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## **UHEF 2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

16	Spring Clean-Up Day		<u>Volunteer opportunity</u>
26-29	"Disney's High School Musical"	Varies	Stivelman Theater
15	Luncheon honoring the naming of Kampmann Stadium and Patton Track	11:30 a.m.	South Gymnasium
15	All-Classes Picnic & Car Show	11:00 a.m.	Upper Field
10	Graduation Day		Kampmann Stadium
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## ALL-CLASSES PICNIC & CAR SHOW COMING MAY 15!

▶ With the conversion of the football field to AstroTurf and the installation of the new Rekortan all-weather track now completed, Uni's campus will open to visitors once again for the Uni Hi Education Foundation's All-Classes Picnic and Car Show – after a three-year hiatus – on Sunday, May 15, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission to the Picnic and Car Show is free.

For those who have not been back to campus, or who have not yet seen the remarkable transformation of the football field and track, here's your chance!

It's Back!

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May 15, 2016 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

11800 Texas Avenue, L.A. 90025

The Uni Hi All-Alumni

Pienic & Car Show

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All-Alumni Pichic Guided Campus Tours Food Available Car Show For Information contact Neal Rein at: Sabersafety@Yahoo.com Luncheon Celebrating Naming of "Kampmann Stadium" & "Patton Track" For Luncheon Ticket Information Contact Rich Perelman rperelman@perelman-pioneer.com

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Activities currently scheduled:

- 11:00: Cars of various vintages will be displayed on the Upper Field (formerly known as the Girl's Field); those wishing to display should coordinate their appearance with *Neal Rein* '66 at <u>sabersafety@yahoo.com</u>.
- 11:30: On the Upper Field:
  - = Concessions will be available, plus music from yesterday and today and information tables from the Uni Hi Education Foundation and others.

In the South Gym:

Example 2 Luncheon celebrating the naming of Kampmann Stadium and Patton Track, featuring Coach *Dick Kampmann*, the family of *Mel Patton* '43 and *Craig Dixon* '44, 1948 Olympic bronze medalist, who went to school with both Patton and *Norma Jean Baker* (later Marilyn Monroe)!

This event will be separately ticketed; more information about tickets will be available in the near future. For questions: please contact *Rich Perelman* '74 (*rperelman@perelman-pioneer.com*).

• 1:30: Campus tours, led by current Uni students, will begin from the Upper Field. The Administration Building, Stivelman Theater, Amphitheater, gardens, The Springs and the new athletic facilities will be on the route. The Student Store will be open for anyone wishing to buy Uni-themed merchandise, which also helps fund school programs:

Baseball cap & gloves:	\$ 10	(On sale!)
Baseball cap (fitted)	15	(Blue or black)
Knit cap:	11	
Knit cap and pom-pon:	12	
Lanyard:	5	
P.E. class T-shirt:	11	(Blue: small and medium sizes only)
P.E. class T-shirt:	11 - 13	(White: \$11 for XL, \$12 for 2XL, \$13 for 3XL)
P.E. class shorts:	14	
Scarf:	12	
Sweatshirt (crewneck)	16	(Blue, orange or gray in varying sizes)
Sweatshirt (hooded)	30	(2XL and 3 XL sizes only)
Sweatpants:	16	
Tote bags:	6	(Limited supply)

 2:00: Welcome and State of the School address: A short program on the Upper Field, with a welcome and comments on Uni today by Principal Eric Davidson, as well as the Uni Hi Education Foundation.

The program will end by about 3 p.m. Parking will be available on the streets surrounding Uni, but there will also be limited on-campus parking in the small lot off Westgate Avenue

and on the two smaller lots on Barrington Avenue just north of Ohio Avenue. The lot at Barrington and Texas will not be available due to other uses that day.

Come and see Uni as it is today! We know you'll enjoy it.

**Elliott** Alper (EA90048@aol.com) asks about the event:

"I did not graduate at Uni; I graduated at Fairfax High School in 1974 after attending Emerson Jr. High before Fairfax. I'm wondering if the new track will be open for visitors so I can run around it. Also, I would like to take the tour of the school. Also, are cameras allowed?"

No problem, Elliott. The track will be open, but running on it will only be allowed for those with running shoes (vs. non-athletic footwear). Tours? You are absolutely welcome, and feel free to bring your camera!

## UNI ONLINE YEARBOOK PROJECT: NEXT UP ARE 1950 AND 1965!

▶ Thanks to everyone who has been checking out the first set of yearbooks now posted at the UHEF.org Web site (click *here*). This project is now getting ready for the second set of yearbooks to be posted.

In response to multiple requests, a process for bringing specific yearbooks online quickly has been created, called "Advanced Publication." For a donation to the UHEF of \$499 (the average cost of digitizing and posting a single yearbook), a specific year can be brought forward in the order and shown online more rapidly than normal.

With scanning of new yearbooks now underway, the next Chieftains to be posted will be 1950 and 1965, thanks to the support of two devoted Uni alumni: *Buddy Fischer* '50 and *Steve Sills* '65.

The Uni yearbooks already posted include 1925-26-27-38-42-66-67. Would you like to be the Class Presenter for any of these years?

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•	1950:	Buddy Fischer	•	1960:	Available	•	1970:	Available
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•	1955:	Available	•	1965:	Steve Sills	•	1975:	Available
•	1956:	Available	•	1966:	Available	•	1976:	Available
•	1957:	Available	•	1967:	Available	•	1977:	Available
•	1958:	Available	•	1968:	Available	•	1978:	Available
•	1959:	Available	•	1969:	Available	•	1979:	Available

If you would like to be the Class Presenter for any of these years (or others), please <u>click here</u> and in the space for "How are you affiliated with Uni?," please write "Class Presenter 19xx"

for the year which you want to support. Class Presenters receive two complimentary downloads of their year and Presenter status on the class page.

When you visit the UHEF.org <u>Yearbooks page</u>, you can click on any of the covers and browse any of the books now online. If you click the "Purchase" button below each cover, you'll be taken to another page with options for:

- (1) Buying a download (PDF) of that yearbook, for \$99, or
- (2) Buying a download (PDF) of that yearbook and adding a Dedication that will be shown on that page indefinitely, for \$149, or
- (3) Buying a download (PDF) of that yearbook and becoming a Presenter of that class yearbook (if available), shown on the top of the page indefinitely, for \$199.

Payments are taken by credit card through PayPal, but you don't have to have a PayPal account to use it. Questions? Send your inquiries to <u>Connect@UHEF.org</u> and we'll get back to you ASAP!

## DISNEY'S "HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL" TICKETS NOW ON SALE ONLINE!

▶ Uni's production of Disney's "High School Musical" is coming to Stivelman Theater on April 26-27-28-29 and tickets are now available online at <u>BrownPaperTickets.com</u>.

Uni's Director of Theater Arts, *Ronnie Sperling* '76 notes that "Disney's 'High School Musical' is our most ambitious production to date. Exciting choreography, a large cast, awesome sets, contemporary costumes, some modern lighting, and a surprise appearance by the Uni High Drumline will combine to make this Disney Channel classic come to life on our Stivelman Theater stage."

Supported by UCLA's Beyond the Bell program for the performing arts, performances are slated for the Stivelman Theater on campus (11800 Texas Avenue, Los Angeles):

(1) April 26	(Tuesday),	at 7:30 p.m.	Adults:	\$10	Students:	\$5
(2) April 27	(Wednesday)	at 3:30 p.m.		\$10		\$5
(3) April 28	(Thursday)	at 7:30 p.m.		\$10		\$5
(4) April 29	(Friday)	at 7:30 p.m.		\$10		\$5

Tickets may be purchased for all shows in advance at \$10 for adults and \$5 for students (with identification) via credit card <u>on this site</u>, or at the Uni Student Store or at the door (cash only). Online purchases carry a 99-cent fee plus a 3.5% charge for credit-card processing.

Parking is available on-campus in the Barrington Avenue or Westgate Avenue lots, not to mention the ample street parking around the Uni campus. The Stivelman Theater entrance is on Texas Avenue.

## ON CAMPUS

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# ▶ Uni teacher and librarian *Tascha Folsoi* has been among the leaders on campus in the outreach efforts to receive specific grants to enhance their efforts. Already in 2016, she has received three grants to help Uni:

"This year I received a grant from DonorsChoose for \$500.00. This was used to purchase biblotherapy books, or fiction books showing students dealing with a wide variety of tough emotional and societal issues and coming out stronger on the other end.

"I have also received another grant from DonorsChoose for \$475.00. This grant was used to purchase books featuring Latino characters.

"In addition, I received a grant from the United Talent Agency for 10 Chromebooks [laptop computers] to be used in a silent room off of our otherwise lively library."

Good work, Tascha! We've asked teachers who receive grants to share their successes with us so we can share them with our readers.

▶ Uni teacher *Kerri Eich* has also been active in the grant arena, obtaining significant funding to help support Uni's health and wellness programs:

"[W]e received \$10,000 in funding this [past] Fall from the Designing Futures Foundation arm of HMC Architects to teach Uni families and our local community about Aquaponics, Vermicompost, Power Plant Couples, and Seed to Skillet; focusing on how we can bring food to the front of our integrated daily living to create more sustainable, life-enhancing practices."

Eich notes that "\$5,500 of the funds will be used to develop curriculum and teach eight afterschool workshops for students and families.

"\$4,500 of the funds will be used to bring in EVO Farms experts to provide workshops to train teachers and students in managing and maintaining the nano-farm system."

The concept behind the grants is summarized in this excerpt from Eich's grant proposal:

"One of the biggest problems the world is facing is that people are losing touch of what is natural and healthy. The social, economic and political impact of something as basic as our food source and the conservation of water is something that affects us more each day. It is important to learn about the issues that we are facing and to equip students with not only that awareness, but also give them the tools of how to put it to practice. The students in the School of Health and Environmental Sciences learn about preventative health through sustainable lifestyles. Besides their academic work, the students also care for the school's food forest and cook meals from the fresh produce they have grown. The Board of Education approved a plan last year that emphasizes students planting gardens on school campuses that become 'outdoor classrooms.'

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#### "Goals outcomes and community need:

"As a team we would like to learn how we could equip our students with skills that can significantly change their health, how they feel, and how they live their lives. How do we help establish students' connection to their bodies, food and the environment? How can the students integrate this "connection" into their lifestyle and community? How can we engage students in real-life experiences that enhance their actions toward a healthier lifestyle? In order to answer our questions, our team has set two learning goals for our gardens that will then turn into themes for our curriculum.

#### "Goal #1: Nutrition and Food Preparation for Preventative Health:

"Some of our students have poor eating habits, which can be directly related to their socio-economic status, the lack of availability of places to buy fresh food in their neighborhoods, and poor family nutritional habits. Many of our students eat high-calorie diets, but are undernourished because they consume nutrient-poor foods. In the short term, this can lead to low energy and fatigue that can affect performance in school and other activities. The long-term effects are many, but two current serious effects for young people are obesity and diabetes. We want to focus our learning on how to prevent disease and other ailments instead of trying to 'fix' them after the fact. Students should not have to feel like their dinner choices are based on which restaurant has the best 'dollar' menu. We want students to walk away from our program with cheap, fast, fresh, and easy meal ideas, along with a better understanding of the body and what it needs to function well. When students learn to integrate healthy, low-cost recipes into their family's meals, it supports healthier eating at home, allowing them to contribute to their family, promoting confidence and self- esteem.

#### "Goal #2: Gardening and Growing Food for Sustaining Health:

"Our students currently tend to be disconnected from nature, affecting their respect for one another and the space they share in school. The process of growing food provides students with a clear and direct experience around where their food comes from and how their actions affect our world. Gardening is a meaningful experience that connects students to the earth, helping build self-respect and self-reliance. With this place based learning opportunity, students can also better connect to how they fit in and contribute to the greater good of our school. Students will not only get their own 'space' to garden at school, but will go home with many ideas for gardening and growing fresh food in their own spaces, whether small or large. If we can maximize the space we have to grow food and harvest seeds that we can share with others in sustenance kits, we can supporting our larger community in a real and meaningful way. Our students need more opportunities for experiences beyond the classroom that are positive and engaging, that empower them to make healthy changes in their lives in-turn encouraging changes in their families and communities. We feel our garden program will be a fun, hands-on way to provide this opportunity!

▶ Visual Arts department chair *Lynn Ishii* reports that senior *Alex Kim* placed fourth in the Visual Arts (photography) category in the Rotary International District 5280 "Pageant of the Arts" contest held on March 5.

"This is the first time in any category that a Uni student has placed at the district level," said Ishii. Although Kim did not win one of the cash prizes distributed to the first three place winners, his Honorable Mention finish is a Uni first!

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▶ Uni Spring sports report:

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• Boys/Baseball

3-4 overall

(0-0 Western League)

Uni coach Isaac Yoshinaga is entering his third season as coach of the Wildcats. His team compiled a 15-13 record (6-6 Western League) in 2014 and 9-18 (5-7) last year. Due to the renovation of the field and track, Uni's baseball team does not have an on-campus home and will again play its "home" games in 2016 at Venice High School.

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	6:30 p.m.		(Weste	rn League game, at Ve	enice HS)
Mar.	17	@ Hamilton	3:00 p.m.			rn League game)	
Mar.	30	@ Fairfax	3:00 p.m.		(Weste	rn League game)	
Apr.	01	Fairfax	3:00 p.m.		(Weste	rn League game, at Ve	enice HS)
Apr.	12	@ Palisades	3:00 p.m.			rn League game)	
Apr.	14	Palisades	3:00 p.m.		(Weste	rn League game, at Ve	enice HS)
Apr.	16	@ Roosevelt	5:00 p.m.		Tiger (	Classic, at East L.A. Co	ollege
Apr.	21	L.A. CES	3:00 p.m.		(Weste	rn League game, at Ve	enice HS)
Apr.	23	@ San Pedro	11:00 a.m.		Tiger (	Classic	
Apr.	26	Westchester	3:00 p.m.		(Weste	rn League game, at Ve	enice HS)
Apr.	28	@ Westchester	3:00 p.m.		(Weste	rn League game)	
Apr.	30	@ Sylmar	11:00 a.m.		Tiger (	Classic	
May	03	@ Venice	3:00 p.m.		(Weste	rn League game)	
May	05	Venice	3:00 p.m.		(Weste	rn League game, at Ve	enice HS)
Boys/	'Tenn	is	2-3 overall		(1-3 V	Vestern League)	
The U	Jni so	hedule (*=Wester	n League match):				
Feb.	24	San Pedro	Won, 6-1	Mar.	11	@ Hamilton*	no repor

Feb.	<b>24</b>	San Pedro	Won, 6-1	Mar.	11	@ Hamilton*	no report
Mar.	02	@ Westchester*	Won, 6-1	Mar.	14	Los Angeles CES	Lost, 5-2
Mar.	07	Venice*	Lost, 4-3	Apr.	04	Hamilton*	2:30 p.m.
Mar.	09	Palisades*	Lost, 7-0	Apr.	05	Westchester*	2:30 p.m.

• Boys/Volleyball

6-1 overall

(2-0 Western League)

The Uni schedule (\*=Western League match):

Feb.	24	San Pedro	Won, 3-0	Mar.	14	@ Westchester*	Won, 3-0
Mar.	04	@ West Adams	Won, 3-0	Mar.	16	Venice*	2:30 p.m.
Mar.	09	@ Fairfax*	Won, 3-0	Mar.	30	@ Hamilton*	2:30 p.m.
(Venice	e High I	Invitational)		Apr.	01	Palisades*	2:30 p.m.
Mar.	12	New West Charter	Won, 2-0	Apr.	04	Los Angeles CES*	2:30 p.m.
Mar.	12	Banning	Won, 2-0	Apr.	11	@ Fairfax*	2:30 p.m.
Mar.	12	Chatsworth	Lost, 2-0	Apr.	13	Westchester*	2:30 p.m.

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Apr. Apr.		@ Venice* @ Palisades*	2:30 p.m. 2:30 p.m.	Apr. Apr.	$\frac{25}{27}$	Hamilton* @ Los Angeles CES*	2:30 p.m. 2:30 p.m.
• Gir	ls/Softk	ball	0-3 overall		(0-1 V	Vestern League)	

Jason Tillet has taken over as Wildcats coach, and hopes to have his squad improve on last season's 2-14 mark. Uni's home games are played on-campus on the Upper Field (formerly known as the Girl's Field).

#### 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	3:00 p.m.	(Western League game)
Mar.	17	@ West Adams	3:00 p.m.	
Mar.	31	Palisades	3:00 p.m.	(Western League game)
Apr.	05	@ Los Angeles CES	3:00 p.m.	(Western League game)
Apr.	12	Venice	3:00 p.m.	(Western League game)
Apr.	14	@ Hamilton	3:00 p.m.	(Western League game)
Apr.	19	Fairfax	3:00 p.m.	(Western League game)
Apr.	26	@ Palisades	3:00 p.m.	(Western League game)
Apr.	28	Los Angeles CES	3:00 p.m.	(Western League game)
May	05	@ Venice	3:00 p.m.	(Western League game)

• Track & Field

Coach Kelly Aguda has the brand-new Mel Patton Track on which to hold home meets inside Kampmann Stadium for the first time in more than a decade. Initially scheduled to hold the first meet on March 11 vs. Dorsey, that match-up was replaced by a non-scoring practice meet vs. Fairfax and Los Angeles CES on March 10. So the new Uni track & field era is underway. Schedule:

		Boys:		Girls:	
Mar.	10	Fairfax & L.A. CES	non-scoring	Fairfax & L.A. CES	non-scoring
Mar.	16	San Pedro	2:30 p.m.	San Pedro	2:30 p.m.
Apr.	07	Venice	2:30 p.m.	Venice	2:30 p.m.
Apr.	14	Fairfax & Palisades	2:30 p.m.	Fairfax & Palisades	2:30 p.m.
Apr.	21	Westchester	2:30 p.m.	Westchester	2:30 p.m.
Apr.	28	Hamilton	2:30 p.m.	Hamilton	2:30 p.m.
May	05	Western League Prelims	2:30 p.m.	Western League Prelims	2:30 p.m.
May	12	Western League Finals	2:30 p.m.	Western League Finals	2:30 p.m.

Thanks to the new facilities, all of Uni's 2016 meets will be held at home, including the Western League prelims and finals in May! Admission to all Uni home meets (not including the Western League meets) is free.

## 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.

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Formal reunions and informal get-togethers get organized because one person decides it should happen and finds other classmates who feel the same way. Just decide that you're going to make it happen . . .

- ▶ Upcoming reunions that we know about include:
  - April 16, 2016: CLASSES OF 1966 At the Marina City Club, Marina del Rey Information: Neal Rein (sabersafety@yahoo.com) and/or Joyce (Gordon) Rangen (joyce.rangen@gmail.com). (Please *click here* for the event's Facebook page!) 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 (<u>lmward421@icloud.com</u>)
     Reservations and tickets: The Reunion Committee, at
     (661) 259-5999 or www.reunioncommittee.com
  - October, 2016 CLASS OF 1986 (Possible dates: October 1, 8 or 15 at a location to be announced) Information: Check <u>www.unihigh1986reunion.com</u> or contact Kathleen Cohen (<u>kathleencohen@mac.com</u>) or Beth Goldfarb (<u>bethgoldfarb@gmail.com</u>).

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

#### ▶ Patricia Flores '80 (patricia\_l\_flores@yahoo.com) asks:

"I was curious as to when our next class reunion is? Missing the thirtieth anniversary was quite upsetting. And I'm in hopes to make sure a notification is sent to me in the future."

We don't have any information about a Class of '80 program for this year; perhaps the next formal reunion will be in 2020 for your 40th anniversary. But that doesn't stop you and your classmates for having informal get-togethers before then! Let us know and we'll list it here!

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#### E 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 <u>Connect@UHEF.org</u> right away!

### If your class maintains a Web site or Facebook page, please send the address to <u>Connect@UHEF.org</u> and we'll add it to this list!

#### Class of 1965: Artesians & Peleans

- <u>http://uni65.com</u> or <u>https://unihi65.wordpress.com</u>
- To join the Class Facebook page, send an e-mail to <u>UniHi65@gmail.com</u>

Class of Winter 1961: New Yorkers

• <u>http://www.unihiw61.com</u>

## **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: <u>*Connect@UHEF.org.*</u>

▶ One of the easiest ways to donate to Uni is via the *Ralphs Rewards Card*. As part of its Community Contribution program, from 1-4% of monthly purchases made by members is sent to Uni, but only if you designate the school by linking it to your Rewards Card.

Have your card handy (you'll need the number on the back), go to the Ralphs <u>Community</u> <u>Contribution page</u> and either **register** or **sign in** (Questions answered <u>here</u>); Uni's code for the Ralphs program is **93275**.

- Your purchases on Amazon.com can also help Uni! Just go to the UHEF.org "Donate Now" page, scroll down and click on the Amazon logo to go to Amazon.com and your purchase will be credited toward rebates which go to support Uni!
- ▶ The Foundation, created by committed Uni administrators, alumni and parents in 1985, has raised 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 <u>clicking here</u>!

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## **UNI ALUMNI NOTEBOOK**

 Nikki Harmon '62 (<u>selamat.pagi95@gmail.com</u>) is producing a special fund-raising program for The Jane Goodall Institute, to be held at the Odyssey Theatre in Los Angeles on April 4 at 7:30 p.m. The Saving Endangered Species International Playwriting Prize (<u>www.sesprize.com</u>) is presenting a 99-minute show incorporating ten separate short plays, by 10 different playwrights. Writes Harmon:

"What we're trying to do is get people talking about and doing something about saving our endangered species. After the staged reading there's going to be a Talk/Q&A by a Jane Goodall Institute staff member and a dessert reception so that everyone can get together and talk to each other and share ideas. The plays are comedy, drama, satire, fantasy and poetry so there'll be wide range of ways to introduce the audience to the animals. We're also going to be joined by two of the playwrights. Lilac Yosiphon, from England and Goodenough Mashego from South Africa who are both flying in for the event."

For more information on how to attend, please visit <u>my.janegoodall.org/sesprize</u>.

▶ Natalie Hall '59 (<u>NGHall2000@aol.com</u>) writes:

"A classmate just passed along an obit of Barbara Bitting Kollmeyer, Castilians '59 class at Uni, who suffered from Huntington's disease. Barbara died January 20, 2016, at her home in Nevada City, California. She was 74."

▶ Sad news from *Phyllis Cheng* '70 (*phyllischeng@netscape.net*):

"Please report that Ms. Kay Boukas, former UniHi dance and P.E. teacher, and Girls' League Sponsor, passed away on February 3, 2016 at age 80 from cancer. Thank you."

Our condolences to family, friends and students on the loss of these members of the Warriors & Wildcats family.

## **SIXTH PERIOD BELL**

- ▶ Amazing to remember the costs of buildings in Los Angeles when the city was in one of its growth phases. From the *Pacific Coast Architectural Database*, the history of the original school district project that became University High School:
  - Designers: Russell and Alpaugh, Architects (firm); Norman Walton Alpaugh (architect); Clarence H. Russell (architect).
  - Dates: Constructed 1923-1924.

Los Angeles architectural firm of Russell and Alpaugh drew up plans for the \$350,000 high school that contained an auditorium, gym, cafeteria, industrial arts room, and 24 classrooms in 07/1923.

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The name was changed from Warren G. Harding High School to University High School just after the University of California, Los Angeles Campus moved to Westwood from East Hollywood in 1927-1929. By 1929, Warren Harding's name had been discredited by Teapot Dome and other scandals during his administration. He was not seen as a proper role model for young people by this time. According to the high school's web site, the name "University" was selected "... because it became a site where teachers-in-training from nearby UCLA worked as assistant teachers."

Early notices referred to the high school as the "Sawtelle High School." Two stories high, the brick school shared its Italian Romanesque styling with nearby UCLA which was being planned at about the same time.

The school's auditorium and gymnasium were condemned and torn down following damage caused by the 2/09/1971 Sylmar Earthquake. A gymnasium was reconstructed in the early 1980s. In c. 2010, the Music Building and West Gymnasium were also to be demolished because they rested directly on a fault line, which violated building codes for schools.

Uni's original plan included the Administration Building, auditorium and gymnasium along Westgate Avenue and the fields and springs which extended to Barrington Avenue. The Classroom Building was added much later, along with countless bungalows.

The original auditorium was red-tagged and closed soon after the Sylmar earthquake. The original gymnasium stood until 1978 or so, with a new facility rebuilt on the same site. The current gym, on the south side of campus, opened in 2011.

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