



UNIHI EDUCATION FOUNDATION

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AUGUST 2011 NEWSLETTER



It's exciting times at University High School. There's so much going on it's hard to know where to begin. Let's start with the new gym being built to replace the existing West gym. It will be ready for use in the beginning of September of this year. The really BIG news is that the YMCA will break ground on their new 62,000 square foot facility in June of 2012. This will replace their current 38,000 square foot facility on Sawtelle Blvd. in West Los Angeles. It will include a pool and practice gym and three story parking structure. All three buildings will take up most of the Ohio parking lot. Next project is the new track and football field. The good news is that LAUSD is providing most of the funding. The bad news is that we are about \$1 million short. We are starting a fundraising effort with the UHEF pledging \$25,000. Please consider a donation to this cause. You can read more about this in the article on page 14.

Some of the board members went to Uni to watch the production of "Grease" on May 21. What a wonderful display of talent and enthusiasm. The kids and faculty did truly give a great performance and made all of us proud.

On the finance side, The Foundation gave over \$4,100 to the school, paid for the printing and mailing of the Newsletter and subsidized the Picnic/Car Show. For more detailed information please see "What Your Dollars Did". We are counting on you for your continued support in the coming year. We realize that not everybody is able to contribute financially during these uncertain economic times but maybe you can contribute your time. We have a lot on our plate and could certainly use some more Foundation members. You can participate in our monthly meetings, help plan the campaign for the track renovation, help out with the Newsletter, or you could just help us out with our Picnic/Car Show. We would love to have you join in.

This year the Uni Hi Showcase, Picnic and Car Show will be held Sunday September 25th from 12-4 on the upper field. We are expanding the scope of this event to include Uni's feeder schools as well as some community organizations. Bring your friends and make new ones as well. Last year we had some absolutely amazing cars and this years' event looks to be even better.

I look forward to seeing you on Sunday September 25. As always, I welcome all your questions, comments and correspondence. Contact me: (310) 442-1399 and MC@MikeCockinos.com.



ALL ALUMNI PICNIC AND CAR SHOW
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 25, 2011 - NOON TO 4 PM
FRIENDS, CARS, FOOD, CARS AND MORE CARS!

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WHAT YOUR DOLLARS DID IN 2010-2011

JOAN KLINE REDLICH W'61, TREASURER

This past year the UHEF made donations of \$4,196.90 to support the University High School community. The majority of these funds were spent as follows: \$2,000 for six wireless netbook computers for the school library, and \$2,000 for Peer Training Mediation.

The Budget Committee at Uni picked up the bulk of the non-Title 1 teacher requests from the filming revenues received.

The Foundation also spent \$65 on costs relating to the Annual All Alumni Picnic and Car Show. Expenses for staying in touch with alumni, not shown in the above allocations to Unihi were about \$6,200 for the annual newsletter printing and mailing.

We currently have a financial cushion which will allow us to pledge \$25,000 towards the track renovation project and fulfill our obligations for scholarships and expenses for the coming school year, but we need your help.

WHAT IS THE UNIHI FOUNDATION?

It's back-to-school time, and students are settling in to their classes. The first couple of weeks often include review. The Annual Newsletter gives the UHEF a chance to review as well.

FUNDAMENTALS:

The UHEF Mission: to raise funds to support the instructional program of University High School. In California, the instructional program is to "communicate the full spectrum of instruction, from general core, to supplemental or intensive to meet the academic and behavioral needs of students."

FAQs (FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS):

Is the UHEF the Uni Alumni Association? The UHEF functions as an organization for sharing information with alumni and the community through the annual Newsletter. We don't schedule reunions. Class representatives do that. We do provide contact information to reunion representatives. Sometimes classes share their plans with the UHEF, but in recent years people are increasingly turning to the internet for class and reunion information.

Why does Uni need supplemental funding? California's *per-pupil spending ranks 47th nationwide*. Current Uni High funding supports the Core courses e.g. English, Math and Science, and those departments receive supplemental funding from the Federal Title I program. Electives, the performing and visual arts and foreign languages in particular, as well as library support need extra funding.

How does the UHEF achieve its goal? Established in 1985 as a tax-exempt 501(c)3 organization, the UHEF allows people to support public education, by supplementing the money allocated by the Los Angeles Unified School District. This Annual Newsletter is the main fundraising instrument. Out of a database of 11856 names 444 people responded this past year. That's 3.7 %, a number we hope to increase.

Where do donations come from? The bulk of support comes from alumni, but an increasing number of parents of current students are seeing the UHEF as a way to help out the school. Support comes from you, the University High School Extended Family. The percentage of respondents to the newsletter last year is 3.7%. We can do better.

What can you do? If you are reading this you can support Uni. Help us with your skills and time. If you are an alumnus, become your class conduit. If you know of an alum who doesn't get the Newsletter let us know, so we can send it to them. To share your stories and information, we have to have get them. If you write the annual update for your classmates, we would like to have them for the annual Newsletter. If you are at Uni today and would like to be active in the UHEF, let us know. We're all focusing on the same goal of supporting Uni today

BECOME A MEMBER OF THE UNIHI FOUNDATION! RETURN YOUR MEMBERSHIP.

CONTACT MC@MikeCockinos.com if you would like to help.

2010-2011 UHEF donors

\$25,000

Charles D. Fiscus 1944

\$1000

John H. Kendall S'48

\$700

Wilbur Littlefield '39 in memory of
Jerry St Peter S'39 & Orvis Pealer S'39

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\$100-\$249

Richard Abbott S'54

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Kay Mader Bloore 1959

Harry Bostwick 1954

Imelda Nieto Carey W'43

Bruce Carl W'66

Barbara Campbell Cassaday S'46

Sal Castaneda 1945

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Ann Jennings Dutton S'53

Barbara Bion Edwards W'57

Charles F. Engel 1956

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Philip Flanders 1956

John P. Fleischer S'55

George A. Frole 1956

Nancy Baron Garcia S'48



LETTER FROM PRINCIPAL DAVIDSON

This is the third article I have had the pleasure to write as principal of your University High School. Every year I have more to say and am more excited to share what is happening on our campus. Part of being the principal is to understand the history of our great school — the people who have walked our halls, learned in our classrooms, played on our fields, and have positively contributed to the community in which we live.

Jack Moscowitz, former Principal, once told me there were over 4,000 students on multiple schedules in the 1960s. 2011 – 2012 we will have about half that number. We are, however, definitely mighty in enthusiasm, dedication, and scholarship.

The continuing development of our Small Learning Communities (Engineering, Business, Health, and Communication Arts) and Digital Media Magnet give our students more focused curriculum to prepare for career and college. The School for Advanced Studies (SAS) and Advancement Via Individualized Determination (AVID) are designed to provide specialized learning experiences for the future. Our Performing Arts program has been able to retain the talents and enthusiasm of Natalie Cunningham as theater director. The spring production of *Grease* was a great success. Check the Uni website in the fall for upcoming productions.

The school continues to develop our partnership with UCLA. Parent education workshops, professional development activities for teachers, and tutoring and extra-curricular opportunities for students as well as beautification and improvement projects enhance both parties.

The greatest change you will see on the campus is a new gym situated on Ohio, south of the main building. West of the gym will be a new Westside YMCA due to be completed in the fall of 2013. The YMCA will share some of their facilities with our students including a practice gym, classroom space, and a swimming pool.

The LAUSD plans to renovate the track and football field. This exciting new project will replace the existing field with an artificial surface and will begin in 2013. We are initiating a substantial fundraising effort to cover the one-million dollar short-fall of the project not covered by the District. Any and all donations made to the project will be memorialized on a donor wall that will be placed in the new gym. More details will be forthcoming.

There are three other projects that I want to mention. First, we are going to have field lights installed for the fall football season. We anticipate the lights to be ready for homecoming on October 13th. The renovation of the music room will be started in the fall and should be ready for the 2012 school year. Finally, the main building will finally get air conditioned. By the spring of 2013, we should have cool air throughout the building. It has been eight years in the planning and will finally happen.

Obviously, there is so much going on. Our students continue to improve achievement. Our graduation rate is soaring. More and more students are attending the school from our community. We are on a path to excellence.

Whether a Warrior or a Wildcat, we are and will always be University High School.

John J. Giba 1962
 Patricia Godon-Tann 1968
 Meridith Fields Goodrow 1968
 Richard L. Greene 1956
 Marilyn J. Gunther 1952
 Betty H. Harris S'44
 Mary Sue Andrews Hart W'61
 Neil 'S'56 & Betty Hurst
 John '53 & Kazuko Ikebuchi '55 lge
 Hiroshi Isago 1941
 Linda Levitt Janger S'59
 Marilyn Cleveland Jenman W'46
 Mike D. Johnson 1960
 John Jones S'50
 Patricia Price Kaspar S'50
 Hope Sterling Kelly S'46
 Wes Kenney 1973
 Mary Ellen Green Kilsby S'52
 Eric H. Kline 1969
 Bill Kling W'62
 Rudy Koester 1954
 David W'61 & Rosemarie Stanton S'62 Kuhn
 Mike Lanterman 1981
 John Levin 1976
 Mary Dutton Mackay S'56
 Barbara Kohn Matthews W'61
 Rita G. McDermott 1941
 Phil Meany '53
 Joe Mendelson 1956
 Mary "Sue" Bennett Missimer S'44
 Lloyd Morrisett 1947
 Consuelo G. Nieto W'40
 Gerrit Ohl 1948
 Lynn Roseman Ostrick S'59
 Jack H. Pollock 1948
 Roosevelt Robinson III 1974
 Bill Robledo 1953
 Natalie Fischer Rosentswieg S'52
 Jim Rothman 1974
 Ronald I. Sakahara 1962
 David Sandrich 1981
 John P. Schaefer S'50
 Keith Serxner 1973
 Betty Sutton Shelhamer W'41
 Robert G. Simons W'46
 Jean Marr Sink S'38
 Michael R. Smith 1959
 Lawrence Tistaert W'59
 Thomas M. Tribble S'51
 Marcus O. Tucker 1952
 Carol Perloff Twain 1956
 Carolyn Willis Vena 1956
 Kenneth H. Wilcox W'48
 Jane Buffington Williams W'48
 Richard Wollmer 1956
 Audrey Brown Wood 1955
 Jack Yaeger S'39
 Janice Yoritsune '61

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Michael L. Alcalay 1980
 Joanna Tanner Ballard W'53
 Lionel Banks 1951
 Susan Rapaport Braunwald S'61
 Jere Brill W'61
 Lorna Graham Byrne W'62
 David O. Caldwell 1942
 Susan Garb Camarillo 1966
 Frank L. Chabre 1951
 Carol Cherman 1966
 Joe Cohen 1967
 Ronald E. Coons S'54
 Carl W. Cooper S'57
 Loring Dales W'56
 Barbara MacDonald Douglass 1957
 Barry T. Faber S'46
 Nancy Stearns Forgrave 1958
 Adrienne Simon Forst S'56
 Bill Freeland 1943
 Gordon Goldman 1953
 Donald W'61 & Kathy Ellsworth S'61 Grandi
 Mary Lee Grubb Grimes 1956

UPCOMING EVENTS & REUNIONS

Once again this year we have heard from only a few class coordinators about upcoming reunions. As you make your plans please contact UHEF through Mike Cockinos (MC@MikeCockinos.com). Put "Reunion" in the Subject line. We will make sure that the information is posted on the University High School web site www.universitywildcats.org. The UHEF can facilitate your plans by sharing our current class lists with your authorized class representative.

Here's what we have so far for upcoming events and reunions in 2009, 2010 & 2011:

The combined classes of 1943 & 1944 68th reunion celebration
 May 15, 2012 Double Tree Inn Hotel by Hilton in Culver City. Contact Don Franklin
dsfran@att.net

The Mandarins, Winter class of 1962, will celebrate their 50th reunion on Saturday, February 18, 2012, at the Mountain Gate Country Club.
 Contact Joyce Cooper Foster for further information. Contact Joyce by phone at 310-475-1849 or via email at joycelfost@aol.com

ALSO: Check out Facebook for UniHi Alumni info: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/49077753586/>



Classes of 1943/44 2010 Reunion Attendees

Front Row: Warren Palmer, Class president
 Richard Anderson, Elisabeth Huck, Jerry Zucker, Dorothy Duvall Howland
 Second Row: Burton Sternau, Ed Craig, Paul Garrett, John Hurford, David & Donna Travers, Shirley Franklin, Pject & Jerry Lundstromm, Don Franklin, Harold Morris



UNI TAKES CENTER STAGE!

Over the years, Uni has been the setting for many movies, television, and commercial productions. See how production funds support the school. At the link below, you will find the CBS coverage that highlighted Uni's role.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RtdNWoHux-0&feature=fvst>

Virginia Valentine Hall S'56
 Jean Trattner Harris W'59
 Frederick L. Hines 1952
 David D. Horner 1957
 Carter Hunt W'38
 Joan Benson Hunt 1952
 Lloyd Hurst W'55
 Penny Hussey Hutchinson S'57
 Joyce Scheffel Jacob 1957
 Ronald Javor W'63
 Linda Barrett Jones S'60
 Susan Kline Kapitanoff W'63
 Rodger '47 & Nancy Brown S'48 Karrenbrock
 Mits Kawagoye S'39 in memory of
 Virginia Valdivia S'39
 Suzie Keels W'55
 Clifford Kiener 1956
 Jeanne Benjamin Kirkpatrick W'43
 Barbara Brown Koogler W'44 in memory of
 Wayne '36 & Rex Brown '36
 Jeff Kroot S'61
 Madeline Pomeranz S'60
 Faustino "Tino" Livas 1965
 Lois Crosby McDonnell 1945
 Richard L. Moore 1951
 Shirley Littrell Myers W'49
 Gerry Moore Oakford 1945
 Jean Levy Rosenfeld W'39
 Janet Sellman Scarrow S'50
 Jeffrey L. Schaffer 1976
 Richard '78 & Lori Smalley '81 Schwartz
 Paul M. Sommers 1966
 Ralph Staudenmayer 1961
 Marvin Tanner S'51
 Tony Valdivia 1939
 David Vener 1954
 Ronald A. Walton 1948
 Nancy Moon Weingartner 1944 in memory of
 Gloria Schupp Elser 1944
 Peggy Sloan Whitmer 1953
 Harold (Hal) Wilkins S'42
 Cynthia Harvey Woods 1948
 Rex Zide 1960

\$25-\$49

Binnie Neel Alwine S'60
 Marion Sweet Anderson W'43
 Jacqueline Johnson Andrews S'53
 Bonnie Gellar Aylesworth 1976
 Bob M. Baldwin S'42
 William Beck S'64
 Patricia McCauley Boetticher W'41
 Mary Jo Wangsgard Brimhall 1962
 Joyce Shanks Cates 1957
 Marianne Friedman Cohen 1976
 Adrian M. Cole W'54
 Gloria Sullivan Cotchonis 1946
 Steven B. Darling 1964
 Bret Davenport 1965
 Gail Grant Day 1960
 Barbara Flemming DeVivo 1943
 John A. Durst 1943
 Cynthia Sammons Eberhart 1944
 Howard Elliott Enstedt S'50
 Jean Kent Evers 1962
 Traci Fink & Mark Feldman '83
 Judy Justman Flax W'46
 Phyllis Fox Flint 1939
 Dave Freeman S'55
 Barbara Case Gauntt 1939
 Mary Brethauer Gerpeide S'49
 Sheila Fein Gibbs W'59
 Patty Lou Dunn Goss 1939
 Hatch Graham W'47
 Robert Graham S'53
 Iris P. Greenberg-Smith 1979
 Carl '57 & Louise Gruening '59 Gutermann
 Ruta Bielskis Hagmann 1942
 Leonore Koll Hall 1944
 Natalie Hall S'59
 Trudy Hansen 1945
 Geoff R. Heinecken 1973
 Diana Hall Heit 1949

UHEF AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

Once again the UHEF had the pleasure of awarding four annual scholarships to help college-bound seniors selected by the Counseling staff.

Two \$1000.00 awards, for Outstanding Community Service during their high school career, are given directly by the Foundation and funded by YOUR donations. This year The 2011 recipients are **OLIVER LITCHFIELD** and **TAKAI A'ONRE ESCOBAR**. While at Uni, Oliver spent 2860 hours volunteering with the Los Angeles Fire Department. He will be attending Lake Tahoe Community College and wants to pursue a career as a fire fighter. Takai has logged 1215 hours volunteering at the Life Community Service Center, working as a camp counselor with kids, and in the Fall will be attending Santa Monica College studying Business Administration.

Thanks to the generous \$10,000.00 bequest of late Counselor Sharon Mednick, and the continuing annual donations from alumni, the UHEF continues bestowing the **\$1000 SHARON MEDNICK SCHOLARSHIP** to a student who has demonstrated an interest in pursuing a career in education. No one appreciated the financial struggles of today's students more than Ms. Mednick who served as the college counselor from 1995 to 2003. This year the counseling staff selected **CODY JOHNSON**. Cody will be attending university in the fall and plans on pursuing a career as a teacher of English at the secondary level.

Last year the UHEF was asked by Principal Davidson to administer the funds presented to Uni for a new scholarship. The University High School Character Counts Scholarship for \$500.00 is given to a student who has been able to overcome adversity and succeed in school. **ALEXUS ORTIZ** was able to deal with difficult circumstances in her senior year at Uni and still maintain an outstanding record. She will be attending UC Irvine in the Fall. For the 14th year in a row **THELMA CULVERSON** W'56 continues her support for Uni students and UCLA. This year's recipient of the full four-year scholarship to UCLA is Sarah Schulenberg, who will enter UCLA this fall with an undeclared major.

Your support of the UHEF makes these scholarships possible. Please consider donating to these scholarships when you return your UHEF membership.

BONNE CHANCE! FRENCH SCHOLARSHIP TO UNI!



Pictured from left to right: Mr. Fred Jacob, Student-winners, and Rowan Klein

Three outstanding University High School students from Fred Jacob's 2010-11 French 2 class, Ana Trujillo, Abigail Cruz, and Itati Villanueva, have received the Pamela Beth Klein scholarship. Jacob, who has taught French at Uni since 1987, was instrumental in obtaining this award for Uni students. Rowan Klein created the scholarship in honor of his wife, Pamela Beth Klein, who taught French in Inglewood High School for 33 years. Originally, the purpose of the scholarship was to aid Inglewood High School students to pursue post-secondary study in French.

Hearing of Inglewood's dwindling interest in the scholarship, Fred Jacob sought the award for Uni students. Jacob was pleased that his students showed "tremendous motivation" for the challenge. With both opportunity and motivation, Jacob recalled, "I wanted our students to have a [chance] at winning scholarship money." Sponsor Klein told the students, "Your writing was so good, ... I am going to give you each a [full] scholarship." Trujillo and Cruz both won \$3,000, and Villanueva won \$4,000.

Preparation and support are key, according to Abigail Cruz. "We went to Mr. Jacob's class to practice during lunchtime." Trujillo looks forward to visiting France for further study. Villanueva is considering "a major in French to one day become an interpreter for that language." Klein conducted the interview for finalists entirely in French. Applicants also must write a 100 word minimum essay in French. Mr. Jacob's French class provides the focus and skills for success. His curriculum emphasizes communication through reading, writing, speaking, listening, and grammar. He uses up-to-date technology, including online assessments and presentation software so that students develop French fluency.

Jeanine Wagner Herman 1960
 Lois Pettegrew Heschele 1946
 Darlene Arnold Hicks 1954
 Warren E. Hockenbary 1956
 Judith Clayton Hopkins 1956
 Diane Ledeboer Hunter S'61
 Richard Ikkanda W'61
 Richard W. Jackson 1965
 Jean Howard Jennerson W'55
 Ajor-Helyn Schmidt Johnson W'47
 James N. Jolly 1962
 Darrell '47 & Jeanne Le Marinel '47
 Jordan
 Thomas E. Kendall 1946
 Jean Evers Kent 1962
 Mary Lamy 1940
 Donald E. Landon W'47
 Lois Schlom Langer 1949
 Dale Lutz Larsen W'52
 Jeanne Congdon Leonard 1951
 Svend Hayden Lerche S'51
 Nadyne Householder Lioy S'45
 Joseph Maizlish W'59
 Joan Leib Marks S'47
 Rogers W. McCauley 1947
 Charles McGilvray 1953
 Alan Melcher W'69
 Lee Petru Merryman 1952
 Richard Miller W'53
 Leora Fowler Mortellaro S'53
 Allen F. Niems 1947
 Joan LaVoie Olin 1945
 Joe Paire S'40
 Robert L. Peeler W'43
 Linda Brown Poepoe 1959
 Bruce H. Pope 1948
 Aurora Rivas W'39 in memory of
 my sister Ramona Rivas Hollingshead
 '44
 Dick Rodgers S'52
 Kenneth Roos W'66
 Louie Ruiz W'47
 John Samore III 1990
 Peggy Gilbert Sange W'59
 William P. Schaefer S'48
 Carolyn Downey Schanberger 1958
 Harrison S. Scott W'47
 Milford Scott S'49
 Hilda Dulham Serr W'35
 Joyce Benjamin Shambaugh W'43
 Jane Mayeda Shaughnessy W'61
 Steve Slaff 1970
 H. Ralph Snyder W'45
 Parham Paul Soroudi 1987
 Herb Steege S'52
 Robert Frank Stotts S'42
 Claudia Smythe Strock 1969
 Roger G. Todd 1947
 Douglas Walter 1974
 Thomas '42 & Patricia Cooke '44 Wardell
 Lynne K. Wehmueller 1983
 Barbara McDermott Weymann S'51
 J. David Willson S'61
 Andrew H. Wilson S'66
 Floyd G. Wood 1949
 Richard C. Wulliger S'49
 Robert Zukin W'46
 John Vallance 1962
\$10
 Jon C. Ades 1978
 Gary L. Albright 1967
 Karl Armen S'55
 Dee McWhorter Artinger 1945
 Robert H. Bailey 1948
 Wendy Parker Ball 1963
 Chet F. Beer 1975
 Joni Gittelman Bender W'61
 Joseph L. Beville 1958
 Bob Billings W'56
 Rothvin "Rocky" Bosley 1962
 Maureen Heisner Boyd 1968
 Annette Cabot Bradley S'59

AND THE 2011 OSCAR FOR BEST ORIGINAL SONG GOES TO RANDY NEWMAN UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL '61 "NEW YORKERS" BY JUDY WOLFENSTEIN



When UHEF Treasurer, Joan Kline Redlich W'61 casually mentioned that she is a classmate of Randy Newman's and could possibly contact him, we all said "give it a shot." Joan did, and Randy most graciously agreed to spend a little time visiting and talking about Uni. His long-time friend and fellow "New Yorker" Allen Adashek, joined us.



And, how do you prepare for an "interview" with Randy, winner of two Academy Awards, five Grammys, three Emmys, the Governor's Award from the Recording Academy and inductee into the Songwriter's Hall of Fame? When I started researching his biography and discography online, I realized that this man has not only a comprehensive web page, www.randynewman.com, but has been interviewed by the best, written about in the *New York Times*, *L.A. Times* and who knows where all else. In short, given 3 days to prepare, I realized that I could not rely on the Internet but really should be asking about his Los Angeles school days. What follows are a few of the things that this busy, gracious Uni High Alumnus chatted about.

Randy Newman's early music education was just a tad different. He listened to "movie music, music that told stories", and watched his uncles work with outstanding studio musicians, who were "some of the best there were." He started taking piano at 7, but had to be reminded to practice if he was out playing with friends after school. He still is somewhat rueful that he didn't practice harder. Despite being both musical and talented, when at Canyon Elementary School he was not selected to play piano with the chorus. A girl was chosen instead. So, when it came to selecting an instrument for music class, he chose drums, but it didn't really click. When the music class supervisor came through to check on the class, she watched him and said, "I never saw anyone play snare drum with one hand" and moved on to the next kid. His focus remained on piano. How fortunate for all of us. By junior high his musical education was expanding, now being informed by Ray Charles and the music played on R & B radio stations and KGFJ. His family had a television by the early 50's and that further expanded his musical horizons. Following Junior High at Paul Revere, he and his friends went on to Uni, and he recalled that he and his friends also talked about Elvis.



Donna Hurd Branim S'44
 Gustav J. Braun 1940
 Beatrice Bernstein Breslaw 1953
 David M. Briggs 1963
 Joan Irving Brody 1952
 Beverly Broger 1969
 Philip A. Butler 1972
 Ian Campbell 1961
 Patricia Andrews Campbell 1959
 Judy Jones Cardwell 1957
 Walter & Charianne Swanson Chenoweth 1948
 Donald Clark Jr. 1951
 Harold Colson 1990
 Kim Conrad 1974
 Carlos E. Cornejo 1957
 Joe F. Corona W'50
 Ulla Clark Costa 1942
 Craig Costello 19441
 Barbara VanHorn Cox 1946
 Debby Cox 1970
 John W. Cox 1949
 Jane Marie Crail 1945
 Paulette Watanabe Crawshaw 1964
 Sue Vogel Crose W'54
 Diane Falconer Cunningham 1947
 Bill Davidson 1955
 Lainie Berger De Mars 1952
 Craig K. Dixon 1944
 Amira Hosni Doucette 1980
 Robert Draeger 1950
 Darlene Thomas Draper 1961
 April Hallatt Dumas 1963
 Ronald H. Ehl W'51
 Clara Emlen 1954
 Frank Farmer 1945
 Rebecca Fish 1982
 Rod Fishburn 1966
 Lorraine Malmsten Flaherty 1944
 Christopher L. Ford 1963
 Arthur J. Freed 1947
 Katie Haas Friedel S'61
 Clarence W. George W'43
 La Verne Buteyn Glover 1958
 Suzyn Reich Goldenberg W'62
 Elaine Marinoff Good 1952
 Betty Jo Lambert Goodwin S'48
 Suzanne Suddarth Goodwin 1956
 David M. Gorton 1954
 James Hamilton W'54
 Nikki H. Harmon 1962
 Victoria Kent Harris 1966
 Judy McCollum Hart W'59
 Juliene Otis Hartman S'52
 Bradley W. Hertz 1981
 Sherwood Hilliard 1954
 Pauline Eagler Himmelein 1938
 Sondra Hirsch 1966
 Hazel Stanfield Hunt S'38
 Diane Bates Irwin S'47
 William Jacobus S'65
 William E. Johnston W'50
 Donald A. Journey 1964
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 Don Knapp 1952
 Marguerite Hoffer Knutzen W'43
 Richard (Dick) L. Lano 1952
 Jerry Lawrence 1952
 Donald W. Leonard 1954
 Barbara Winer Levin S'51
 Evelyn Toy Lew S'53
 Barbara Bomse Lewis 1956
 Carol Hammock Lewis S'61
 Fred Lipking 1971
 Sandy Norgan Lund S'66
 Joan Seitz Madsen Stonebraker 1957
 Mike S. Maiten 1973
 Judith Sacks Maizlish S'52

his friend David Callaway W'61. He remembers that she was a good audience, and also laughed with him. And no, generally he didn't play for the other kids. One of the few exceptions was his childhood friend Lenny Waronker S'59, who was instrumental in getting 16-year-old Randy's first song published. They worked together on many subsequent projects.



When the topic of song writing came up, Randy said that there has been surprisingly little change in his songs over the years. His songs still cover a wide range of topics, and he is writing about different things: not just love songs. When he writes, the music comes first, and when working on an assignment he sits down at the piano and works every day. He takes his own albums at a more leisurely pace. Allen added that Randy's songs often take an unexpected turn. Which naturally led to the question of "which of your songs do you particularly like." Randy cited "Take Me Back" from the "Trouble in Paradise" album (1983), because he liked the way it came together both musically and lyrically. Los Angeles would agree that "I Love L.A." is one the best, especially Lakers' fans, but the list can go on for pages. The obvious question for all of you reading this is, what's your favorite Randy Newman song? Let us know and we'll share that with him.

Both Randy and Allen had the same reaction when I asked them what they felt about their high school education. Not only were the teachers good, but the opportunity was there to have a good education. Everyone graduating "knew where Norway was and who Albert Einstein was as well." "They did a good job at Uni." What their comments suggest is that the combination of science and humanities education at Uni helped prepare them and their fellow Uni High students for their future.

Finally, thank you Randy. Thank you for being so very generous with your time and thank you for adding so many wonderful songs to our world.



Jamie Makuuchi 1981
 Naureen Fitzgerald Mason 1957
 Shirley Hargrave McKinney 1951
 Virginia Smith McTaggart 1943
 Michael R. Menkin 1960
 Paul Merifield W'50
 Lee Petru Merryman
 Gladys Ratcliff Miller 1991
 John Morrison 1963
 Nancy Akiyama Murakami 1955
 Dorothy Black Nabb S'41
 Jack A. Neuberger 1948
 Irene Failkoff Nevil 1948
 Louis E. Nichols W'42
 Diane Dean Nielsen 1952
 Wally Nilsson 1957
 Annette Lewis Orton S'49
 Deanne Kajji Otani W'61
 Judy Striker Palmer 1968
 Charles N. Phillips 1949
 Carol Inez Fox Piper S'41
 Jim Potter 1954
 Janet Stambler Rohde 1967
 Beatrice Ruttman Ross 1950
 Lee Paul Ross 1975
 Bob Rothenberg W'61
 Liz Germain Rubinstein 1962
 Florita Briggs Ruskin S'50
 Lois Marr Sandall W'41
 Martha Macias Santana 1976
 Patricia Carpenter Saunders 1971
 Genevieve Hernandez Scherbenski 1954

Barry Schiff W'56
 Roger Schrag 1983
 Ken N. Schwartz 1989
 Loretta Andre Scott 1967
 Fran Custer Semonian 1973
 Janet Siegel 1988
 Diana Vergo Sinclair 1941
 Roger M. Singer W'59
 Joan Tubis Sitnick 1958
 Roberta Fowler Smith 1963
 David J. Spencer 1960
 Jane Bond Sperling 1948
 Sherry E. Swan S'58
 Dorothy Smyth Swisher W'41
 Peter L. Temperino S'54
 Arthur Tidey S'49
 Robert Tom 1970
 Yoko Kurokawa Tomita W'58
 Jean Wilson Townsend 1947
 Nancy Witton Tranchina 1943
 Beverly Barber Trindle S'42
 Clifford E. Trotter 1945
 Richard E. Tuck 1943
 Bonnie Craig Van Oosterom 1953
 Dennis H. Vaughn 1951
 Dave L. White W'62
 Mary Lou Vogel Whitmore W'44
 Carole Knaul Williams 1966
 Frances Youhill Wittrock W'43
 Beth Rosenstein Wolff 1981
 Richard Ronald Wood 1957
 Robert W. Wood 1962
 Katherine Cowles Woolsey 1949
 Charlene M. Yoritsune 1964
 Jerry Zucker W'44
 Edgar Zwieback S'50

Mednick Award

Marianne Friedman Cohen 1976
 Mary Sue Andrews Hart W'61
 Donald W. Leonard 1954
 Janet Siegel 1988
 John Vallance S'62
 Cynthia Harvey Woods 1948
 Jean Trattner Harris W'59

University High School Character Counts Award

Lee Petru Merryman 1952
 Melanie Rome

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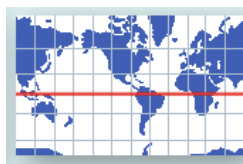


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CLASS NOTES

JUDY WOLFENSTEIN AND LYNNE CULP

When we wrote the "Updates" this year we tried to be faithful to your submissions, but in some instances there was more information than we could include, given space constraints. We really apologize for inaccuracies. This certainly is the most interesting part of the Newsletter. If your class has a committee or rep, send your class notes and we will be delighted to add them. Please keep in touch.

1931- RIFFS/MARTIANS

In Memoriam: **JANE KOSSACH KEELS** W'31

1933 - VAQUEROS/HIGHLANDERS

WALTER CHRISTIANSON My high school best friend, **TOM DIXON** passed away March, 2010. He was Student Body President in 1933 and a good athlete. He was the voice of classical radio in Los Angeles for many years. At 95 I am unable to participate in Alumni affairs. Keep up the good work.

1935 - ISLANDERS/AMBASSADORS

HILDA DULHAM SERR W'35 still keeps up with **MURRAY COOK** and **JERRY WILLIAMS**. **THOMAS MURRAY COOK** resides in Peoria, Arizona.

1936 - ARGONAUTS/METROPOLITANS

In Memoriam: **WAYNE BROWN** (deceased 2010) and **REX BROWN** (deceased 2000)

1938 - VAGABONDS/MUSKETEERS

JEAN MARR SINK, My relatives took me on a 7-Day Holland America Cruise to celebrate my 90th Birthday! **PAULINE EAGLER HIMMELEIN** W'38 After 26 years in Hawaii, it was a big move back to California. I am beginning to adjust and feel my California "roots" starting to take place once again. **BARBARA JONES** celebrated turning 90.

1939 - TAHITIANS/MIDSHIPMEN

PHYLLIS V. FOX FLINT is looking forward to Sept.-Oct. Picnic. Has only missed one and meets regularly with Uni friends, **TONY VALDIVIA**, **WILBUR LITTLEFIELD**, and **TOM INGALLS** and her sister, **CARROL PIPER FOX-FLINT** S'42. **AURORA RIVAS** W'39 is still at New Horizons and enjoying life at age 88. When I graduated from Uni in 1939, I received a \$35.00 scholarship for my first semester at UCLA. If it hadn't been for UniHi I'd never have been able to afford registration fee! I graduated in 1943 from UCLA and have been forever grateful. **MITS KAWAGOYE** S'39 has great e-mail friends among Uni grads.

In Memoriam: **JERRY ST. PETER** S' 39, **ORVIS PEALER** S'39, and **VIRGINIA VALDIVIA** S'39

1940 - CADETS/ATLANTEANS

CONSUELO NIETO W'40 I'm still alive, a mere 89. **JOSEPH AND SALLY PAIRE** S'40 are both retired for ten years and in reasonable health.

In Memoriam: **LOUELLA FLORENCE WALLING**

1941 - MOHICANS/ BUCCANEERS

WILLIAM HOWARD O'BRIEN doesn't know how he gets involved in these not-for-profit ventures, but the Irish are worth it. He has raised the money to build an Irish great hall and a Dolmen Irish Memorial for the great Irish famine, an Irish cottage in the style of 1840's architecture on 1 1/2 acres on Central Avenue in downtown Phoenix. The Irish Cultural & Learning Foundation is now building an Irish library with four million already raised. I love old Uni High. **DOROTHY SMYTH SWISHER** W'41 always enjoys the newsletter. Although her reunion group did not meet last year at the Westwood Hills Congregational Church, they hope to carry on next year. Favorite teachers: Ms. Lomus, Ms. Parson, Mrs. Blanchard, and who could forget Mr. Memali and his iron baton! **CARROL INEZ FOX** S'41 is sorry to have missed the picnic, but didn't have enough time to reschedule stuff. See 'ya next year.

1942 - CAVALIERS/MARINES

LAVONE 'PEPPER' PAIRE played baseball in the "original league of their own" and was technical advisor on the movie. She also wrote the "league" song and now travels back to New Jersey and New York to raise money for charities. **SHIRLEY HARVEY MITCHELL** wonders if there is anyone left from 1940 graduation class except Mickey Rooney! **DAVID CALDWELL** S' 42 Health issues this year, especially my wife's, have slowed us down, but I am still doing astroparticle physics research.

1943 - LANCERS/YANKS

MARIAN CRITTENDEN BERGESON, retired state senator remains a political junkie. Appointed by Arnold Schwarzenegger to a four year term on the California Transportation Commission in 2004, she was re-appointed in 2008. **JEANNE BENJAMIN KIRKPATRICK** W' 43 still enjoys golf and travel. **JOYCE BENJAMIN SHAMBAUGH** W'43 still plays a little golf and bridge. Enjoys time in San Diego at the beach with kids and grandchildren, including sister's family. Enjoys living in the desert and lots of good sunshine. **MARION SWEET ANDERSON** W'43 remains happily married for 63 years. Son and daughter (Uni grads) are doing fine. Two granddaughters are special. We are blessed. **VIRGINIA SMITH McTAGGART** now has 2 great-grandchildren. **DONALD R. LINDSAY** My wife Paula and I continue to enjoy our home in Pacific Grove overlooking Monterey Bay. This year, I had the opportunity to conduct the Monterey Symphony Orchestra. A thrilling experience! **LOU SCHLOSS** W'43 has retired in Santa Barbara.

In Memoriam: **DOROTHY LOLLIER SMITH**, **DALE J. MISSIMER**

1944 - CORSAIRS/ARABIANS

NANCY MOON WEINGARTNER is in touch with **PEGGY PAINTER PERRY**, **KAY TOMSON EICHENFROFER**, **CYNTHIA SAMMONS EBERHART**, **CAROL BLONDEFIELD LEISHMAN**, and **ELAINE RISE MacVICAR**. **BETTY HARRIS HARRIS** is a Harris who married a Harris. She loved Uni and the Corsairs. **DONNA HURD BRANIN S'44** keep in touch with **MARIAN HURD EYMAN**, Duarte CA and **BETTIE GIBBS CORSINI**, Santa Maria, CA (both class of '45)

In Memoriam: **GLORIA SCHUPP ELSE**, **BETTY HOLDSWORTH LORD**, **OTTO BERGHOFER**

1945 - COSSACKS/HAWAIIANS

NADYNE HOUSEHOLDER LIOY Everything is about the same with me. I'm still cruising and enjoying it. This Christmas my whole family (daughter, son-in-law, granddaughter and her husband, ex son-in-law and step-grand-daughter) are going on a cruise together. That should be something. I hope we all survive. I still see my sister-in-law, **DONNA DUPUIS LIOY S'45**, as often as I can, but she lives in Cambria. **DEE MCWHORTER ARTINGER** Life is still terrific! **MARY ELLEN BRININGER BLANTON S'45** After completing a career in public school administration and Cooper's retirement from Mercury Insurance, we have moved to Rancho La Quinta. Every day we look out on our beautiful golf course. We also escape the heat to our condo in Carlsbad. Fond memories of being a Hawaiian at Uni Hi! **JOAN LAVOIE OLIN** remembers her friend **HELYN** (see below) as "to the end a lovely lady and a loyal friend."

In Memoriam: **HELYN CARPENTER LINDEN W'45**.

1946 - CARIOCAS/CAROUSELS

HOPE STERLING KELLY S'46 My "September Years" are really exciting. I recently competed in the 2010 Embassy World Dance Sport Championship. My partner and instructor, Nigel Clarke, was the former British and United States Ballroom dancing Champion. From Oct. 21-24 I'll be at Stanford University celebrating our 60th reunion. Wow! **GLORIA SULLIVAN COTCHONIS** reminisces that her "46" 350-odd classmates "A Vout-O-Rooney" was cool. **GERARD WALLER** and **NEIL SINSABAUGH** were hot dudes and **CHIC PARNELL**, my beau...and none of us danced great, but we thought we did. Speaking of dancing, I have to have my good knee replaced—so no exhibitions now. Oh, one more thing, September brought my 6th great grandchild. **MARILYN CLEVELAND JENMAN** I'm still going strong. Actually, I'm in good shape for the shape I'm in.

In Memoriam: **EMMALINE SUGAR VICTORIA**

1947 - CONTINENTALS/KHALIFS

ROGER TODD Following BS UCLA, MBA USC, NAVY KOREA, 39 years w/Lockheed managing companies and selling airplanes overseas, and 60 years marriage to Mary Trammill, we retired in 1995 in Monterey. Two children, three grand-children, and two great grand-children dispersed throughout California. One grandchild in Hong Kong. **HATCH GRAHAM W'47** still helping to search and rescue train dogs and handlers. Raising 6 sheep on 5 acres. Wife, **JUDY TAYLOR GRAHAM** has new book of poetry, "Walking with Elihu," available on Amazon. **JOAN LEIB MARKS S'47** has daughters who were also Uni grads: **PAULA MARKS '68** Special Ed teacher BA at UCLA, MA at Cal State, and **DANA MARKS '71** Attorney/Federal Immigration Judge in San Francisco. BA at Berkeley, JD at Hastings. **ROGER KARRENBROCK W'47** and his wife **NANCY BROWN KARRENBROCK S'48** live in the LA area.

In Memoriam: **WILLIAM OTIS**

1948 - REVELIERS/TARTANS

GERRIT OHL S'48 celebrates his 60th anniversary this year and has 2 1/2 great grand-children. **JANE BOND SPERLING S'48** We moved to a retirement center, La Vida Real (which means the "royal life") in El Cajon, CA located near our kids. The food is great, many activities available, and wonderful folks here. **ROGERS McCAULEY** would enjoy hearing from any classmates at his e-mail: ROGERSMCCAULEY@AOL.COM **CYNTHIA HARVEY WOODS S'48** has two more great grand-children (6 total), one more miniature poodle champion and a California Driver's license valid until 2015! **WILLIAM SCHAEFER** at his 50th reunion missed most Estelle Mazziotta—a wonderful teacher who helped me get started in science. And the same jocks ran the show.

In Memoriam: **CHARLANNE SWANSON CHENOWETH**, **ROBERT DEAN SCOTT**

1949 - SAIGONS/CENTENNIALS

SHIRLEY LITRELL MYERS W'49 has lived in La Canada 55 years. All 5 of my children are within 2 hours of La Canada, eldest son 5 minutes! 5 children, 5 children-in-law, 9 grands and me gather often. I am so blessed. Widowed 7 years after 52 years of marriage. **LOIS SCHLOM LANGER** This is the first contact I have had since graduation from Uni High (class Saigons) Graduated UCLA, was an apparel buyer for a department store chain. Returned to college (Mount St. Mary's), became a teacher for LA City Schools. After retiring, joined Garden Grove Unified for another 10 years upon moving to Orange County. Re-married and moved to Half Moon Bay. **ANNETTE LEWIS ORTON S'49** retired from teaching chemistry and physiology at UniHi, PaliHi, and No. Hollywood High. Earned my private pilot wings and enjoy flying around the Northwest in my Cessna airplane. **BARBARA JACKSON JUNG** Life is good in Los Gatos. Will visit Australia and New Zealand in December. Learning Italian helps on trips to Italy.

In Memoriam: **ANN MARVIN TURNER**, **CAROLYN MCCARRON BRINK**, and **MARILYN MCCARRON URMSTON**

1950 - JUBILEERS/ALOHANS

HOWARD ENSTEDT S'50 is retired. **JANET SELLMAN SCARROW S'50** really appreciates the current news and alumni notes. **JOAN BENSON HUNT** enjoys sixteen years of oil painting with Artists' Round Table; also, part-time grandparenting 2 active boys, ages 9 and 5, with husband Louis. **JOHN JONES** just returned from two weeks in Alaska. Went to Denali National Park, 4-day tour, then returned on a cruise ship. Spectacular. Regards to all.

1951 - SIROCCOS/CELESTIALS

SVEND LERCHE lives in Colorado and appreciates the newsletter. **BARBARA WINER LEVIN** I am so happy to have reconnected with **ED YAMADA** from our high school friendship. **DENNIS VAUGHN** After practicing law for 40 years with Paul Hastings, I have written my first novel, ***The Price of Revenge*** which may be purchased through my website, DennisVaughn.com. It is a legal and psychological suspense story.

1952 - MARINERS/PARISIANS

MARY ELLEN GREEN KILSBY lost Bud (after 53 terrific years) in Feb.'09. Still involved in Arts & Community in Long Beach. Traveling this year, Europe with family; Turkey with friend. **ELAINE MARINOFF GOOD** wants to know about the 1952 reunion. **JULIENE OTIS HARTMAN** is living in Ventura. **HERB STEEGE** Since retirement from Bank of America in 2000, I have expanded my volunteer work serving as church treasurer for four years and increased my middle school speaking commitment to encourage at-risk kids to stay in school and do their best every day. In the past year I formed a volunteer team ministry through our church to provide financial guidance to the church family and community. For those who knew me during my goof-off days at Uni, the following may come as a big surprise. While serving in the the Air Force, I earned a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Nebraska at Omaha, an MBA from UNLV and a MAHRM from Pepperdine University. **HELAINA BERGER DEMARS** I was married last summer to my husband Jerry DeMars from Aspen Colorado. We had a gorgeous wedding at the Saddle Peak Lodge in the Santa Monica mountains. We have a very busy social life and spend a lot of time at the Comedy Store which my youngest son manages. I would love it if someone could arrange for the class of '52 to have a reunion! **LEE PETRU MERRYMAN** Living in the Desert (La Quinta), the great golf capital. But no time for the sport at present. We're still raising funds for High Hopes and The Stroke Center. They are such great organizations, helping the traumatic head-injured and stroke survivors. 5-Day Week Programs. We Started High Hopes in Orange County after our son's head injury (1st one in the nation. All we started was a support group and —wow!—look what happened. We're so humbled to be part of such courageous clients. Hi to all. **SELMA SHANKS KAHL** has been married 56 years, but lost my dear partner this spring. I have plenty of support from all of the caring neighbors and friends. **RICHARD RODGERS** donated his blue and gold tank top track jersey at the all-class reunion in 2010. **FREDERICK HINES** just returned from 3 weeks in SE Asia: Bangkok, Anghor Wat in Cambodia, and hiking in Bhutan. Am playing my French horn in 3 groups: 1 orchestra; 1 band, and 1 brass ensemble. The same horn that I played in the Uni orchestra. Have beaten cancer twice, colon and prostate, and have not slowed down.

In Memoriam: **ARNOLD DIENER, MARTIN PRESLER, JOHN 'JACK' JENNERSON**

1953 - EL'AENS/JAMAICANS

LEORA FOWLER MORTELLARO S'43. Hi to class of '53. **BONNIE CRAIG VAN OOSTEROM** We have 5 grandchildren, ages 2-8. Since 1993 I have lived in Beverly Hills. **ROBERT GRAHAM** S'53 Grandchildren count increased to 19 plus 5 greats. Miss my ex-wife of 27 years, **GAE GRANDE GRAHAM** W'54 who passed away two years ago. **RICHARD KEAGY** S'53 is interested on a special event for people in their 50, 60, or 70th reunion year. (rkeagy@verizon.net) **PHIL MEANY** Living in Port Townsend, WA, active in Master Gardeners and Ham Radio.

1954 - FANTASIANS/CAPRIES

JONI GORDON is president and director of NEWSPACE Gallery Resales. Her son, John Gordon is class of 1981. **PETER TEMPERINO** retired from BAE after 35 years as an engineering manager. Still lives in North Hollywood with wife, Linda, two sons and 3 grandsons. Continues to enjoy skiing and scuba diving.

1955 - VAQUEROS/GRECIANS

M JEAN HOWARD JENNERSON W'55 My husband, **JOHN 'JACK' JENNERSON** S' 52 passed away May 25, 2010. We were married 54 years with 5 children, 10 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandsons. My dad, **JOHN "FRANK" HOWARD** is still with us at 95, a Uni Hi graduate '34. **LLOYD R HURST** reports that **LAURA A CURTIS (HURST)**'31 is still going strong at 96. **SUZIE KEELS** W'55 has recently moved to Dublin, CA "to be closer to my son and 4 granddaughters and brother, **CARL KEELS**, '68." **ZANDRA CAMPBELL JOHNSON** is looking forward to another reunion since she missed the 50th.

1956 - POLYNESIANS/CAMBODIANS

SUZANNE SUDDARTH GOODWIN and husband Norman July 1, 2010 marked their 50th wedding anniversary. **GEORGE FROLEY** Looking at our 55th reunion next summer. Sorry to say Andy Jaffee Passed in Jan. 2010. On the good side, **ELLIOTT MOSES** is still keeping criminals in jail in San Diego County, and **JOHN KUROKAWA** is living in his family home on Colby Ave. in WLA. **CAROLYN WILLIS VENA** S'56 thanks the newsletter. **CAROL PERLOFF TWAIN** (formerly Capper) Everything is wonderful in my world. I married in January 2010, proving that you're never too old to find love. I now have a combined 8 kids and 13 grandchildren. I still work part time and "walk" marathons and 1/2 marathons. It's hard to believe next year (2011) will be our 55th!

In Memoriam: **ANDY JAFFEE**

1957 - IMPERIALS/MANHATTANS

JOYCE SCHEFFEL JACOB loves life, friends, and family. I have been married 50 years. 2 sons and fine, outstanding grandchildren. Have a condo in Palm Desert--part of the year. Have a private plane---can fly anywhere (only in USA!). **BARBARA BION EDWARDS** is able to continue a very special "golden friendship" with **LURA PENDLEY ROBERTSON** and **NANCY NICHOLS JORGENSEN**. **JUDY JONES CARDWELL** still working part-time. Had a visit with brother, Warren on his way to LA for his 50th reunion and the picnic at Uni on the 26th. Our Aunt **BARBARA JONES** just turned 90. I think she was Uni class of 1939. **CARLOS CONEJO**, retired high school teacher says thank you to the newsletter staff for all the hard work. He appreciates it.

In Memoriam: **JOHN FITZGERALD**

1958 - TAHITIANS/VAGABONDS

JOHN JAMESON Retired after 37 years with LADWP. 3 children, 3 step-children and 7 grandchildren. **WALTER D. LaMAY** B.S. Cal Poly Pomona '62, MA Loyola Marymount, retired 1955 from LAUSD. Retired to Sun City, Summerlin, Las Vegas in December 1995. Travels to fifty states, Europe, China, Australia and New Zealand. Married to Silvia, 1 son 3 grandchildren.

In Memoriam: **KAREN LERCHE**

1959 - CONTINENTALS/CASTILIANS

MIKE SMITH just retired after serving beaucoup years as chief legal counsel/assistant chancellor, UC Berkeley (before that, Assistant General Counsel, US Commission on Civil Rights). Now seeking next career! **SHEILA FEIN GIBBS** This year, our second trip will be to Cleveland, Ohio to my cousin's grand-daughter's Bat Mitzvah. Our oldest grandson is in the Navy. He is stationed on USS Carl Vincent. Our next oldest grandson is going to art school along with computer. Our next oldest grandson is graduating high school. Our two next children are in 7th and 6th grade, and the two youngest are in kindergarten and 2nd grade. Our first trip was to Philadelphia for another cousin's son's wedding. We had a really great time.

In Memoriam: **ROLAND METTLER**

1960 - ELYSIANS/CARIBBEANS

MICHAEL MENKIN Works full-time as a tech writer for the FAA and has two UFO websites: stopabductions.com; and, aliensandchildren.org. He and his wife, Chuan, live in Bellevue, WA. **PATTI RUCKERT** enjoyed talking with all the classmates she was too shy to talk to in school at her 50th Class Reunion in September. She's also getting her V'dettes Y-Teen Club together again. After 32 years, she is still with Otto Labs as Exec. Secretary & occasional Stunt person. A Doo-Wop Legends Cruise to the Mexican Riviera is reserved for April. Before her dad passed away last year at age 93, they enjoyed cruises to the Caribbean and Alaska together. **ROGER BARON** graduated from Berkeley with a BA in Communications and Public Policy in June, 1964 and received an MA in Telecommunications at USC. I entered the Navy and attended Officer Candidate School, serving on the USS Hooper. Service took me to San Diego where I met my wife Margi Sams (celebrated 42 years of marriage). Currently, we live in Northbrook, a suburb of Chicago where I am Senior Vice President at Foote, Cone, & Belding ad agency. I am planning to retire in 2012. I have co-authored a text: *Advertising Media Planning* which is the largest selling college text on media planning with substantial international readership. My wife and I have two sons: Jeffery is Vice President of GFK Mediamark, and Greg, a person with autism, lives semi-independently in Highland Park, a suburb near us. I enjoy reading, working around the house, and driving my mid-life crisis Audi convertible. **JEANINE WAGNER HERMAN** enjoyed a great 50-year reunion.

1961 - NEW YORKERS/ISLANDERS

DARLENE THOMAS DRAPER remarried this July to Gary Draper. They just returned from a honeymoon in Hawaii. Her granddaughter, Cassie, returned from 18 months in Japan.

In Memoriam: **PETER ALVARADO, FRED KRALL, MIKE MURRAY**

1962 - MANDARINS/ACHAEANS

JIM JOLLY presently Baccarat Pit Manager at the Bellagio Resort in Las Vegas. Ski trips are my few escapes. In June celebrated my 39th anniversary with my partner Bill and still has no plans for retirement! **BOB WOOD** is enjoying a good life and retirement.

1963 - SUNDOWNERS/DANAANS

ROBERTA FOWLER SMITH has bought a cabin in Arrowhead and looks forward to many week-ends in the snow. **JOHN MORRISON** is willing to help with the 50th year reunion which he looks forward to!

1964 - THALIANS/PROMETHEANS

1965 - ARTESIANS/PELEANS

TRUDY BERGHOFER HANSEN We have traveled to most of the world, slowing down a bit so have resorted to cruising. Just came back from Amazon jungle and the Caribbean. Has anyone heard from **JEAN ATHERTON** or **RENEE ARONOFF**? We have had a great life. **JEFFREY C. ALEXANDER** honors the memory of Fred Holtby, the brilliant and bohemian English teacher who made me and many other conventional West L.A. boys and girls into more thoughtful and more aesthetically, wide-awake individuals. He had blow-up photos of the "new critics" on the walls of his classroom. We learned to read and write "free association" (Joyce) and that there were no right answers, only bad questions. An amazing and mysterious teacher who was the male equivalent to Muriel Spark's "Miss Jean Brodie." Our beloved Mr. Holtby, too, was in his "prime." Another Uni gift that keeps on giving. **FAUSTINO LIVAS** Everything is great! Still working, looking forward to sitting on some beach one day and drinking margaritas! **JUDY KLEINBERG** The class of '65 continues to post updates on class members at www.unihi65.com **RICHARD (RICK) JACKSON** After graduating from Uni in 1965, Rick went to Oregon State University majoring in Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting. After OSU, he settled in the San Gabriel Valley where he obtained his CPA and has practiced accounting in Pasadena ever since. A 36 year member of the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association, Rick will be its president for the 2011-2012 year and preside over 123rd Rose Parade and 98th Rose Bowl Game on January 2nd, 2012. He is married to Sharon Barker and has four children and four grandchildren.

1966 - VALCESIANS/DELPHIANS

PAUL M. SOMMERS has been teaching in the Department of Economics at Middlebury College (Vermont) since 1976. **SUSAN GARB CAMARILLO** thanks Uni High for the outstanding education we all received. **CAROL CHERMAN** New car, new stove, new kitchen/dining room floor, old body and face. Ob-la-di, Ob-la-da, life goes on. **MADGE STEIN WOODS** writes: **JOSH WOODS** ('89) is back living in LA after 21 years. He and his family are remodeling a home on the street that he grew up on and where I live as well. His twin boys started Westwood Charter and will (hopefully) be at Uni some day. Josh is in the graffiti removal business. **JEREMY WOODS** ('91) lives in Evanston with his family. He has one daughter, four. Jeremy is in the mortgage business and still playing on a hardball baseball team. I am a writer and printer and work as a marketing director for a website. I still love my life and love traveling. Glad half my family is back in LA and living right down the street.

1967 - MILESIANS/MYRIDONS

VICTORIA KENT HARRIS is with Harris Communications on Kelton Avenue in LA. **JANET STAMBLER ROHDE** retired in 2007 after 32 years of teaching mentally challenged students. Now, doing extensive traveling and dancing with her husband of 5 1/2 years. **LORETTA ANDRE SCOTT** is enjoying a first grandchild, born 6/23/10.

1968 - SALISIANS/SAROYANS

JUDY STRIKER PALMER I work at Kaiser Roseville as a chemo nurse, have 3 grown children who are all healthy and happy, married and separated from Chris Palmer who I met in Europe on a Uni sponsored post graduation tour. I have a 7-year old grandson, Kristian, a bright and wonderful Down-Syndrome child who brings joy to everyone he meets. We have one dog, our faithful golden Joey, and 2 trouble-seeking cats, Tiger & Budders. **PATRICIA GODON-TANN** retired from LAUSD after almost 34 years of service. Last posting was Principal of Castle Heights ES in Beverlywood. Let's keep public education viable—especially secondary. **MAUREEN HEISNER BOYD** After Uni I went to UCLA and obtained my B.A. I taught elementary school before going to Law school. I am married and raised two children. My daughter is an attorney for the Department of Defense. My son gave up the film business and is pursuing a career in music. I still work as an appearance attorney (the best job few know exists) and would love to hear from Uni friends who can find me on Facebook.

1969 - TAISHANS/PHAETONS

JIM NAKABARA retired from teaching for LAUSD after 35 years. Teaching, coaching, youth service, and athletic director at Uni High from 1976 to 2010. **CLAUDIA J. STROCK** lives in Woodbridge, VA. **LARRY NIMMES** continues to work in photo and television in Santa Barbara. **PETER G. SCHLOSS** resides in Austin, TX.

1970 - SENEANS/HERBERTS

1971 - GANDALFS

DEBBIE HASSELBACH METTLER is working with at-risk women at Harvest Home in Venice, a residential program for homeless pregnant women and their infants. I also teach 4th and 5th grade at Children's Church at the Vineyard. My own children are 13 & 15 years. **FRED LIPKING** is married, with 3 dogs.

1972 - PAMOJAS

PHILIP BUTLER happily working as a urologist in La Jolla, CA. Teresa and I celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary. Two sons: Matthew works in health care in San Diego; and, Michael is studying to be a nurse anesthetist.

1973 - LEILANI

KEITH SERXNER In June I climbed Mt. Hood in Oregon helping to raise \$67,000 to fund Breast Cancer Research being done by the Fred Hutchison Cancer Research Center. **RANDALL RICHMAN** "I'll always love you Wendy Lu."

1974 - IRWIN

DOUG WALTER had the pleasure of seeing **SCOTT HARRIS** ('74) and his wife, Anita at the house of **DOUG KAPLAN** ('74).

1975 - SHANGRI-LA

1976 - TOMODACHI

JOHN LEVIN lives in NYC with spouse Diane Keefe and children Ellie and Abey. **JEFF SCHAFFER** (married to Reina) I have worked for 20 years in the non-profit sector and focused on affordable housing and international development. We have two boys, Philip (19), and Jacob (16). **MARIANNE FRIEDMAN COHEN** lives in Pompano Beach, Florida.

1977- ALOHI HOKU

1980

MICHAEL ALCALAY enjoys the newsletters and thinks they are fun to read.

1981 - CENTURIONS

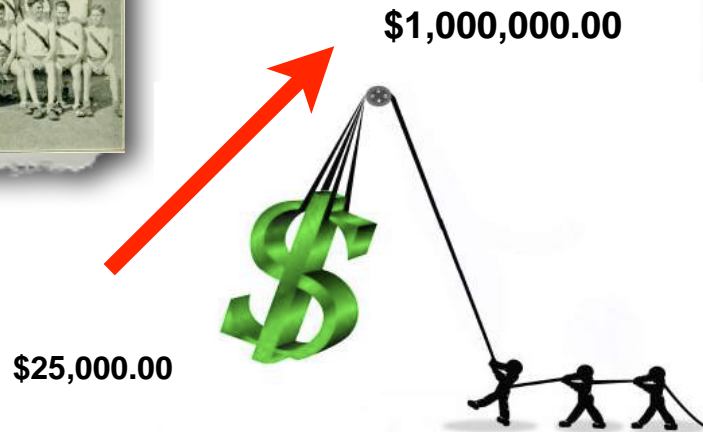
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1988

JANET SIEGEL currently lives in Chicago, IL.

As you can see, we have gaps in our information. Help us out by sending class notes and names for missing years.

A NEW TRACK AND FIELD IN THE WORKS!



When the Uni campus was completed in 1925, student Gerald Bastian wrote a poem entitled “A Vignette” for the yearbook then called *La Estrella*.

There is a hill in California,
Green fields and a school I know,
Where the balls fly fast in summer
And the drooping olives grow;
A big hill, a steep hill,
With the playing fields below. (p. 15)

Maybe the olives aren't there, but “the big hill,” “the steep hill” is certainly part of everyone's image of Uni. In the part of that same yearbook devoted to sports, the article about Track and Field opened with the following paragraph.

“Harding started out in track with a good bunch of material, under Coach Hinrichs. Although the track was in poor condition, the boys showed good spirit and got out and practiced every day.” (p. 65)

Here we are, in 2011, boys and girls still show good spirit, but *that same original track is still at Uni*. Track coach Kelly Aguda said that although there has been some curb repair and the track was re-marked to meters from yards, “it is in pretty bad condition.” She added, “about seven years ago the track was condemned, and “although we are allowed to practice we are not allowed to hold an official track meet” at Uni, so Uni has been holding all home meets away. This year the LAUSD decided that the time had come to fix the problems. As Principal Davidson's letter explained, the track and football field (aka boy's field) will be replaced with artificial turf and an artificial regulation eight lane track surface by the LAUSD. The project is underfunded and the school has to come up with \$1 million for completion.

When Principal Davidson brought the plan to the UHEF board he reiterated that the track program is a required component of the State fitness standards. A part of the discussion focused on naming the new facility. Everyone at the meeting agreed that this would be an excellent opportunity to recognize the outstanding coaches and athletes who are part of Uni's history. Some names mentioned include Coaches Kampmann (26 years at Uni) and Pursell (35 years at Uni) as well as athletes Craig Dixon S'44 '48 Olympics Bronze 110 meters hurdles, Mel Patton S'43 '48 Olympics Gold 200 meters & men's 4 x 100 men's relay. Your input will help with the choice(s).

Although the fund-raising campaign is still in the planning stages the UHEF Board has decided to kick off the campaign with a pledge of \$25,000. Let's see how quickly we can reach the finish line. Please consider donating generously to the Uni High Track and Field fund. Please contact us to join in this community-wide effort. E-mail Principal Davidson ericdavidson@lausd.net if you want to help.

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FIRST NAME MAIDEN NAME LAST NAME

CURRENT UNI STUDENT'S NAME, GRADE AND GRADUATING CLASS/YEAR

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PHONE(S) _____

EMAIL _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> SUSTAINING MEMBER | \$ 100.00 | |
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