



Warriors & Wildcats Report

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UHEF 2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Apr. 16	Spring Clean-Up Day	8:00 a.m.	<u>Volunteer opportunity</u>
Apr. 26-29	“Disney’s High School Musical”	Varies	Stivelman Theater
May 15	Luncheon honoring the naming of Kampmann Stadium and Patton Track	11:30 a.m.	South Gymnasium
May 15	All-Classes Picnic & Car Show	11:00 a.m.	Upper Field
Jun. 10	Graduation Day		Kampmann Stadium

HELP UNI LOOK BEAUTIFUL AT SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY ON APRIL 16

- ▣ Uni’s semi-annual “spring cleaning” is set for Saturday, April 16 and you can help make the campus more beautiful by lending a hand on “Spring Clean-Up Day.”

No need for fancy sign-ups or registration. Just get on your work clothes and come ready to help on April 16 at 8 a.m. The starting point will be The Grove area on the Uni campus, with work details to be assigned from that point as needed on the campus.

Thanks in advance for helping to make Uni shine!

It's Back! The Uni Hi All-Alumni Picnic & Car Show

May 15, 2016 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

11800 Texas Avenue, L.A. 90025

Cars
Cars
Cars

Food
Fun
Friends

- ✓ All-Alumni Picnic
- ✓ 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

Questions?

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ALL-CLASSES PICNIC & CAR SHOW RETURNS 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! 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 sabersafety@yahoo.com. Neal reports:

"We will be having a nice selection of cars. Some very nice older hot rods from the '50s as well as from the mid '60s. Some of these have been featured in magazines. There will also be some newer exotic cars such as a very rare 911 Porsche.

"Included in the mix are some super nice '57 Chevys, a '59 Cadillac, a beautiful Candy Apple Red '55 Ford, and a totally restored '60s VW. Of course some '65-66 Mustangs, some motorcycles and maybe some Model A and Model T Fords. The show is open to anyone but we are trying to get as many Uni alums with cars to be there. It should be a lot of fun and it's free!"

- 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:

- = 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)!

The plaques marking the facilities in honor of Kampmann, Patton and Uni's first principal, **Angus Cavanaugh** (for whom the field is named), will be unveiled.

This event will be catered by Dearmore's BBQ Catering, featuring tri-tip beef and barbeque chicken, salad, chili beans and dessert. Tickets are \$45 per person through April 30, then \$60 from May 1-10 and \$75 thereafter (if available). No tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets may only be purchased online at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2533630.

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 (S or M):	11	(Blue)
P.E. class T-shirt (XL):	11	(White)
P.E. class T-shirt (XXL):	12	
P.E. class T-shirt (XXXL):	13	
P.E. class shorts:	14	
Scarf:	12	
Sweatshirt (crewneck)	16	(Blue, orange or gray in varying sizes)
Sweatshirt (hooded)	30	(XXL and XXXL sizes only)
Sweatpants:	16	
Tote bags:	6	(Limited supply)

Georgina Rivas '89 (ginarivas@verizon.net) writes and asks:

"I sometimes get e-mails with offers to purchase Uni merchandise, which I have!!! But now that I want to purchase some new alumni stuff, I haven't received an e-mail. Is there a direct web link?? Can't find anything on the school Website. Thanks; would like to get some items before the car show in May."

Unfortunately, Uni is not allowed to sell its apparel and souvenir items online (yes, hard to believe, but true). So you'll either have to wait until May 15, or head over to campus earlier so that you'll be outfitted before the All-Alumni Picnic & Car Show starts!

- 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.

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 |
| • 1951: Available | • 1961: Available | • 1971: Available |
| • 1952: Available | • 1962: Available | • 1972: Available |
| • 1953: Available | • 1963: Available | • 1973: Available |
| • 1954: Available | • 1964: Available | • 1974: Available |
| • 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 [click here](#) 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 [Yearbooks page](#), 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 Connect@UHEF.org 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 BrownPaperTickets.com.

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 [on this site](#), 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

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

- Boys/Baseball 4-5 overall (1-1 Western League)

Coach Isaac Yoshinaga's Wildcats opened Western League play with a split of their opening series with Hamilton. 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.

Uni's 2016 schedule:

Feb. 27	Verdugo Hills	Won, 2-1	SoCal Invitational
Mar. 01	Hueneme	Won, 15-0	SoCal Invitational

Mar.	10	Hamilton	Lost, 15-0	(Western League game)
Mar.	15	@ Fairfax	Lost, 7-5	(Western League game)
Mar.	17	@ West Adams	Won, 14-7	
Mar.	31	Palisades	Lost, 26-3	(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. Schedule:

<i>Boys:</i>			<i>Girls:</i>		
Mar.	10	Fairfax & L.A. CES	non-scoring	Fairfax & L.A. CES	non-scoring
Mar.	16	San Pedro	Won, 57-43	San Pedro	Lost, 54-42
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.

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
- October 1, 2016 CLASS OF 1986
At the Marina del Rey Marriott, Marina del Rey
Information: www.unihigh1986reunion.com or contact **Kathleen Cohen** (kathleencohen@mac.com) or **Beth Goldfarb** (bethgoldfarb@gmail.com).
Reservations and tickets: For tickets, please visit <https://mdnproductions.webconnex.com/unireunion1986>

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

▣ **Susan (Hinchcliff) Sterner** '60 (susan1217@aol.com) writes:

"As far as you know, did my class choose not to have a reunion in 2015 or was I just unaware of it? I see the class of 1961 is arranging theirs. Wonder if they intend to fold in 1960?"

Susan, we had no information on a 55-year get-together for the Class of 1960. As to joining with the Class of '61 New Yorkers, send a note to the class contact listed above (**Joan Kline Redlich**) and ask to join the fun!

▣ **Kristina Johnson** '86 (krisdave@dslextreme.com) asks: *"I'm wondering if you have any information as to if the Class of 1986 will be having a 30 year reunion?"*

YES! Check out the details above, or visit the reunion Website:

<http://www.unihigh1986reunion.com/>

Tickets are on sale now, and are discounted to \$99 until May 22. The price goes up in stages

to \$149 at the door ... if available! Don't miss a fun evening on the rooftop of the Marina del Rey Marriott on October 1! And courtesy of the Class of '86, how about this memory of the former Uni mascot:



▣ *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 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.unihw61.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.

- ▶ 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 \$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 [clicking here!](#)

UNI ALUMNI NOTEBOOK

- ▶ **Dan Baizer '68** (danjo794@sbcglobal.net) asks: "*Is there a list of graduates available?*"

Unfortunately, no; Uni's on-campus records only go back 10 years. This is one of the reasons that the UHEF is digitizing all of the Uni yearbooks in order to provide this kind of information online.

- ▶ Sad news of the loss of another Warrior: **Frank Sinatra, Jr.** (1944-2016) on March 16. He was 72. Believed to be of the Uni Class of 1962, the Associated Press obituary [noted](#):

"Sinatra Jr. followed his father into music as a teenager, eventually working for the senior Sinatra as his musical director and conductor. ...

"Sinatra Jr. was able to provide a link to his father's music after his death, performing his songs and arrangements on tours and especially in Las Vegas.

"Since my father's death, a lot of people have made it clear that they're not ready to give up the music," Sinatra Jr. said in the 2002 AP interview. "For me, it's a big, fat gift. I get to sing with a big orchestra and get to sing orchestrations that will never be old."

The AP report also remembered that "When Sinatra Jr. was 19 in 1963, three men kidnapped him at gunpoint from a Lake Tahoe hotel. He was returned safely after two days when his family paid \$240,000 for his release." The mastermind was **Barry Keenan**, a Uni classmate of Sinatra Jr.'s older sister, Nancy. Keenan was convicted and sentenced to life plus 75 years in prison, but was declared legally insane at the time of the crime, had his sentence reduced and was paroled in 1968 after serving 4 1/2 years.

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

- ▣ Congratulations to a former Uni star athlete who won another U.S. national championship in track & field: **Barbara Nwaba** '07.

After becoming the U.S. Heptathlon champ in 2015 and competing for the United States in the IAAF World Track & Field Championships last summer in Beijing, China, she won the U.S. indoor Pentathlon title in Crete, Nebraska on February 26-27 with 4,415 points. Her marks included:

- 8.62 in the 60 m Hurdles;
- 6-0 in the High Jump;
- 46-1 1/2 in the Shot Put;
- 18-4 1/2 in the Long Jump, and
- 2:15.85 in the 800 m.

The UC Santa Barbara graduate qualified to represent the U.S. in the IAAF World Indoor Championships in Portland, Oregon on March 18 and performed marvelously, setting a new personal best of 4,661 to place fourth, her best finish ever in an international championship. Her marks:

- 8.43 in the 60 m Hurdles;
- 5-11 1/2 in the High Jump;
- 49-2 1/2 in the Shot Put;
- 19-2 in the Long Jump, and
- 2:10.07 in the 800 m.

Her score makes her the sixth-best American ever in the indoor pentathlon, and she finished just 109 points short of the bronze medal. A great performance which portends well for her chances to make the U.S. Olympic Team this summer and participate in the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil!

SIXTH PERIOD BELL

- ▣ **Carol Cherman** '66 (Carol.Cherman@CohnReznick.com) has strong opinions about the L.A. Unified School District-mandated change of the Uni mascot from Warriors to (eventually) Wildcats in 1998. She writes:

“Every other year the [Erma Bombeck Writing Competition](#) is held. You can enter in the category of humor or human interest. I submitted an entry in the humor category this year. I did NOT win or get honorable mention but, since the newsletter you just sent out mentions Warren G. Harding, and my entry alludes to him and, because my class (S'66) is having its reunion next month, I thought I'd send you what I wrote.”

Her February 2016 entry follows (Who was Erma Bombeck? [Click here!](#))

I rode on a bus with an Indian. Well, a fake Indian, anyway.

My high school was built on an Indian site in the 1920s, so it makes sense that we were called the Warriors and our mascot was an Indian chief. Of course, these days you can't be the Warriors and your mascot can't be an Indian, even if your school is located on a legitimate Indian site. So, years later, the Warriors became the Wildcats. What? That's not even a real kind of cat.

My boyfriend was our mascot, so he was at every football game. When we stayed after school to attend home games, we left too late to catch the regular school bus home and had to ride the public bus. People stared. They weren't used to seeing an Indian in full garb on public transportation. They probably would have expected him to ride a pinto, but Ford didn't begin making those until 1971, and we were out of high school by then. I don't know if his tomahawk made anyone nervous. It would now, of course.

The school was originally named after a slightly dead president with a declining reputation, so the name was eventually changed. Today our presidents don't have to be dead to have their reputations sullied. In fact, they start before they're even elected.

High school wasn't the best time of my life, but nostalgia has a way of setting in as the years pass, so I plan to attend my upcoming class reunion. I have no idea what to wear. Pants to cover the varicose veins? Long sleeves to disguise my flapping upper arms? A layered top to camouflage a pooched stomach? Gloves, so my old lady hands don't show? A mask to hide the fact that I haven't had my face nipped and tucked? Well, at least no one can lie about their age.

My long-ago boyfriend will be there with his wife. I hope she's able to find a buckskin dress, because I think I know what he'll be wearing.

*Contribute your comments, ideas and news to the **Warriors & Wildcats Report!***

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