



Warriors & Wildcats Report

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RALPHS SHOPPERS! DONATE TO UNI VIA YOUR REWARDS CARD!

▣ One of the easiest ways to donate to Uni directly is via the Ralphs Rewards Card.

As part of its Community Contribution program, up to 4% of monthly purchases made by Ralphs Rewards Card members is sent to Uni, but only if you designate the school by linking it to your Rewards Card.

It's pretty easy:

- The program is only for Ralphs Rewards Card members, so be sure you have a card (you can enroll online or get one for free at any store).
- Have your card handy (you'll need the number on the back) and visit the Ralphs [Community Contribution](#) page.
- Set up your account (you have to give your address so Ralphs can send you coupons) and then designate **University High School** as your non-profit of choice. Uni's organization code for the Ralphs program is **93275**.

That's it! Ralphs, the largest grocery chain in the West, will donate about \$2 million annually to this program, so why not assure Uni of a share!

Members must swipe their registered Ralphs Rewards Card or use the phone number that is linked to their card when shopping for each purchase to count.

The Amazon.com program to benefit schools (including Uni) is being revamped, so look for more details in future issues.

“YOU’RE A GOOD MAN, CHARLIE BROWN” COMING TO UNI ON DECEMBER 3-4-5

- ▣ Two beloved musicals are on tap for Uni’s Theater Arts program this year, starting with “You’re A Good Man, Charlie Brown” set for four performances over three days in December: Thursday, Friday and Saturday, December 3-4-5.

Auditions for the show are scheduled for September 9-10 at the Stivelman Theater on campus from 3:15-5:15 p.m., supported in part by the UCLA AfterSchool program. Roles in the show and for the technical support crew will be available, under the direction of Uni Theatre Arts director **Ronnie Sperling** ‘76 and choreography director **Lindsay Lorenz**.

Sperling has already announced the spring show, coming April 27-30 with five performances over four days, “Disney’s High School Musical.” All performances will be held at Uni’s intimate Stivelman Theater on campus; stay tuned for ticket information, but mark your calendars now.

ON CAMPUS

- ▣ Uni Fall sports report: *Follow the Wildcats on Twitter: [@Utownsports](https://twitter.com/Utownsports)*
- Boys/Football 0-0 overall

Two Uni players have received pre-season notices as among the best in Southern California, according to the highly-respected **Eric Sondheimer**, writing in the *Los Angeles Times*:

- ▶ Offense/receivers: Senior Co-Captain **Eugene Ford** (6-3, 190), All-City (Division II) and All-Western League, who caught 10 touchdowns last season
- ▶ Defense/linebackers: Senior Co-Captain **Gabriel McClain** (6-0, 220), All-City (Division II) Defensive Player of the Year and All-Western League, with 142 total tackles and five sacks in 2014.

Uni’s football program, which has made such significant strides under coach **Lee Lowe**, will miss the City playoffs in 2015 after being penalized for having an ineligible player participate in the 2013 and 2014 programs.

Uni's 2015 schedule:

Sep. 04	at Morningside	7:00 p.m.	
Sep. 11	Banning	7:00 p.m.	<i>First game at renovated Cavanaugh Field!</i>
Sep. 18	Lincoln	7:00 p.m.	
Sep. 25	at Culver City	7:00 p.m.	
Oct. 02	at Oaks Christian	7:00 p.m.	
Oct. 09	at Hamilton	3:00 p.m.	<i>(Western League game)</i>
Oct. 16	Palisades	7:00 p.m.	<i>(Western League game)</i>
Oct. 23	Fairfax	7:00 p.m.	<i>(Western League game; Homecoming)</i>
Oct. 30	at Westchester	7:00 p.m.	<i>(Western League game)</i>
Nov. 06	at Venice	7:00 p.m.	<i>(Western League game)</i>

- Girls/Tennis 0-0 overall

Uni's 2015 schedule:

Sep. 03	at S.O. CES	2:30 p.m.	Oct. 12	at *Fairfax	2:30 p.m.
Sep. 17	*Fairfax	2:30 p.m.	Oct. 14	at *Westchester	2:30 p.m.
Sep. 21	*Westchester	2:30 p.m.	Oct. 19	*Venice	2:30 p.m.
Sep. 24	at *Venice	2:30 p.m.	Oct. 21	*Palisades	2:30 p.m.
Sep. 28	at *Palisades	2:30 p.m.	Oct. 26	at *Hamilton	2:30 p.m.
Sep. 30	*Hamilton	2:30 p.m.	Oct. 28	*L.A. CES	2:30 p.m.
Oct. 05	at *L.A. CES	2:30 p.m.			

(*=Western League matches)

- Girls/Volleyball 0-0 overall

Uni's 2015 schedule:

Aug. 31	Arleta	4:00 p.m.	Oct. 12	at *Fairfax	2:30 p.m.
Sep. 17	*Fairfax	2:30 p.m.	Oct. 14	at *Westchester	2:30 p.m.
Sep. 21	*Westchester	2:30 p.m.	Oct. 19	*Venice	2:30 p.m.
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REUNIONS

▣ Upcoming reunions that we know about include:

- October 17, 2015: CLASS OF SUMMER 1954: 60 + 1
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 16, 2016: CLASSES OF 1966
At the Marina City Club (*please note the change of date and venue*)
Information: Neal Rein (sabersafety@yahoo.com) and/or
Joyce (Gordon) Rangen (joyce.rangen@gmail.com).
(Please [click here](#) for the event's Facebook page!)
- July 9, 2016: CLASS OF 1976
At the Marina City Club
Information: Leslie Messer Ward (lmward421@icloud.com)
Reservations and tickets: The Reunion Committee, at
(661) 259-5999 or www.reunioncommittee.com

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

- ▣ **Warren Scoville** '61 is disappointed that there seems to be no interest in a 55-year class reunion in 2016. As he notes, "by 2021, there may be about 20% fewer of us able to attend a 60th! In the interim, I hope everyone else's 'bucket list' is getting longer and longer as is mine!"
- ▣ **Leonard Hansen** '60 (lhanson67@gmail.com) asks "Anything going on or planned for this class?" If you know, please contact Leonard directly . . . but be sure to let us know as well!

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

- ▣ **Barbara Nwaba** '07, the 2015 U.S. national champion in the Heptathlon, represented the United States in the IAAF World Track & Field Championships in Beijing, China on August

22-23. After scoring an excellent 6,500 points to win the American title, Nwaba fell over the fourth hurdle of the opening event, the 100 m hurdles, in Beijing and did not finish, scoring zero points in the event.

Although eliminated from medal contention, she continued to compete and did very well in the remaining six events to score 5,315 points to rank 27th out of 34 athletes who started the event. What if she had repeated her hurdle time from the U.S. championships (13.49)?

If so, she would have scored another 1,052 points for a 6,367-point total and seventh place, just 149 points away from a bronze medal! She now looks forward to the U.S. Olympic Trials next summer to try and make the American Olympic Team headed to Rio.

- ▣ Add a fifth Uni alum who contributed to the success of the recently-completed Special Olympics World Games in Los Angeles: **Kenji Osugi**, who served as the LA2015 Competition Manager for Judo.

Classmate **Barbara Wong** was among several who wrote in about his role:

I would like to say we would be remiss not to recognize my friend and classmate, Kenji Osugi. Fellow Salisian, Class of [W] '68 and all the hard work that he put into the Judo events at UCLA.

I had the opportunity to attend the Judo events. Kenji was instrumental in making it a terrific event for all involved !

Barbara is being modest. The Judo competition, held in the UCLA Student Activities Center gymnasium (formerly the Men's Gym) was completely full daily, with standing-room-only crowds to watch the 105 judokas from 24 nations compete in 18 divisions (nine for men and women).

Osugi was responsible for the organization and production of the competition, which proved to be one of the most popular in the entire World Games with nearly 3,800 jamming in over the four days of divisioning and competition.

He joins the other Warriors who helped make the Games a success, including **Susan Pollack** '81 (Development), **Glen Ratcliff** '76 (Transportation), **Rich Perelman** '74 (Media Operations) and **Larry Jacobson** '74 (ESPN).



- ▣ **Jerry Bluestein** '73 (jerryblue@verizon.net) asks “Do you know anything about **Neal Newman** (former swim coach)?”

We don't have direct information about Coach Newman, who was also highly-respected for his City and State championship volleyball teams. But we know that our readers do, so watch this space for more details in a coming issue!

- ▣ A great history question from **Michael Zide** (zide@comcast.net):

Hello. I graduated Uni in 1962 and I am curious to find the answer to this old memory. At our [1962] class graduation party or at the prom for the Class of 1963, the Pendletones, later to become the Beach Boys, played. Can you let me know if this memory is correct?

I have been living in Massachusetts since 1968 and am a photographer and educator. Here is a link to my website. www.michaelzide.com. Thank you for your help with this question.

Anyone out there from the Class of 1962 who knows the history? For the story on the name change of what became one of the world's most iconic bands, [click here](#).

- ▣ Alum **Madge Woods** (madgew@live.com) asks if our list of Class of 2015 graduates going on to four-year schools published in the last issue is complete: “Are you saying only 100 seniors from UNI are going to college? What about the city colleges? How many seniors were there that graduated last year? If this is true very sad for the UNI of old.”

Madge: In a word, NO. As we stated at the start of the list in issue 21, the schools shown were only highlights of the Class, and not a complete list; many are going on to community colleges and many are heading on to colleges and declined to reveal their destinations to a survey taken by *The Wildcat Newspaper* for its Senior Edition last May.

SIXTH PERIOD BELL

- ▣ No matter how many times we answer this question, we get it again and again. So here's the answer – for the start of the 2015-16 academic year – of “why and when was the Warriors [nickname] changed to Wildcats,” this time from **Adrian Cole** (89134cole@cox.net) of the Class of 1954.

The story goes like this: after a lengthy effort by activists, the Los Angeles Unified School District determined that three high schools – Birmingham, Gardena and University – were to change their team nicknames to eliminate references to American Indians, in September 1997. The decision was challenged in Federal court by alumni from Birmingham, but was upheld in mid-1998. Soon after, Uni students voted to become “Wildcats.”

Today, Birmingham's Braves are now the Patriots and Gardena's Mohicans have become Panthers. For more details, [click here](#).

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