



## Warriors & Wildcats Report

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## **UHEF 2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Apr.	16	Spring Clean-Up Day	8:00 a.m.	Volunteer opportunity
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

# FOUR BIG EVENTS COMING UP AT UNI: TIME TO COME BACK TO CAMPUS!

▶ If you haven't been back to Uni in a while, now is the time to plan your trip to the intersection of Texas and Westgate!

Over the next months, four major events will be held, each of which is an opportunity to come back to campus and see the Uni of today:

• Spring Clean-up Day: April 16, at The Grove

• Disney's "High School Musical:" April 26-29, at the Stivelman Theater

• All-Classes Picnic and Car Show: May 15, on the Upper Field

• Kampmann Field & Patton Track luncheon: May 15, in the South Gym

Which events are you planning to attend?

#### SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY

#### 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.

#### DISNEY'S "HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL"

Uni's Director of Theater Arts, *Ronnie Sperling* '76 is excited about this show!

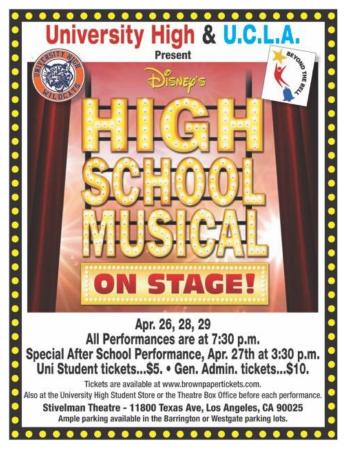
"Disney's 'High School Musical' is our most ambitious production to date," he notes.

"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, four performances are slated for the Stivelman Theater (entrance on Texas Avenue):

(1) April 26 (Tuesday)
(2) April 27 (Wednesday)
(3) April 28 (Thursday)
(4) April 29 (Friday)
(5) All performances dedicated to Dick Agbabian: please see p. 4.

#### April 26-27-28-29



Tickets may be purchased for all shows in advance at <u>BrownPaperTickets.com</u>: \$10 for adults and \$5 for students (with identification) via credit card, 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.

#### • ALL-CLASSES PICNIC AND CAR SHOW

#### May 15

Back by popular demand after a three-year hiatus due to on-campus construction, the Uni Hi Education Foundation presents the Uni All-Classes Picnic and Car Show!

The program will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and admission is free. Check out:

- Uni's marvelous new AstroTurf football field and all-weather Rekortan running track.
- = (11 a.m.) A bevy of collector's car on the Upper Field, coordinated by *Neal Rein* '66 (*sabersafety@yahoo.com*). He reports commitments for "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 a.m.) Concessions and music familiar to Uni grads from the '50s until today, on the Upper Field.
- The Uni Hi All-Alumni It's Back! Pienic & Car Show May 15, 2016 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. 11800 Texas Avenue, L.A. 90025 All-Alumni Picn Guided Campus Food Available For Information contact Neal Rein at: Car Show Sabersafety@Yahoo.com Luncheon Celebrating Naming of "Kampmann Stadium" & "Patton Track" For Luncheon Ticket Information Contact Rich Perelman rperelman@perelman-pioneer.com Questions? Email us at: Connect@UHEF.org Or, visit at:UHEF.org
- = (1:30 p.m.) Campus tours, led by current Uni students, beginning from the Upper Field. The Administration Building (and Student Store), Stivelman Theater, Amphitheater, gardens, The Springs and the new athletic facilities will be on the route.
- = (2:00 p.m.) State of the School comments from Uni Principal *Eric Davidson*, on the Upper Field and an introduction to the important work of the Uni Hi Education Foundation.

The entire 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.

• LUNCHEON COMMEMORATING THE DEDICATION May 15 OF KAMPMANN STADIUM AND PATTON TRACK

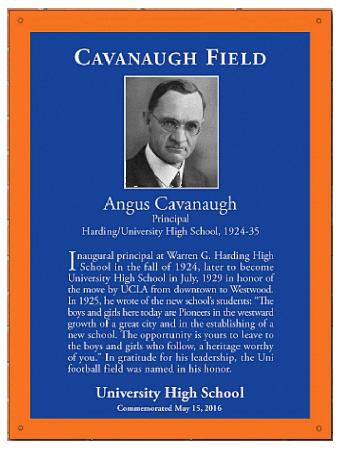
A special luncheon will be held in the South Gym to honor legendary Uni coach *Dick Kampmann* and the late *Mel Patton* '43, the greatest athlete in Uni history, for whom the new athletic facilities have been named. "Kampmann Stadium" and "Patton Track" were dedicated at ceremonies held last October.

Coach K, now 91, and his family, the Patton family, Uni legend (and Olympic bronze medalist) *Craig Dixon* '44 and Patton biographer *Larry Booth* will be present for the luncheon, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., in the South Gym.

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

The 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*).



Pick one event or come for them all and see Uni as it is today! We know you'll enjoy it!

## A WARRIOR IN NEED: DICK AGBABIAN '75

▶ Ella Fitzgerald and Bill Kenny sang "Into Each Life Some Rain Must Fall" way back in 1944. That's as true today as it was then, but for some, there is a little more rain.

For those who remember *Dick Agbabian* '75, a happy-go-lucky personality who enjoyed a laugh as much as playing varsity baseball or performing in Theater Arts, the skies have been dark for some time. And getting darker. His sister Rose Porterfield explained the tragedy on their *fund-raising Web site*:

"As many of you may know, 37 years ago when Dicky had just turned 21 years of age, he was the victim of a doctor's negligence during surgery to remove a lump from his thyroid. ... [O]ur parents, who only wanted their son back like he was, were forced into taking a settlement that was so unfair and unjust. We did our best to make that money last as long as possible and provide him with the best care we could. Thank God we were blessed with an incredible care giver, Kawsar, who has taken care of him for over 30 years now. Dicky lives at home and cannot walk, talk, care for himself and suffers from brain damage due to the lack of oxygen during the surgery. ...

"I am trying to raise money in order to continue giving Dicky the care he needs. ... We need the funds as soon as possible as we only have about 2-3 months at the most before the money he has left is gone. I was

praying that we would never get to this point, but we have arrived and now I have to do my best to make sure that I do everything and anything I can for him."

**Ronnie Sperling** '76, Uni's Director of Theater Arts and a year behind Agbabian when both were Uni students, has dedicated Uni's 2016 production of Disney's "High School Musical" in his honor and the April 29 performance has been designated as "Dick Agbabian Night" with members of his family to attend.

Please give if you can, but remember Dick for the vivacious person he was.

## UNI ONLINE YEARBOOK PROJECT: ARE YOU AT THE HEAD OF YOUR CLASS?

▶ Thanks to the many people who have been visiting the first set of yearbooks now posted at the UHEF.org Web site (click *here*). We're now getting ready for the second set of yearbooks to be posted, during the summer.

In response to multiple requests, a process for bringing specific yearbooks online more 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 more 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.

If you would like to be the Class Presenter for any of the yearbooks, 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!

## **ON CAMPUS**

▶ Uni Spring sports report: Follow the Wildcats on Twitter: @Utownsports

• Boys/Baseball 7-6 overall (4-2 Western League)

The Wildcats swept a home-and-home series with Fairfax to climb over the .500 mark heading into spring break and then split two games with Pali. 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.	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	Lost, 4-0	(Western League game, at Venice HS)
Mar.	17	@ Hamilton	Won, 10-4	(Western League game)
Mar.	30	@ Fairfax	Won, 3-1	(Western League game)
Apr.	01	Fairfax	Won, 8-2	(Western League game, at Venice HS)
Apr.	12	Palisades	Lost, 3-2	(Western League game)
Apr.	14	@ Palisades	Won, 4-0	(Western League game, at Venice HS)
Apr.	16	@ Roosevelt	5:00 p.m.	Tiger Classic, at East L.A. College
Apr.	21	L.A. CES	3:00 p.m.	(Western League game, at Venice HS)
Apr.	23	@ San Pedro	11:00 a.m.	Tiger Classic
Apr.	26	Westchester	3:00 p.m.	(Western League game, at Venice HS)
Apr.	28	@ Westchester	3:00 p.m.	(Western League game)
Apr.	30	@ Sylmar	11:00 a.m.	Tiger Classic
May	03	@ Venice	3:00 p.m.	(Western League game)
May	05	Venice	3:00 p.m.	(Western League game, at Venice HS)

• Boys/Golf 4-1 overall (2-1 Western League)

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

Mar.	04	Venice*	Rancho Park	Won, 238-285
Mar.	04	LACES*	Rancho Park	Lost, 221-238
Mar.	14	@ Carson	Harbor Golf Course	Won, 243-294
Mar.	14	@ Venice*	Harbor Golf Course	Won, 243-285
Mar.	30	@ Carson	Alondra Golf Course	Won, 232-288
Apr.	08	@ LACES*	Harding Golf Course	Lost, 228-265
Apr.	11	@ Venice*	Harding Golf Course	Won, 255-285
		(Only matches listed)		

• Boys/Tennis 6-6 overall (5-6 Western League)

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

Feb.	24	San Pedro	Won, 6-1	Mar.	02	@ Westchester*	Won, 6-1
Feb.	29	Venice*	Lost, 4-3	Mar.	09	Palisades*	Lost, 7-0

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Mar.	14	Los Angeles CES*	Lost, 5-2	Apr.	04	Hamilton*	Won, 5-2
Mar.	18	Fairfax*	Won, 4-3	Apr.	05	Westchester*	Won, 4-3
Mar.	30	@ Venice*	Lost, 4-3	Apr.	06	@ Los Angeles CES*	Lost, 6-1
Mar.	31	@ Fairfax*	Won, 5-2	Apr.	07	@ Hamilton*	no report
Apr.	01	@ Palisades*	Lost, 7-0				

#### Boys/Volleyball

10-3 overall

(6-2 Western League)

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

Feb.	24	San Pedro	Won, 3-0	Mar.	30	@ Hamilton*	Won, 3-0
Mar.	04	@ West Adams	Won, 3-0	Apr.	01	Palisades*	Lost, 3-0
Mar.	09	@ Fairfax*	Won, 3-0	Apr.	04	Los Angeles CES*	Won, 3-0
(Venice	e High .	Invitational)		Apr.	11	@ Fairfax*	Won, 3-1
Mar.	12	New West Charter	Won, 2-0	Apr.	13	Westchester*	Won, 3-0
Mar.	12	Banning	Won, 2-0	Apr.	18	@ Venice*	2:30 p.m.
Mar.	12	Chatsworth	Lost, 2-0	Apr.	20	@ Palisades*	2:30 p.m.
Mar.	14	@ Westchester*	Won, 3-0	Apr.	25	Hamilton*	2:30 p.m.
Mar.	16	Venice*	Lost, 3-0	Apr.	27	@ Los Angeles CES*	2:30 p.m.

#### • Girls/Softball

1-8 overall

(0-6 Western League)

Jason Tillet has taken over as Wildcats coach, and scored his first win as coach with the 14-7 victory over West Adams on March 17. Uni's top player has been senior shortstop and outfielder Christiana Sanchez, who is batting .444 on the season, with 12 hits in 27 atbats, one home run and five runs batted in. Junior first baseman and left fielder Joanna Amaya is also over .400 at .407, with 11 hits and eight RBIs. The Wildcats have hit .323 as a team on the season, but are having a tough time in the field with 39 errors and a 14.55 earned-run average over their eight games. 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	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	Lost, 6-4	(Western League game)
Apr.	07	@ Westchester	Lost, 16-3	(Western League game)
Apr.	12	Venice	Lost, 16-1	(Western League game)
Apr.	14	@ Hamilton	No report	(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)

#### Swimming

Sched	ule:		Boys:	Girls:
Mar.	04	@ Carson	No report	No report
Mar.	14	@ Panorama	Won, 107-44	No report
Mar.	30	@ Palisades*	No report	No report
Apr.	04	@ Venice*	Lost, 120-68	Lost, 112-63
		(Only matched listed)		

(Only matches listed)

#### 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.

Schedi	ıle:		Boys:	Girls:
Mar.	10	Fairfax & L.A. CES	Non-scoring	Non-scoring
Mar.	16	San Pedro	Won, 57-43	Lost, 54-42
Mar.	31	Western League Relays	Non-scoring	Non-scoring
Apr.	07	Venice	No report	No report
Apr.	14	Fairfax & Palisades	No report	No report
Apr.	21	Westchester	2:30 p.m.	2:30 p.m.
Apr.	28	Hamilton	2:30 p.m.	2:30 p.m.
May	04	Western League Prelims	2:30 p.m.	2:30 p.m.
May	11	Western League Finals	2:30 p.m.	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 <u>click here</u> for the event's Facebook page!)

• June 4, 2016: CLASS OF SUMMER 1956 (Cambodians)

At The Beach Club, Santa Monica

Information: Carolyn Willis Vena (<u>carolynpaints@earthlink.net</u>) or (503) 861-2136, or **Joel & Jacki Woolf** (<u>jackiwlax@aol.com</u>) or (310) 536-4000, or **Dick Wollmer** (<u>RichardWollmer@csulb.edu</u>) 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 Rev

Information: Leslie Messer Ward (lmward421@icloud.com)

Reservations and tickets: The Reunion Committee, at

(661) 259-5999 or <u>www.reunioncommittee.com</u>

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

(bethgold farb@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 <u>Connect@UHEF.org</u> for inclusion in future issues.

▶ 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 <u>UniHi65@gmail.com</u>

Class of Winter 1961: New Yorkers

• http://www.unihiw61.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: <u>Connect@UHEF.org</u>.

- ▶ Contribute to Uni by linking your purchases on Amazon.com or at Ralphs to their contribution programs!
  - Amazon.com: Your purchases on Amazon.com can help Uni! Just go to the

UHEF.org "<u>Donate Now</u>" 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 the school!

• Ralphs: Use your Ralphs Rewards Card. Via its Community Contribution

program, from 1-4% of monthly purchases made by members is sent to Uni, but by designating the school by linking it to your Rewards Card.

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

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**

▶ *Peter Schloss* '43 (*texascastles@yahoo.com*) sent us this note on the passing of a classmate:

"On March 24, 2016, Lou Schloss, a member of the 1943 Yank class passed away in his sleep in Santa Barbara.

"Loved ones were there including son Peter (Phaethions-1969), daughter Karen (Leilani-1973) and father-in-law to Richard G. Heimberg (Seneca-1970) as well as brother to Kurt (Continental-1947). He was a WW2 veteran with the Army at Normandy, Bastogne, and Remagen and later went into the wholesale fabric business."

Not only a loss for the Schloss family, but another member of the generation that overcame the Great Depression as well as Nazi Germany and the other Axis powers in the 20th Century's most destructive fight for freedom.

Thanks to *Sharon (Helm) Brown* S '61 (<u>shbrownsbr@aol.com</u>) for her correction on our note about the passing of *Frank Sinatra*, *Jr*. (1944-2016) in the last issue:

"Frank Jr. was a semester behind us so he was in the class of Winter '61. [Sister] Nancy [Sinatra] graduated in Summer '59."

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

## SIXTH PERIOD BELL

▶ We get more questions about how the University "Warriors" became the "Wildcats" that any other single topic, so here's a <u>one-pager</u> that summarizes the history!

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

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