



Warriors & Wildcats Report

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UHEF 2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan. 11	Start of the second semester	
Apr. 16	Spring Clean-Up Day	<u>Volunteer opportunity</u>
Apr. 26-29	“Disney’s High School Musical”	Stivelman Theater
May tba	Unveiling of naming plaques for Richard Kampmann Stadium and Mel Patton Track	On campus
May tba	All-Classes Picnic & Car Show	On campus

AUDITIONS START FOR “DISNEY’S HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL” SHOW

- ☐ The unstoppable Uni Theatre Arts team, fresh off the success of "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown," is readying its spring spectacular, "Disney's High School Musical."

Theatre Arts chief **Ronnie Sperling** ‘76 sent us a note, with the first step: auditions.

“Exciting news! The University High Spring Musical is Disney's High School Musical.

“Auditions are Tuesday, January 19th and Wednesday, January 20th. Callbacks are Thursday, January 21st. The auditions will be held in Stivelman Theater from 3:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Please be on time and expect to stay the entire time on either day!

“No need to prepare anything. Wear comfortable clothes: you will be asked to move. ALL roles are available. Looking for all types. No previous theatre experience necessary! Come ready to show us your fun side.

“Especially looking for: cheerleaders, male basketball players, male and female gymnasts, and real athletes of any kind.”

You can check out the full auditions notice and a list of the extensive cast roles [here](#).

The show is set for April 26-29 at the Stivelman Theater; ticket information will be available soon and ticket sales will be available online. Uni's Theatre Arts program is sponsored in part by UCLA AfterSchool.

RESEARCH REPORT: UNI API UP 25.5% FROM 2000 TO 2013

Uni's student body has changed dramatically over the years, as has the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD). In recent years, new measures have been introduced to try and quantify student performance at each LAUSD school, one of which has been the state-wide Academic Performance Index (API).

This measure is a score on a scale of 200 to 1000 that annually measures the academic performance and progress of individual schools in California. On an interim basis, the state has set 800 as the API score that schools should strive to meet.

The general view within the Uni family has been that academic performance has improved in recent years, and in fact, it has:

• 2000: 595	• 2005: 648	• 2010: 682
• 2001: 564	• 2006: 636	• 2011: 718
• 2002: 587	• 2007: 638	• 2012: 750
• 2003: not compiled	• 2008: 659	• 2013: 747
• 2004: 632	• 2009: 671	

Uni hasn't reached 800 yet, but has made substantial progress since the low point of 564 in 2001, raising its score by 32.4% since that year in 2013 and 25.5% since 2000. That's to be commended.

To dig into the data further, please [click here](#) to be linked to the LAUSD information site. The State Board of Education determined that API scores for 2014 would not be compiled (explained in this [link](#)). The next set of scores will be for 2015 and available in spring 2016.

UNI YEARBOOKS COMING TO UHEF.ORG BEGINNING IN JANUARY, 2016

☐ The Uni yearbook project is well underway, with the functionality of the first eight yearbooks

continuing in the testing stage. Once opened, readers will be able to do much more than simply see their yearbook online:

- Each class year (and yearbook) will have a separate page, on which the yearbook can be viewed, page-by-page, in two-page spread, just as you would view it in print.
- Readers can also purchase a PDF copy of any yearbook, via download, for a fee. Proceeds from these sales will go back into the yearbook project, to help digitize more years.
- At the top of each class/yearbook page will be opportunities for sponsorship, and for dedications (there will be a fee for these options), to be shown at the top of the page.
- Below each yearbook's page view will be a space for comments – “*Class Chatter*” – which will allow you to post messages that can be viewed by all readers of that class page. This is a free service that can help class members informed of events, get-togethers, reunions and personal updates!

The first yearbooks to be posted will be 1924 (as Wilson Junior High School, on what became the Harding and Uni site!), 1925, 1926, 1927, 1938, 1942, 1966 and 1967. These yearbooks will be available online late in January 2016. Yearbooks will generally be posted from the older years forward, owing to their aging condition.

Individuals or classes who wish to “jump the line” will be able to do so upon request by pre-payment of the cost of digitizing and presenting their yearbook. Look for more details on this aspect (we're not ready with a price yet) once the first yearbooks are posted.

ON CAMPUS

- ▣ **Ethan Keogh** (ethankeogh@gmail.com) reports on Uni's revitalized Speech and Debate Team:

*“The December 9 invitation at Cal State Fullerton was a last-minute add for us. We had two students attend: **Hannah Grace Smith** and **Pradeep Muthu**. Both competed in Oratorical Interpretation, and Pradeep in Impromptu Speaking as well. Competition was tough as their were teams from attending from all over the state. Both our kids scored well overall and Pradeep made it to semi-finals with his speech on “Redefining Happiness and Success.”*

“Next up, we have a local league tournament on the 30th, then on to State Qualifier in Torrance over February 19-20. It looks like we'll be taking a team of 4-7 kids to the Qualifier, with our team competing in Dramatic Interpretation, Oratorical Interpretation, Impromptu speaking, and Original Oratory.”

Best of luck to the team: your success speaks so well of Uni (*pun intended*)!

▣ Uni Winter sports report: *Follow the Wildcats on Twitter: [@Utownsports](https://twitter.com/Utownsports)*

- Boys/Basketball 12-7 overall (1-1 Western League)

Despite a Western League-opening loss to Venice, Uni completed its opening League homestand with a satisfying 63-57 win over Palisades. Coach **Steve Ackerman** ('89) saw his Wildcats outscore the Dolphins, 26-20, in the final quarter to earn the victory. Junior wing **Gabe Okmin** led Uni with 18 points, while junior guard **Jude Agbasi** had 17.

For the season, Okmin averages 17.1 points per game, just ahead of Agbasi's 16.8 and senior guard **Adam Chaarawi** at 9.4. Agbasi and junior wing **Kevin Javier** share the rebounding lead at 8.0 per game apiece.

Uni's 2015-16 schedule:

Nov. 23	Wilson	Won, 62-53	El Monte Tournament
Nov. 25	Hoover	Won, 87-56	El Monte Tournament
Nov. 27	Workman	Won, 68-52	El Monte Tournament
Nov. 28	St. John Bosco	Lost, 68-52	El Monte Tournament
Nov. 30	Crossroads	Lost, 81-74	St. Monica Tournament
Dec. 01	La Salle	Lost, 67-51	St. Monica Tournament
Dec. 02	Santa Monica	Lost, 62-19	St. Monica Tournament
Dec. 03	St. Monica	Won, 51-47	St. Monica Tournament
Dec. 07	New Designs		
	University Park	Won, 100-41	Jim Nakabara Classic @ Uni
Dec. 09	Marshall	Won, 60-39	Jim Nakabara Classic @ Uni
Dec. 10	Buckley	Won, 54-27	Jim Nakabara Classic @ Uni
Dec. 11	Bernstein	Won, 83-73	Jim Nakabara Classic @ Uni
Jan. 02	Saugus	Lost, 77-64	Clash at the Canyons Showcase
Jan. 04	North Hollywood	Lost, 65-61	JFK Cougar Classic
Jan. 05	Van Nuys	Won, 82-76	JFK Cougar Classic
Jan. 06	Gardena	Won, 50-48	JFK Cougar Classic
Jan. 07	Verdugo Hills	Won, 68-46	JFK Cougar Classic
Jan. 11	Venice	Lost, 67-42	(Western League Game)
Jan. 13	Palisades	Won, 63-57	(Western League Game)
Jan. 15	@ Fairfax	6:30 p.m.	(Western League Game)
Jan. 18	Trinity Classical Acad.	10:30 a.m.	Dr. M.L. King, Jr. Showcase @ L.A. CES
Jan. 20	@ Westchester	5:30 p.m.	(Western League Game)
Jan. 22	Hamilton	4:00 p.m.	(Western League Game)
Jan. 25	@ L.A. CES	5:30 p.m.	(Western League Game)
Jan. 29	@ Venice	6:30 p.m.	(Western League Game)
Feb. 01	@ Palisades	5:30 p.m.	(Western League Game)
Feb. 03	Fairfax	5:30 p.m.	(Western League Game)
Feb. 05	Westchester	5:30 p.m.	(Western League Game)
Feb. 10	L.A. CES	5:30 p.m.	(Western League Game)
Feb. 12	Hamilton	tbd	(Western League Game)

- Boys/Soccer 1-4-1 overall (0-2-1 Western League)

The Uni schedule (*=Western League match):

Dec. 02	@ Van Nuys	Lost, 2-1	Dec. 09	L.A. CES*	Lost, 2-1
Dec. 04	San Pedro	Lost, 1-0	Jan. 11	@ Palisades	Tie, 1-1
Dec. 07	Los Angeles	Won, 4-1	Jan. 13	Hamilton	Lost, 4-1

Jan. 20	@ Fairfax	2:30 p.m.	Feb. 03	Palisades	2:30 p.m.
Jan. 22	Venice	2:30 p.m.	Feb. 05	@ Hamilton	2:30 p.m.
Jan. 25	@ L.A. CES	2:30 p.m.	Feb. 10	@ Westchester	2:30 p.m.
Jan. 29	@ Venice	2:30 p.m.	Feb. 12	Fairfax	2:30 p.m.

- Girls/Basketball 6-6 overall

The Wildcats opened Western League play with two tough losses, but come start a six-game league homestand with Fairfax on January 15. We'd love to provide more highlights, but no game statistics are available from any of Uni's games.

Uni's 2015-16 schedule:

Nov. 23	King/Drew	Won, 48-27	Carson Classic
Nov. 24	Compton	Won, 52-27	Carson Classic
Nov. 27	South Gate	Won, 37-34	Carson Classic
Nov. 28	Carson	Lost, 51-22	Carson Classic
Dec. 14	Taft	Lost, 37-21	
Dec. 18	@Cleveland	Won, 56-30	
Jan. 05	Price	Lost, 36-46	Fairfax City Classic
Jan. 06	Roosevelt	Won, 50-10	Fairfax City Classic
Jan. 07	Middle College	Lost, 57-42	Fairfax City Classic
Jan. 08	Dorsey	Won, 74-21	Fairfax City College
Jan. 11	@ Venice	Lost, 62-57	(Western League Game)
Jan. 13	@ Palisades	Lost, 78-36	(Western League Game)
Jan. 15	Fairfax	5:00 p.m.	(Western League Game)
Jan. 16	Marlborough	4:30 p.m.	Dr. M.L. King, Jr. Showcase @ Trade Tech
Jan. 20	Westchester	4:30 p.m.	(Western League Game)
Jan. 22	Hamilton	5:00 p.m.	(Western League Game)
Jan. 25	L.A. CES	4:30 p.m.	(Western League Game)
Jan. 29	Venice	5:00 p.m.	(Western League Game)
Feb. 01	Palisades	4:30 p.m.	(Western League Game)
Feb. 03	@ Fairfax	4:30 p.m.	(Western League Game)
Feb. 05	@ Westchester	5:00 p.m.	(Western League Game)
Feb. 10	@ L.A. CES	4:30 p.m.	(Western League Game)
Feb. 12	Hamilton	5:00 p.m.	(Western League Game)

- Girls/Soccer 0-3-1 overall (0-3 Western League)

The Uni schedule (*=Western League matches):

Dec. 02	Van Nuys	Tie, 2-2	Jan. 25	L.A. CES*	2:30 p.m.
Dec. 09	@ L.A. CES*	Lost, 2-0	Jan. 29	Venice*	2:30 p.m.
Jan. 11	Palisades*	Lost, 8-0	Feb. 03	@ Palisades*	2:30 p.m.
Jan. 13	@ Hamilton*	Lost, 2-0	Feb. 05	Hamilton*	2:30 p.m.
Jan. 20	Fairfax*	2:30 p.m.	Feb. 10	Westchester*	2:30 p.m.
Jan. 22	@ Venice*	2:30 p.m.	Feb. 12	@ Fairfax*	2:30 p.m.

REUNIONS

▣ We're asked constantly about whether reunions of specific classes are happening. If they aren't listed below, we don't know about them, but are happy to list the information as soon as supplied to us.

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

▣ Upcoming reunions that we know about include:

- 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 (lmward421@icloud.com)
Reservations and tickets: The Reunion Committee, at (661) 259-5999 or www.reunioncommittee.com

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

▣ ***Classes of 1986 and 1996, are you holding 30-year and 20-year reunions in 2016?***

The Foundation can provide some help in locating classmates, if we have them as part of our database of 14,000+ addresses (online and postal). If you're out there and want to know more, contact UHEF Co-President **Ivan Finkle** '50 via connect@UHEF.org right away!

*If your class maintains a [Web site](#) or [Facebook page](#),
please send the address to Connect@UHEF.org
and we'll add it to this list!*

Class of 1965: Artesians & Peleans

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

Class of Winter 1961: New Yorkers

- <http://www.unihiw61.com>

UNI HI EDUCATION FOUNDATION NEWS

If you're reading this and didn't get your own copy of the 20-page, 2015 Annual Newsletter, it's easy. Just let the Foundation know where you are! It's easy to join in: everyone who makes a donation of any amount is a full member for a year. [Click here now](#) to join us!

- ▣ 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.

- ▣ 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 [Community Contribution page](#) and either **register** or **sign in** (Questions answered [here](#)); 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 \$800,000 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

- ▣ A very happy birthday to Uni's legendary coach **Dick Kampmann**, who turned 91 on January 13. Uni's new field and track were dedicated as "*Richard Kampmann Stadium*" in the fall and a special tribute to Coach K and Uni's greatest athlete – **Mel Patton** '43, for whom the track has been named – will be held in the spring.

- ▣ A 1940s Emerson Junior High School and Uni memory from **Bob Seltzer** '44 (laseltz@aol.com):

"Recall before [school started at] Emerson – we used to play at the “haunted house” where the Mormon Temple is [today].

“Also recall [that] we [Uni] had nearly 100% enlistment [for service in World War II].”

The Mormon Temple adjacent to Emerson, fronting on Santa Monica Boulevard, was completed in 1956. Emerson originally opened in 1935.

- ▣ From **Dr. Mal Stock** '50 (stockhome@starstream.net), remembering his transition between Venice and Uni:

“I checked out of Venice High School, and would be enrolling in University on the next school day in 1948. By mere coincidence, the two schools were playing that night or the next, for the LAUSD basketball championship. I was in a quandary as to which team to support, my old school or what would become my new one next Monday.

“The championship game was a barn-burner. As the clock was winding down, with Venice holding a one-point lead, Jerry Marvin Jr., the son of legendary basketball and tennis coach Jerry Marvin Sr., put up a left-handed baseline shot that from all appearances went in as the game-winner for University. But then some reverse rotation kicked in, and the ball spun back out. Scant seconds later, time expired [Venice won with a final score of 27-25].

“On the next school day I was in physics class seated next to our basketball captain, Barry Porter. He became our captain because forever after, UniHi was the home team, and I was no longer in a quandary as to where to place my loyalties. I liked Venice, but University was extra special.”

- ▣ From **James Johnson** S '65 (jim.johnson7253@yahoo.com):

“A few years ago I attended a car show, and for the first time the gate to Serra Springs was open. When I was at UNI that whole site was locked, fenced and lined with thick trees. Is there any recent activity at the site? I was fascinated to see what was there and hear some history, from a lady that was working at the springs.

“Also is there any marching band left? I played trumpet in concert band and marching band for all three years at UNI.”

James, we can confirm there's still a marching band at Uni, although smaller than in your day. As to the springs, we'll have to gather more information for you.

- ▣ Congratulations to Dr. **Ann Karagozian** '74, a longtime professor of mechanical and aerospace engineering and former chair of the UCLA Academic Senate, was named as UCLA's Interim Vice Chancellor for Research on January 11, effective immediately.

Karagozian, who joined the faculty in 1982, heads UCLA's Energy and Propulsion Research Laboratory in the Henry Samueli School of Engineering and Applied Science. She also is director of the Collaborative Center for Aerospace Sciences, a joint venture of the Air Force Research Laboratory and UCLA. She served as chair of the UCLA Academic Senate during the 2010-11 academic year.

Ann received a Ph.D. and master of science degree in mechanical engineering from the California Institute of Technology and a bachelor of science degree in engineering from UCLA.

SIXTH PERIOD BELL

- ▣ We've had lots of requests for class names by decade. We previously ran the names from the 1930s-40-50s, so with thanks to UHEF Co-President **Judy Wolfenstein**, here are the 1960s:

W '60: <i>Elysians</i>	S '60: <i>Caribbeans</i>	W '65: <i>Artesians</i>	S '65: <i>Peleans</i>
W '61: <i>New Yorkers</i>	S '61: <i>Islanders</i>	W '66: <i>Valcisians</i>	S '66: <i>Delphians</i>
W '62: <i>Mardarins</i>	S '62: <i>Achaens</i>	W '67: <i>Milesians</i>	S '67: <i>Myridons</i>
W '63: <i>Sundowners</i>	S '63: <i>Danaans</i>	W '68: <i>Salisians</i>	S '68: <i>Saroyans</i>
W '64: <i>Thalians</i>	S '64: <i>Prometheans</i>	W '69: <i>Taishans</i>	S '69: <i>Phaethions</i>

We'll have more next issue! Interestingly, class names apparently stopped after the Class of 1981. If you graduated in 1982 or later and had a Class name, please send it to us!

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