



# Warriors & Wildcats Report

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## UHEF 2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov. 04	<i>Homecoming: Football vs. Hamilton (Class of '81 Reunion follows)</i>	Kampmann Stadium
Nov. 30-Dec. 03	<i>"The Fantasticks"</i>	Stivelman Theater
Dec. 05-09	<i>7th Jim Nakabara Basketball Classic</i>	South Gymnasium
Dec. 15	<i>End of Fall semester</i>	Campus

## ALUMNI NOW BUYING BOOKS FOR THE UNI LIBRARY!

- ▣ There's no gift like the gift of learning. Uni alumni are making that happen by buying books for the school library via a [new program](#) using Amazon.com's Wish List program.

Coordinated jointly by Uni alumna and school librarian **Tascha Folsoi '86** and the UHEF, the project allows anyone to go to a Amazon "Wish List" and buy a book that will be sent directly to the school. The "University Senior High Library" Wish List enjoys Amazon Prime status thanks to Folsoi, which means in-stock books will arrive at the library within two business days! However, you (as the purchaser) **do not** have to be an Amazon Prime member to buy any of the books!

It's a great way to give a gift that will last for years at Uni.

The first purchaser of books for this project was **Jeff Deckman** '76, also a member of the UHEF Board of Directors! He purchased *Arduino Robot Bonanza* by Gordon McComb and *Rise of the Robots: Technology and the Threat of a Jobless Future* by Martin Ford, both titles requested by students. Additional titles in robotics are shown on the current Wish List, with titles in other subjects to be added soon.

All purchasers of books for the library – starting with Jeff – will be permanently recognized with a donor plate on the inside front cover of each donated book.

As Folsoi noted, *“Our collection is aging, but our students are as young as ever.*

*“While there is something delightfully anachronistic about this convergence of past and present, it speaks to the reality that many of our books are too old – and that without a standing collection development budget provided by the state or district our collection is continually becoming more and more outdated.*

*“With the average publication date of our biography section over 20 years in the past, we need help to maintain a current and relevant collection. Just this morning a student was looking for a book on robotics, but our collection doesn't include books published later than the nineties. **Students want books; they request them daily.** Teachers want to assign research projects that require students to use digital and print sources. We need a way to keep up with demand in order to maintain a relevant center for reading, research, and teacher/librarian collaboration.”*

Ready to help? Here's the link to the Wish List:

[https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/2907HPM85SFOW/ref=cm\\_sw\\_su\\_w](https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/2907HPM85SFOW/ref=cm_sw_su_w)

## **GOOD EARLY TICKET SALES FOR “THE FANTASTICKS” ON NOV. 30-DEC. 3**

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- ▣ Early ticket sales indicate strong attendance to see Uni's newly-renovated Stivelman Theater when it re-opens with four performances of the famed musical, *The Fantasticks*.

The original *The Fantasticks* opened in New York on May 3, 1960, and played off-Broadway for 17,162 performances before closing on January 13, 2002, making it the longest running musical in history. Winner of a Tony Honor for Excellence in Theatre, *The Fantasticks* is a lyrical and romantic musical that tells an allegorical love story about a boy, a girl, two fathers and a wall.

This beloved musical has been seen in over 67 countries and performed in locations ranging from The Peking Opera to The White House and has become a staple of regional, community, and high school productions virtually since its premiere, with approximately 250 new

productions each year. The musical has played throughout the U.S. and with more than 400 foreign productions in 69 countries, and more than 12,000 productions in the U.S., in more than two thousand cities and all fifty states, as well as fifteen national tours.

Under the direction of **Ronnie Sperling** '76 and UCLA's *Beyond the Bell* proudly present "The world's longest running musical" (show running time is 2:00):

- Wednesday Nov. 30 3:30 p.m.: Special Student Performance
- Thursday Dec. 01 7:00 p.m.: Opening Night
- Friday Dec. 02 7:00 p.m.: Weekend Opener
- Saturday Dec. 03 2:00 p.m.: Closing Matinee

Tickets are selling nicely, priced at \$10 for adults and \$5 for students with identification. You can buy tickets in advance by credit card [here](#) (buyer pays credit card and handling fee), or in cash (only) on-campus at the University High School Student Store, or at the Box Office before each performance.  **Holders of valid WARRIORS & WILDCATS ACTIVITY CARDS are admitted free, of course!**

All performances at the Stivelman Theater at University High School (11800 Texas Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90025). The theater itself will be one of the stars of the show, with an all-new lobby, flooring, seating, lighting and sound systems. More at Uni's new Facebook page for its theater-arts program: <https://www.facebook.com/unihightheater/>

Ample street parking is available. Refunds available only up to the day prior to the show. Refunds will not be issued for missed performances.

### TIME TO BUY YOUR OWN "WARRIORS & WILDCATS ACTIVITY CARD"!



- ▣ Remember the old Uni "WAC Card"? For many years the "Warrior Activity Card" and now known as the "Wildcat Activity Card," it provided student purchasers with free admission to Uni athletic and performing arts events. Now alumni can have their own!

The UHEF "WARRIORS & WILDCATS ACTIVITY CARD" is now available for all donations of \$99 and above. All donors of that amount or more will receive a WWAC card, which will allow *free admission* to all home athletic contests (regular-season only) and performing arts events.

So if you'd like to attend the Homecoming football game on November 4, or take in "The Fantasticks" at the Stivelman Theatre, forget about tickets. Just show your **WARRIORS & WILDCATS ACTIVITY CARD** and walk right in!

From a tax standpoint, the purchase of a WWAC is tax-deductible as a charitable contribution to the extent that it is not used for admissions to events. Please consult your tax advisor for further details.

If you're ready to get one, go to the ["Donate Now"](#) page and make your contribution of \$99 or more. We'll get your card out right away!

## UNI ONLINE YEARBOOK PROJECT: 1975-84 NOW AVAILABLE!

- ▣ One of the lasting achievements of the UHEF is its online yearbook archive, now nearing completion. Some 56 editions of the Uni yearbook (plus the 1924 Wilson Jr. High yearbook) are now available to enjoy, free of charge at UHEF.org: click [here](#). The online library now includes:

1924	1938	1953	1965	1977
1925	1939	1954	1966	1978
1926	1940	1955	1967	1979
1927	1941	1956	1968	1980
1929	1942	1957	1969	1981
1930	1945	1958	1970	1982
1931	1947	1959	1971	1983
1932	1948	1960	1972	1984
1933	1949	1961	1973	1986
1935	1950	1962	1974	
1936	1951	1963	1975	
1937	1952	1964	1976	

These books are scans of Chieftains from the Uni library, **which does not include 1928. Do you have a 1928 on your shelf?** If so, the UHEF would like to scan it and include it in the online archive. There were no Chieftains published in 1943 and 1944 due to World War II, but a special scrapbook of Uni faculty and staff who served in the military is included as a special memory of that time.

While Chieftains are being posted from oldest to newest, the 1950, 1959 and 1965 yearbooks "jumped the line" thanks to the support of devoted Uni alumni:

- **Buddy Fischer** '50
- **Larry Tistaert** '59
- **Steve Sills** '65.

If you would like to see your yearbook from 1985-2000 (except 1986) brought online more quickly, you can ask for "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 posted online more rapidly than normal.

If you would like to be the Class Presenter for any of the yearbooks, 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](mailto:Connect@UHEF.org) and we’ll get back to you ASAP!

## ON CAMPUS

▣ Uni sports report: *Follow the Wildcats on Twitter: [@Utownsports](#)*

- Boys/Football:

Uni has a rough time in Western League play, standing at 0-4 and 2-7 overall with one game left against Hamilton on November 4. Schedule (\* = Western League games):

Thursday	September 01	@ Contreras	Won, 13-0
Friday	September 09	@ San Fernando	Lost, 47-0
Friday	September 16	@ Lincoln	Won, 20-14 (OT)
Friday	September 23	Culver City	Lost, 35-7
Friday	September 30	Oaks Christian	Lost, 49-0
Friday	October 07	@ Palisades*	Lost, 35-14
Friday	October 14	@ Fairfax*	Lost, 43-14
Friday	October 21	Westchester*	Lost, 38-0
Friday	October 28	Venice*	Lost, 35-0
Friday	November 04	Hamilton* ( <i>Homecoming</i> )	7 p.m. Kampmann Stadium

(Western League opponents Venice, Palisades and Hamilton are in City Division I; Uni, Fairfax and Westchester are in Division II.)

Tickets for Uni home games are \$7 for adults, \$5 for students with identification and \$3 for children 12 and under. Holders of the **UHEF WARRIORS & WILDCATS ACTIVITY CARD** get in free, of course.

- Girls/Golf

Coach **Eric Temena**’s Uni girls golf team completed its first season with a strong showing in the Western League tournament at Balboa Golf Course in Encino.

Due to illness, Uni was unable to field a complete team and did not have a final team score (only one team in the league, Palisades, fielded a full team). But **Kara Temena** – Eric’s

daughter – won the Western League title by 11 strokes with a one-over score of 74, including three-under-par on the back nine. Uni's other players included **Akira Shelton** (13th at 126), **Alison Wilbur** (14th at 144) and **Rose Upton** (withdrew due to illness).

Kara Temena will advance to the City playoffs, to be held tomorrow, also at Balboa.

- Girls/Tennis:

The Wildcats finished the season at 9-4 (8-4 in Western League matches), winning five of their last six matches.

Freshman **Olivia Adam** led the way for Uni with a 7-0 singles record, and all three doubles teams had winning records: **Cassidy Globerman and Danielle Kim**: 7-2; **Eunice Dayoung and Amy Oh**: 5-3 and **Esther Han and Emily Sorto**: 7-2.

- Girls/Volleyball:

Uni finished the regular season at 17-7 and 7-5 in the highly-competitive Western League. The Wildcats will take on Middle College in the first round of the City Division II playoffs today at 7 p.m. in the South Gym. (Please note that for City playoff games, the *Wildcats & Warriors Activity Card* is not applicable for free admission.)

## 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:

- Nov. 4, 2016: CLASS OF 1981  
35th anniversary Homecoming Reunion celebration begins at Uni's Homecoming football game vs. Hamilton, beginning at 7 p.m. Reunion immediately following at Canter's Delicatessen, Los Angeles.  
**Information:** **Leontyne Thompson** ([leontynelove@hotmail.com](mailto:leontynelove@hotmail.com) or [theopticaldepartment@gmail.com](mailto:theopticaldepartment@gmail.com)).  
**Reservations:** Limited seating; RSVP required on or before November 1, 2016.
- Mar. 18, 2017: CLASS OF 1977  
At the Los Angeles Marriott – Burbank Airport, Burbank  
**Information:** **Gabe Vega** ([alohihoku40@gabrielvega.com](mailto:alohihoku40@gabrielvega.com)) and/or visit

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/UniHigh77/>

Reservations and tickets: Click [here](#).

- Oct. 7, 2017: CLASS OF 1967  
Hollywood & Highland Center, Los Angeles  
Information: **Judi Astrachan Doling** ([judidoling@sbcglobal.net](mailto:judidoling@sbcglobal.net))  
Reservations and tickets: Please contact The Reunion Committee at (661) 259-5999 or visit [www.reunioncommittee.com](http://www.reunioncommittee.com).

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

- ▣ **Gwen Fitzgerald-Barlow** ([wrap4u1@aim.com](mailto:wrap4u1@aim.com)) is fired up for the Class of '81 reunion on November 4. She commented on UHEF.org:

*“What's up Centurians!!!!!!!!!! Hope to see all of you at the Homecoming game and at Canter's afterwards Nov. 4th. The few of us that have found time to spend some time with our fellow classmates found out that we are still really cool people. I guess better with time like fine wine (I don't drink, so what do I know LOL). So if you are a Centurian, come out – this is a prelude to the 40th you don't want to miss that either.”*

- ▣ The Class of 1987 is starting up its reunion committee for a 30-year celebration in 2017. Check out the class Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/129073165787/> or contact **Marvina (Stephens) Miller** at [marvina@centurycommercial.com](mailto:marvina@centurycommercial.com).

- ▣ **Classes of 1957-1997-2007, are you holding reunions in 2017?**

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](mailto:Connect@UHEF.org) right away!

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

Class of 1987:

- On Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/129073165787/>

Class of 1977:

- On Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/UniHigh77/>

Classes of 1966: Valcisians & Delphians

- On Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1092330424115492/>
- For questions, please contact Joyce Rangen at [joyce.rangen@gmail.com](mailto:joyce.rangen@gmail.com)

Classes of 1965: Artesians & Peleans

- <http://uni65.com> or <https://unih65.wordpress.com>
- To join the Class Facebook page, send an e-mail to [UniHi65@gmail.com](mailto:UniHi65@gmail.com)

Class of Winter 1961: New Yorkers

- <http://www.unihw61.com>

And Uni's theater-arts program is also on Facebook:

- <https://www.facebook.com/unihightheater/>

## 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](mailto:Connect@UHEF.org).
- ▣ 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 "[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 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 [Community Contribution page](#) and either **register** or **sign in** (Questions answered [here](#)); 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 \$1 million 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

- ▣ Happy to share a great note from **Joe Zukin** S '43 ([jjzr@comcast.net](mailto:jjzr@comcast.net)):

*"I live in northern California, but come to L.A. once in a while and try to drive by Uni. I knew Mel [Patton '43] and saw him a few times years later. He and I attended Tom 'Rabbit' Wilcox's 95th birthday party down near San Diego. He was not only an outstanding athlete, he was a great guy. I was on the track team when he was running, but it was a gym class for*



*me, I put the shot and ran a foot race when they needed a third [place] for one point. Jim Pursell was a great coach and helped mold Mel. Glen Holtby, my friend and fellow classmate ran the 440 [yards] and broke and held the league record for several years after we graduated.*

*“A few years ago I made a contribution to the Uni Alumni group. I'd like to make another one at this time.”*

Joe, thanks for your note and for your support of the UHEF, Uni's official alumni support organization!

- ▣ **Judi (Berg) Patton** ([judipatton@cox.net](mailto:judipatton@cox.net)) writes “Trying to locate my friend Althea Gardner who graduated around 1963-66. Thank you.”

Unfortunately, neither Uni nor the UHEF have comprehensive lists of alumni, faculty or staff, but we're listing your inquiry here in case one of our readers can help you!

- ▣ Sad news from **Tracie Thayer Ireland** '70 ([tracieireland@bellsouth.net](mailto:tracieireland@bellsouth.net)):

*“It is with a sad heart that I must tell you of the passing of my best friend, Patty McMillan, Class of '71. She passed away this past June of cancer.*

*“She was a Bee cheerleader her senior year at Uni. She worked for GTE/Verizon for over 30 years and moved back to California from Texas when she retired. She lived in Palm Desert where she was very active in her community and with their golf club. Wish I could tell you more, but this is still very raw for me.”*

Our condolences to all of the family and friends of the Warriors & Wildcats who have passed.

- ▣ **Natty Hernandez** '06 ([nattyhdez@gmail.com](mailto:nattyhdez@gmail.com)) sends fond memories of a special teacher – no, a professor! – at Uni:

*“Hello! I'd like to congratulate all professors for continuing to contribute to our education.*

*“I am a Uni graduate myself, class of '06! And I would especially like to thank professor Claudia Monge! I had a hard time with Geometry and failed it once with another professor because I was giving up. So, I got lucky ended up having to repeat the course for summer school with professor Monge. I started doing well, then began slacking off when it got 'too difficult.' So, I stopped showing up to class ... I missed like 2 or 3 days. Then, I got a call from a classmate who said professor Monge was asking about me and she wanted me to come back to class. She wouldn't count my absences against me, and I had to come back to class. She would let me catch up with the work that I missed. So, I did! She wasn't upset at me! I came back to class because of her, she reviewed the material that I found difficult and pushed me hard to finish the class and pass it! And I did!*

*“I will never forget that! I couldn't of graduated without passing that class and I will forever be grateful to her! Thank you professor Monge for all that you did and continue to do!”*

- ▣ The massive plaques saluting **Coach Dick Kampmann**, Uni sprinter (and double Olympic gold medalist) **Mel Patton** '43 and the school's first principal, **Angus Cavanaugh**, are now mounted outside the north side of the South Gym.

If you would like to see the plaques, please note that Uni is a closed school and one cannot simply walk onto campus. The best way to assure entry is to make arrangements with the school by calling (310) 914-3500 and ask to schedule a date to come to see the plaques.

A few copies of the souvenir DVD of the May 15th Kampmann-Patton Honors Luncheon are still available. The full speaking program is included, along with personal messages to Coach **Dick Kampmann** and the Patton family and a short highlights [video](#) of the event.

The DVDs are \$20 each and can be ordered by going to the [UHEF.org "Donate Now" page](#) and under the "**Comments**" section, please enter "Kampmann-Patton DVD."

- ▣ We have received a number of inquiries about how one can obtain a copy of an old diploma or a proof of graduation. We have the answers (we think):
- If you graduated within the past 10 years, call the Registrar's Office at Uni directly, and they can help you. Uni's telephone number is (310) 914-3500.
  - If you graduated before 2006, here's the link to the LAUSD Web page which includes instructions on how to obtain your records: <http://achieve.lausd.net/transcripts>. Please read the requirements carefully!

## SIXTH PERIOD BELL I

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- ▣ We listed 11 Uni alumni who currently teach at their alma mater in the last issue, but we missed one and we heard about it in short order, from **German Estrada** '85:

*"I belong to the Class of '85, and have also been a member of the Foundation's Committee at school in the past. I have been working at Uni for the past 25 years, both as an assistant and for the last 18 as a teacher. I teach Social Studies in the Special Education Department here at Uni."*

German, thanks for the note and for your service to our favorite school. That makes a dozen alums who are part of the Uni faculty or staff. If we missed anyone else, let us know!

## SIXTH PERIOD BELL II

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- ▣ Remember IPS – Uni's "Innovative Program School"? The unique program, as controversial for the students in it as the intentionally-unstructured instructional approach, was remembered on the *Los Angeles Magazine* [Web site](#).

David Kukoff's story, published on October 25, entitled "Sex, Drugs, and Textbooks: Inside L.A.'s Most Controversial Educational Experiment" and sub-titled "Uni High tapped into the pop-psych teachings of the '70s to create one of the most bizarre curriculums of the era" is a

preview of his upcoming book on Los Angeles in the 1970s. Its accompanied by some comments from IPS students and some fabulous vintage photography of Uni in the '70s. Check it out!

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

*Send a note to [Connect@UHEF.org](mailto:Connect@UHEF.org) !*

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