). OK, I would be arrested ... but I would have to say that it was very innovative and economical in terms of solving this problem. It only cost him the labor of the students and the love of competition to get it done.

“Second thing: in 1928 – give or take – the country was barely a decade out of the first World War. When you look at the panoramic pictures of that time, you see all of these young men, standing at attention in uniform, and at the same time there had been a rifle range built inside the school and those classes were held up until 1943. So, they were arming students with rifles in 1943 ... (more laughter).

“But Mr. Cavanaugh listened to what students wanted to do and they wanted to shoot rifles and so he made that possible for them. Wow – if I did that, I’d be arrested again! (More laughs.) But on the other hand, I use a similar connection with students that gives me a chance to establish classes and programs for students, that keep them interested and then on-track for college and career.

“The times are different and so are the students. ... but the values and the ethics that were used by Mr. Cavanaugh back in the day are very similar to the same values and ethics that I use today, with the same students.”

The salute to Kampmann brought up four individuals who were members of teams in 1960 (Kampmann’s first team), 1969, 1973 and 1980. **Harvey Stein** ‘60, who was Kampmann’s first-ever Western League champion – at 880 yards in 1960 – knew all about Mel Patton when he started at Uni in 1958, provided a marvelous insight into what Coach K meant to him and the thousands who followed:

“My coach for the first two years was Jim Pursell, who was an excellent, excellent coach. So when Coach Pursell retired, and Coach Kampmann came on board, he really had big shoes to fill. He did so, and he filled them to overflowing.

“When Coach Kampmann did, is he instilled in all of us a spirit of competition that today – and I am 73 – I still have with all my heart. Anyone who knows me, knows that.

“But what he also did is he instilled competition with decency. And that’s what set Coach Kampmann apart and that’s why this stadium is named for him. And that’s why there were hundreds of people who turned out for his birthday party a year and a half ago.

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“Coach Kampmann, at his retirement from Uni, some 30 years ago, told my wife – who is here now – that he always thought that I ran better than I could. And I think that says much more about Coach Kampmann than it does about me, because it shows what he was able to pull out of his athletes. ...

“When I started Uni – and I say this with all respect – Mel Patton was my hero. He truly was. When I graduated Uni, Coach Kampmann was. Thank you.”

Kampmann reminisced about his path from Gompers Junior High School to Dorsey, where his team ended a Uni undefeated streak and earned the respect of Pursell, who recommended him as his successor. (Kampmann tells the story in greater length in [this post](#) from his 90th birthday party a year ago.)

After his remarks, Davidson, Kampmann and Shirley Patton stood next to the unveiled plaques of Cavanaugh, Coach K, Mel Patton and the donors, to the delight of the attendees and more than 100 cameras preserving a memory that took 90 years to create.

ENTHUSIASTS GATHER FOR RETURN OF THE UNI ALL-CLASSES PICNIC & CAR SHOW

- ▣ The popular All-Classes Picnic and Car Show returned to Uni's Upper Field for the first time in three years on May 15, with a brilliant display of vintage and customized cars. Thanks to **Neal Rein** '66 for coordinating the automotive entries for the show.

Star classics like the supercharged Cord 812 from 1937 were on display, as was a 1924 Ford Model T, 1926 Ford Model T Tudor, a 1930 Ford Model A, modified Ford roadsters, glorious 1950s Chevrolets and even a fire-engine red Mercury Woody!



At the Car Show: a magnificent example of one of the great cars of all time: the 1937 Cord 812! (Photo courtesy Joel Rothman).

Several hundred attendees enjoyed the cars, campus tours, concessions and a D.J., spinning tunes from the times when these cars were new!

Now that the All-Classes Picnic and Car Show has been reconstituted, how to make it better, more fun and more inclusive was a lively topic of discussion. Join the discussion and send your ideas for the 2017 show to Connect@UHEF.org!

- ☐ Congratulations to three Uni student journalists from *The Wildcat* student newspaper, who were recognized in a statewide competition by the National Federation of Press Women:

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| • <i>Cartooning:</i> | First place: | “Sleep deprivation: Out of Order,”
by <i>Clara Vamvulescu</i> |
| | Honorable Mention: | “Why can't there just be equality?,”
by <i>Clara Vamvulescu</i> |
| • <i>News:</i> | Honorable Mention: | “The battle of the budget,”
by <i>Sarah Short</i> |
| • <i>Features:</i> | Second place: | “Red Cross club serves veterans,”
by <i>Mia Villaseñor</i> |
| | Honorable Mention: | “Tips for surviving the holiday season,”
by <i>Mia Villaseñor</i> |

As a first-place finisher, Vamvulescu's cartoon will now be entered in the national competition. Good luck!

- Uni Spring sports report: *Follow the Wildcats on Twitter: @Utownsports*

- Boys/Baseball 11-11 overall (6-6 Western League)

Uni finished its season at 11-11, despite playing all of its “home” games in 2016 at Venice High School.

Uni's 2016 schedule:

Feb.	27	Verdugo Hills	Won, 2-1	SoCal Invitational
Mar.	01	Hueneme	Won, 15-0	SoCal Invitational
Mar.	03	Cleveland	Lost, 8-0	SoCal Invitational
Mar.	05	Santa Monica	Lost, 6-2	SoCal Invitational
Mar.	09	Paraclete	Lost, 7-1	SoCal Invitational
Mar.	10	@ Marshall	Won, 4-3	
Mar.	12	@ Hawthorne	Lost, 4-3	
Mar.	15	Hamilton	Lost, 4-0	(Western League game, at Venice HS)
Mar.	17	@ Hamilton	Won, 10-4	(Western League game)
Mar.	30	@ Fairfax	Won, 3-1	(Western League game)
Apr.	01	Fairfax	Won, 8-2	(Western League game, at Venice HS)
Apr.	12	Palisades	Lost, 3-2	(Western League game)
Apr.	14	@ Palisades	Won, 4-0	(Western League game, at Venice HS)
Apr.	16	@ Huntington Park	Won, 10-2	Tiger Classic
Apr.	19	@ L.A. CES	Won, 7-3	(Western League game)
Apr.	21	L.A. CES	Lost, 7-5	(Western League game, at Venice HS)
Apr.	23	@ San Pedro	Lost, 11-7	Tiger Classic
Apr.	26	Westchester	Won, 3-2	(Western League game, at Venice HS)
Apr.	28	@ Westchester	Lost, 6-5	(Western League game)
Apr.	30	@ Sylmar	Won, 11-4	Tiger Classic
May	03	@ Venice	Lost, 11-1	(Western League game)
May	05	Venice	Lost, 5-1	(Western League game, at Venice HS)

- Boys/Golf 4-1 overall (2-1 Western League)

Another strong showing for the Wildcats on the links, with a second-place finish in the Western League and three finishers in the top 10: champion **Kevin Tenema**, 76; **Anuv Gupta** in sixth (92) and **Lawrence Kim** in 10th with 99.

- Boys/Volleyball 19-10 overall (9-3 Western League)

A strong season for Uni's volleyballers came to a close in the quarterfinals of the City Division II playoffs on May 12. After sweeping both Roybal and Legacy in the first two playoff matches at home, fifth-seeded Uni fell in four sets at fourth-seeded Verdugo Hills: 19-25, 25-13, 21-25, 20-25. The Uni schedule (*=Western League match):

Feb. 24	San Pedro	Won, 3-0	Apr. 18	@ Venice*	Won, 3-1
Mar. 04	@ West Adams	Won, 3-0	Apr. 20	@ Palisades*	Lost, 3-0
Mar. 09	@ Fairfax*	Won, 3-0		(Sylmar Tournament)	
	(Venice High Invitational)		Apr. 23	Birmingham	Won, 2-0
Mar. 12	New West Charter	Won, 2-0	Apr. 23	Narbonne	Lost, 2-0
Mar. 12	Banning	Won, 2-0	Apr. 23	Van Nuys	Won, 2-0
Mar. 12	Chatsworth	Lost, 2-0	Apr. 23	Cathedral	Lost, 2-0
Mar. 14	@ Westchester*	Won, 3-0	Apr. 23	Notre Dame	Lost, 1-0
Mar. 16	Venice*	Lost, 3-0	Apr. 25	Hamilton*	Won, 3-0
Mar. 30	@ Hamilton*	Won, 3-0	Apr. 27	@ Los Angeles CES*	Won, 3-0
Apr. 01	Palisades*	Lost, 3-0	Apr. 28	Rivera	Won, 3-0
Apr. 04	Los Angeles CES*	Won, 3-0			
Apr. 11	@ Fairfax*	Won, 3-1		City playoffs/Division II:	
Apr. 13	Westchester*	Won, 3-0	May 05	Roybal	Won, 3-0
	(Chatsworth Invitational)		May 10	Legacy	Won, 3-0
Apr. 16	New West Charter	Won, 2-0	May 12	Verdugo Hills	Lost, 3-1
Apr. 16	Verdugo Hills	Lost, 2-0			
Apr. 16	Sylmar	Lost, 2-0			

- Girls/Softball 2-14 overall (1-11 Western League)

Although finishing with a 2-13 regular-season record, Uni was seeded eighth in the City Division III playoffs. In its first-round game on May 12, Uni lost at home to ninth-seeded Contreras and ended its season at 2-14. The seasonal batting leaders were senior shortstop and outfield **Christiana Rogers**, who hit .365, and junior infielder **Yisel Salazar**, who batted .339. Salazar led the Wildcats with three home runs and 20 runs batted in.

Uni's 2016 schedule:

Feb. 25	North Hollywood	Lost, 19-5	
Mar. 09	Van Nuys	Lost, 20-9	
Mar. 10	Hamilton	Lost, 15-0	(Western League game)
Mar. 15	@ Fairfax	Lost, 7-5	(Western League game)
Mar. 17	@ West Adams	Won, 14-7	
Mar. 31	Palisades	Lost, 26-3	(Western League game)
Apr. 05	@ Los Angeles CES	Lost, 6-4	(Western League game)
Apr. 07	@ Westchester	Lost, 16-3	(Western League game)
Apr. 12	Venice	Lost, 16-1	(Western League game)
Apr. 14	@ Hamilton	Lost, 17-2	(Western League game)
Apr. 19	Fairfax	Won, 30-27	(Western League game)

Apr.	26	@ Palisades	Lost, 6-1	(Western League game)
Apr.	28	Los Angeles CES	Lost, 11-9	(Western League game)
May	03	@ Westchester	Lost, 6-5	(Western League game)
May	05	@ Venice	Lost, 10-6	(Western League game)
<i>City playoffs/Division III:</i>				
May	12	Contreras	Lost, 13-10	First Round

- Track & Field

Coach **Kelly Aguda** had the brand-new Mel Patton Track on which to hold home meets inside Kampmann Stadium for the first time in more than a decade.

<i>Schedule:</i>		<i>Boys:</i>	<i>Girls:</i>
Mar.	10	Fairfax & L.A. CES	Non-scoring
Mar.	16	San Pedro	Lost, 54-42
Mar.	31	Western League Relays	Non-scoring
Apr.	07	Venice	No report
Apr.	14	Fairfax & Palisades	No report
Apr.	21	Westchester	No report
Apr.	28	Hamilton	No report
May	11	Western League Finals	No team scores reported
May	19	City Semi-Finals	Birmingham High School
May	26	City Finals	Birmingham High School

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:

- 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

- October 1, 2016 CLASS OF 1986
At the Marina del Rey Marriott, Marina del Rey
Information: www.unihigh1986reunion.com or contact **Kathleen Cohen** (kathleencohen@mac.com) or **Beth Goldfarb** (bethgoldfarb@gmail.com).
Reservations and tickets: For tickets, please visit
<https://mdnproductions.webconnex.com/unireunion1986>

Please send details of any and all reunions, meetings or informal get-togethers to Connect@UHEF.org for inclusion in future issues.

▣ ***Classes of 1996 and 2006, are you holding 20 and 10-year reunions in 2016?***

If you're from one of these classes, 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!

*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://unihigh65.wordpress.com>
- To join the Class Facebook page, send an e-mail to UniHi65@gmail.com

Class of Winter 1961: New Yorkers

- <http://www.unihigh61.com>

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.

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- ▣ The Foundation, created by committed Uni administrators, alumni and parents in 1985, has raised more than \$900,000 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

- ▣ We have received a number of inquiries about how one can obtain a copy of an old diploma or a proof of graduation. We have the answers (we think):
- If you graduated within the past 10 years, call the Registrar's Office at Uni directly, and they can help you. Uni's telephone number is (310) 914-3500.
 - If you graduated before 2006, here's the link to the LAUSD Web page which includes instructions on how to obtain your records: <http://achieve.lausd.net/transcripts>. Please read the requirements carefully!
- ▣ Sad news from Connie Owens (smo502@att.net) that her husband, **Roger Floyd Owens** – a Uni Warrior – passed away on March 17, 2016.

SIXTH PERIOD BELL

- ▣ Our lead story was on the unveiling of plaques in honor of Kampmann Stadium, Patton Track and Cavanaugh Field. The latter was the first principal of Harding High School when it opened in 1924, and later of University High School when the name was changed in 1929.

Remember your principal? Here's the all-time list of the 16 men and women who have occupied the Principal's Office at University High School:

1. Angus Cavanaugh	1924-1935	5. Jack Crowther	Fall 1956
2. Ralph Wadsworth	1935-1948	6. James Lloyd	1957
3. Edwin Whedon	1948-1950	7. Dr. Eugene Olson	1958-1965
4. Everett Chaffee	1950-1956	8. Hugh Foley	1965-1969

9.	Dr. Warren Juhnke	1969-1972	13.	Jack Moscowitz	1984-1993
10.	John Welch	1972-1975	14.	Cynthia Ann Petty	1993-2003
11.	Floyd Manning	Fall 1975	15.	Eloise McGehee	2003-2008
	John Welch	Spring 1976	16.	Eric Davidson	2008-present
12.	Paul Godfrey	1976-1984			

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