



Warriors & Wildcats Report

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SMASH DEBUT FOR UNI'S "INTO THE WOODS"; LAST TWO SHOWS SET FOR MAY 15-16

- ▣ An enthusiastic cast and an equally-happy audience enjoyed the debut of Uni's Spring 2015 production of "Into The Woods" at the Stivelman Theater on Friday evening, May 8.

From the energetic opening that filled the stage to **Sarai Benitez's** charming portrayal of Little Red Riding Hood, the program moved briskly through the tale of the Baker (**Ryan McNeil**) and his wife (**Alex Strong**) who were childless due to a curse placed on them by the Witch (**Katherin Flores**).

Those familiar with the show from its long theatrical runs, or the motion picture that starred Meryl Streep, enjoyed the energetic performances from McNeil and Strong, a sensational transformation of the Witch from foul to fair near the end of Act I and the tale of two princes (**Billy Ortiz** and **Rashley Castillo**) seeking love from Cinderella (a triumph for **Claire Hafteck**) and Rapunzel (convincingly played by **Lauren Meltzer**), respectively.

Under the direction of Uni Theater Arts chief **Ronnie Sperling '76**, and supported by UCLA's Beyond the Bell program for the performing arts, the show benefitted greatly from a professional support team including choreographer Lindsey Lorentz, costume designer Shon LeBlanc, set designer Tina Choi, lighting director Rob Fritz and vocal director Kahlil Sabbagh. The sets and lighting were marvelous, as were some of the hilarious sound effects that spiced the program throughout.

There will be two more performances, all at the Stivelman Theater on campus (11800 Texas Avenue, Los Angeles):

<u>Show schedule:</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Tickets</u>
• Evening Finale:	May 15	Friday	7:00 p.m.	\$5 in advance \$7 at the door
• Matinee:	May 16	Saturday	2:00 p.m.	\$5 in advance \$7 at the door

Print-your-own tickets can be purchased online, in advance of the show date, at BrownPaperTickets.com. Online purchases carry a 99-cent fee plus a 3.5% charge for credit-card processing (about \$1.17 for a \$5 ticket). Please go to:

<http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/1557857>

In-person purchases in advance are \$5 each at the Uni Student Store (open 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on school days), and \$7 at the door (cash-only), except for the after-school performance on May 14 (\$2). Ticket purchases at the door are cash-only, please!

The performance runs about 105 minutes, including one, 15-minute intermission.

Ample street parking is available around the Uni campus. The Stivelman Theater entrance is on Texas Avenue.

ON CAMPUS

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

- Boys/Baseball 9-18 overall (5-7 Western League)

After an 2-4 start in Western League play, the Wildcats split their last six games to finish fifth in the Western League at 5-7.

Despite the losing record, Uni enjoyed a marvelous season from pitcher-first baseman **Maurice Becnel, Jr.** The 6-0 senior batted .466 for the season, with 34 hits in 25 games, six runs scored and 24 runs batted in. He also started nine games on the mound and although he had a 2-6 record, his earned-run average was an excellent 2.38, with four complete games and 42 strikeouts in 50 innings of work.

Junior outfielder **Shawn Farrell** batted .304, the only other Wildcat over the .300 mark, with 17 hits in 22 games.

Feb. 20	Monroe	Lost, 3-4	(Poly Classic)
Feb. 21	North Hollywood	Won, 2-0	(Poly Classic)
Feb. 25	Bell	Lost, 0-7	(Poly Classic)
Feb. 26	Garfield	Lost, 3-7	(Poly Classic)
Feb. 28	Cleveland	Lost, 3-6	(SoCal Invitational)
Mar. 05	Glendale	Lost, 4-5	(SoCal Invitational)
Mar. 07	Highland	Won, 2-1	(SoCal Invitational)
Mar. 09	Culver City	Lost, 3-10	(SoCal Invitational)

Mar. 11	Roosevelt	Lost, 0-4	(SoCal Invitational)
Mar. 12	@ Taft	Lost, 3-13	
Mar. 17	@ Hamilton	Lost, 0-7	
Mar. 18	@ Hawthorne	Won, 7-4	
Mar. 19	Hamilton	Lost, 3-4	
Mar. 23	Los Angeles CES	Won by forfeit (7-0)	
Mar. 26	Los Angeles CES	Won, 12-2	
Mar. 28	@ Carson	Lost, 3-11	
Apr. 07	Westchester	Lost, 4-5	
Apr. 09	@ Westchester	Lost, 1-8	
Apr. 11	@ Banning	Lost, 1-9	(San Fernando Tiger Classic)
Apr. 14	@ Fairfax	Won, 4-0	
Apr. 16	Fairfax	Won, 12-6	
Apr. 18	@ San Pedro	Lost, 4-11	(San Fernando Tiger Classic)
Apr. 25	@ Van Nuys	Won, 12-0	(San Fernando Tiger Classic)
Apr. 28	Palisades	Won, 2-1	
Apr. 30	@ Palisades	Lost, 3-4	
May 05	@ Venice	Lost, 0-4	
May 07	Venice	Lost, 1-10	

- Boys/Golf 10-2 overall **Western League Champions**

Coach **Eric Temena's** boys golf team won the Western League title on May 1, shooting a combined 422 strokes to win by 57 shots over Westchester (479), Venice (507), Carson (578) and LACES (incomplete team). **Michael Han's** score of 73 on the par-72 course was the individual winner, followed by **Kevin Temena** (5th, 83), **Kara Temena** (7th, 88), **Paul Yu** (8th, 89) and **Bryce Howell** (9th, 89).

The Wildcats now head to the Los Angeles City Section Championship on May 20 with a real shot at an All-City title.

Mar. 06	Los Angeles CES	Won, 202-211	at Penmar Golf Course
Mar. 06	Venice	Won, 202-246	at Penmar Golf Course
Mar. 13	Westchester	Lost, shot 202	at Penmar Golf Course
Mar. 13	Los Angeles CES	Lost, shot 202	at Penmar Golf Course
Mar. 16	Venice	Won, 201-275	at Rancho Park Golf Course
Mar. 27	Los Angeles CES	Won, shot 202	at Rancho Park Golf Course
Apr. 10	Venice	Won, 210-281	at Alondra Golf Course
Apr. 10	Carson	Won, 210-266	at Alondra Golf Course
Apr. 17	Los Angeles CES	Won, 210-220	at Rancho Park Golf Course
Apr. 17	Venice	Won, 210-273	at Rancho Park Golf Course
Apr. 24	Los Angeles CES	Won, 210-220	at Griffith Park/Harding Course
Apr. 24	Westchester	Won, 210-236	at Griffith Park/Harding Course
May 01	Western League	Won, with 422	at Griffith Park/Harding Course
May 20	City Finals		at Griffith Park/Harding Course

- Girls/Softball 1-13 overall (1-11 Western League)

This wasn't Uni's best season by a long shot, but two Wildcats earned individual honors: **Malaya Peppers** was named All-Western League (1st team) while **Kendall Blow** was named to the second team.

Peppers, a junior third baseman, hit an impressive .522 this season, with a home run and

10 runs batted in. Blow, a sophomore pitcher, led the team with 15 hits, including two home runs and seven runs batted in, and had a .417 batting average.

Uni is seeded 15th in the City Division III playoffs and will play at second-seeded Hollywood on May 19 at 3 p.m.

Feb. 25	@ North Hollywood	Lost, 0-15	Apr. 21	Venice	Lost, 3-27
Mar. 11	@ King-Drew Medical	Lost, 3-25	Apr. 23	@ Westchester	Lost, 11-16
Mar. 17	Hamilton	Lost, 2-21	Apr. 30	Fairfax	Lost, 2-21
Mar. 19	@ Venice	Lost, 0-25	May 05	Los Angeles CES	Lost, 6-11
Mar. 23	Westchester	Won, 10-9	May 07	@ Palisades	Lost, 0-21
Apr. 07	@ Fairfax	Lost, 4-28			
Apr. 09	@ Los Angeles CES	Lost, 13-14			
Apr. 14	Palisades	Lost, 0-23			
Apr. 16	@ Hamilton	Lost, 3-15			

City Division III Playoffs (Uni seeded 15th):

May 19	@ 2 Hollywood	3:00 p.m.
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- **Swimming** Boys: 3-3 Girls: 3-2-1

Mar. 04	@ Carson/Boys	Won, 96-52	Mar. 20	Sotomayor @ Dorsey	Non-scoring
Mar. 11	@ Panorama/Boys	Won, 104-55	Mar. 27	@ San Pedro/Boys	Lost, 23-102
Apr. 08	@ Venice/Boys	Lost, 59-102		@ San Pedro/Girls	Lost, 30-74
Apr. 09	LACES/Boys	Lost, 60-93	Apr. 09	Western League Relays	
Apr. 15	Palisades/Boys	Lost, 40-138	Apr. 17	@ Hamilton w/Fairfax	No score kept
Apr. 29	@ Hamilton/Boys	Won, 90-57	May 01	@ Fairfax w/Venice	No score kept
			May 14	League Finals @ Fairfax	(rain)

- **Track & Field** Boys: 0-1 Girls: 0-1

Mar. 04	@ Carson/Girls	Won, 111-52			
Mar. 11	@ Panorama/Girls	Won, 122-43			
Apr. 08	@ Venice/Girls	Tie, 83-83			
Apr. 09	LACES/Girls	Lost, 64-93			
Apr. 15	Palisades/Girls	Lost, 33-146			
Apr. 29	@ Hamilton/Girls	Won, 90-71			

- **Boys/Volleyball** 15-7 overall
 (* = Non-conference Venice Tournament)

Feb. 27	@ San Pedro	Lost, 0-3
Mar. 09	El Camino Real	Lost, 0-3
Mar. 16	Fairfax	Won, 3-1
Mar. 18	Westchester	Won by forfeit
Mar. 21	*Beverly Hills	Won, 2-0
Mar. 21	*Narbonne	Won, 2-0
Mar. 21	*Chatsworth	Lost, 0-2
Mar. 21	*El Camino Real	Won, 2-1
Mar. 21	*Sylmar	Lost, 0-2
Mar. 21	*Marshall	Lost, 0-2
Mar. 23	@ Venice	Won, 3-1
Mar. 25	@ Palisades	Lost, 0-3
Apr. 07	Hamilton	Won, 3-0
Apr. 08	@ Los Angeles CES	Won, 3-0
Apr. 15	@ Fairfax	Won, 3-0
Apr. 17	@ Diego Rivera	Won, 3-0
Apr. 20	@ Westchester	Won by forfeit
Apr. 22	Venice	Won, 3-0
Apr. 27	Palisades	Lost, 2-3
Apr. 29	@ Hamilton	Won, 3-0
May 04	Los Angeles CES	Won, 3-0

- **Boys/Tennis** 8-8 overall

Feb. 23	@ Birmingham	Lost - forfeit
Feb. 25	El Camino Real	Lost, 0-7
Feb. 27	@ San Pedro	Won, 6-1
Mar. 04	Fairfax	Won, 6-1
Mar. 06	Westchester	Won, 6-1
Mar. 09	@ Venice	Won, 4-3
Mar. 11	@ Palisades	Lost, 0-7
Mar. 13	Hamilton	Lost, 1-6
Mar. 16	@ Los Angeles CES	Lost, 2-5
Mar. 20	@ Fairfax	Won, 7-0
Mar. 23	@ Westchester	Lost, 2-5
Mar. 25	Venice	Won, 4-3
Mar. 27	Palisades	Lost, 0-7
Apr. 07	@ Hamilton	Lost, 1-4
Apr. 09	Los Angeles CES	Won - forfeit

City Division II playoffs (Uni seeded 13th):

Apr. 13	@ 4 Carson	Won, 18-11½
Apr. 21	@ 5 N. Hollywood	Lost, 12-17

City Division II playoffs (Uni seeded 5th):

May 07	Arleta	Won, 3-0
May 12	Belmont	Won, 3-0
May 14	Sylmar	Not available

- ▶ Congratulations to **Precious Nwaba**, Uni's all-city girls basketball star, who accepted an academic scholarship to the University of California, Berkeley and has decided to forego playing college basketball (although she had two athletic scholarship offers).
- ▶ Congratulations to girls soccer midfielder/defender **Saki Watanabe**, who signed a National Letter of Intent and will receive an athletic scholarship for soccer at Southern Utah University.
- ▶ Uni's football and boys basketball teams, and the cheerleading squad are in the middle of their annual off-season fund-raising campaigns for equipment, uniforms, transportation and tournament entry fees. You can help with your donation:
 - Football: <https://app.snap-raise.com/fundraisers/3165>
 - Boys Basketball: <http://www.gofundme.com/uniboyshoops>
 - Cheerleaders: <http://www.gofundme.com/unihicheer>

REUNIONS

- ▶ Upcoming reunions that we know about include:
 - May 30, 2015: CLASS OF WINTER 1970
At The Proud Bird
Information: Janie Cowan Bernard (JanieBernard@aol.com)
 - June 13, 2015: CLASSES OF 1965
At Riviera Country Club
Information: www.UniHi65.com or <http://UniHi65.wordpress.com>
or send an e-mail to unih65@gmail.com
Tickets: on sale until June 8 at <http://unih65.brownpapertickets.com>
 - October 17, 2015: CLASS OF SUMMER 1954
At the Crowne Plaza Hotel Los Angeles Int'l Airport
Information: **Carla Sampson Lowe**
(916/965-4825 or carladlowe@aol.com)
 - October 17, 2015: CLASS OF SUMMER 1955
At The Olympic Collection Conference Center
Information: **Dr. Robert E. Garfield** (310/472-2949 or drrobertgarfield@aol.com), or **Lois B. Golden** (310/472-0198)
(Please [click here](#) for a one-page information sheet)
 - April 9, 2016: CLASSES OF 1966
At the Beverly Hills Country Club
Information: **Neal Rein** (sabersafety@yahoo.com) and/or
Joyce (Gordon) Rangen (joyce.rangen@gmail.com).
(Please [click here](#) for the event's Facebook page!)

Please send details of your reunions to Connect@UHEF.org for inclusion in future issues.

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

The Class of '65 needs your help!

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

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

The '65 reunion will be held at Riviera Country Club on June 13, 2015, and has a "class challenge" goal of \$1 million! More than \$100,000 has already been raised; for more details, check out their Web site at www.UniHi65.com or the class blog at <http://UniHi65.wordpress.com>.

UNI HI EDUCATION FOUNDATION NEWS

- ▣ The Uni Hi Education Foundation exists to raise money to support the instructional programming at University High School. A new LAUSD policy allows *on-campus signage* to be available to recognize donations which assist the educational program.

Interested for yourself or your company? Sent us a note and we'll help to get the ball rolling: Connect@UHEF.org.

- ▣ Visit www.UHEF.org and tell your classmates to sign up for the *Warriors & Wildcats Report* and volunteer for UHEF activities.

The Foundation, now in its 29th year, has raised nearly \$600,000 to support Uni's mission of educational excellence, and to supplement the instructional budget in these lean times. You can donate to the cause by [clicking here!](#)

UNI ALUMNI NOTEBOOK

- ▣ **Len Traubman** '57 (ltraubman@igc.org) asks:

"I'm wondering if anyone knows how to contact **Pete Rodriguez**, Uni '55 I believe. He was a sensational cross-country runner, and the movie *McFarland, USA* caused me to think of him."

Unfortunately, Len, we don't have any information on Pete, but hope that one of our readers might be able to help. Neither University High School or the UHEF have comprehensive contact information on past students, faculty or staff.

▣ **Dr. Bob Dann** '55 (robert.dann@comcast.net) sent, with regrets, this message:

"It is with profound sadness that I report that my close friend **Val E. Lewton**, Uni Hi Class of 1955, died on April 24, 2015 from cancer. Val, who was a cross-country and track runner in high school, had a successful career in the Washington, D.C. art world. He spent 32 years at the Smithsonian Institution, retiring as Chief of Design at the Smithsonian American Art Museum and continued to work as a consultant with a variety of museums after his retirement. An artist himself, Val's work (mainly of urban landscapes and life) was exhibited in museums and galleries in D.C. and elsewhere.

"A dedicated runner, he was president of the Beltway Striders and ran over 20 marathons, including eight Boston Marathons, his best time being 2 hrs., 43 minutes. He was also an avid sailor. Val is survived by his wife Claudia Minicozzi, sons Christopher and Victor Lewton and their wives, stepchildren Bill, Alex, and Regis Minicozzi and their spouses, and nine grandchildren. His first marriage to Jean Kling ended in divorce."

Our condolences to family, friends and classmates on the passing of all Warriors and Wildcats.

SIXTH PERIOD BELL

▣ **Bud Fischer** (bud@budandfran.com) from the Class of W '50, asks:

In the picture banner that is printed at the top of page one of each issue, in the upper right corner is a gentleman that I believe is Robert (Bob) DeWitt of Uni's class of W '50. Is it?

Good guess, but no. Those pictured on the masthead of the *UHEF.org* Web site that we also use on the *Warriors & Wildcats Report* are all identified [here](#).

Would you like to nominate someone for the masthead? Send your suggestions to us at Connect@UHEF.org!

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