



Warriors & Wildcats Report

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UHEF 2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS FOR "THE FANTASTICKS" COMING NOV. 30-DEC. 3

▣ Online ticket sales continue for the re-opening of Stivelman Theater for four performances of the famed musical, *The Fantasticks*. Uni's version for 2016 will feature:

- **Charlene Herrella** as Luisa
- **Akira Shelton** as El Gallo
- **Giovanni Molinaro** as Matt
- **Jasmine Mentzer** as Hucklebee
- **Victoria Saxxon** as Bellamy
- **Victoria Emile Brown** as Henry
- **Joseph Mejia** as Mortimer
- **Nuhamin Fekade** as Mute
- **Erin Washington** as Mute



Among the cast are many students new to the Theater Arts program. Herrella came to Uni only this year and is originally from the Philippines, Shelton is a Uni freshman and Molinaro is also new to Uni and initially wanted to be part of the stage crew. He ended up auditioning instead and won the part of Matt!

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 mothers (in the Uni version) and a wall.

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 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.

ALUMNI RE-FILLING THE UNI LIBRARY!

- ▣ Thanks to the direct support of Uni alumni, the first Wish List of books for the Uni library has been completely exhausted and a second list of titles posted for your inspection!

Uni alumna and school librarian **Tascha Folsoi** '86 shared the good news:

"The entire list of books on robotics has been purchased! This is really exciting for us, particularly as the request for this topic was student-generated. The next list is pulled from a list of student requests for specific books, both novels and non-fiction. As we buy new books, we are beginning to weed out others that haven't been checked out in decades. It's exciting to begin to update our collection to meet the needs of this generation. My thanks to all involved."

The first group of books centered on robotics in direct requests from students, and were purchased by Uni alumni including *Ivan Finkle* '50, *Ruth Albert Wasser* '64, *Jeff Deckman* '76 and *Ruth Roberts* (no class year provided).

The [second set of books](#) on the Wish List include both fiction and non-fiction, especially some interesting biographies and survey works:

- *Becoming Beyoncé: The Untold Story*, by J. Randy Taraborrelli;
- *Elon Musk: Tesla, SpaceX, and the Quest for a Fantastic Future*, by Ashlee Vance;
- *What Color Is My World?: The Lost History of African-American Inventors*, by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Raymond Obstfeld and Ben Boos.

It works like this: the project allows anyone to go to the Uni library's 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!

Folsoi asked for help if you buy a book: *"I think it would be better if we also asked people to email me their name and grad year along with items purchased, so I can email them back with the tax I.D. number and also remove the items from the list."* You can contact her at tascha.folsoi@gmail.com. Yes, your book purchase is a charitable donation!

It's a great way to give a gift that will last for years at Uni. All purchasers of books for the library are permanently recognized with a donor plate on the inside front cover of each donated book. Ready to help? Here's the link to the Wish List:

https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/2907HPM85SFOW/ref=cm_sw_su_w

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 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: 1928 FOUND!

- ▣ An amazing note from *Donald Grandfield* '59 will help Uni fill in the last hole in its collection of yearbooks from the first class of Wilson Junior High School (!) in 1924 until today.

We don't have all the details yet, but Grandfield informed the UHEF that he has a 1928 Chieftain, the last issue not currently available at the Uni library. Along with the 1934 Chieftain recently obtained, the library will now have a complete set. Thanks!

The 1928 and 1934 Chieftains will be sent for scanning, of course, so that it can join the UHEF's online archive. 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	

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 and we’ll get back to you ASAP!

ON CAMPUS

▣ Uni sports report:

Follow the Wildcats on Twitter: [@Utownsports](#)

- ***Girls Volleyball wins Los Angeles City Division III Championship!***

Uni won the 2016 City Division III title by defeating Central City Value, 25-19, 18-25, 25-19, 19-25, 15-9, on Saturday, November 12 at the Roybal Learning Center in downtown Los Angeles.

Coach ***Emilio Alvarado’s*** Wildcats compiled a 17-7 regular-season record and 7-5 in the highly-competitive Western League. Uni was top-seeded in the City Division III playoffs and won its matches against Middle College (3 sets to 0), Valley Academy of Arts and Sciences (3-0) and Rivera (3-0), to get to the championship match.

Uni (21-7) will now enter the California State Division V playoffs and is seeded eighth, going into its first match vs. Thousand Oaks Hillcrest Christian on November 16, at the Uni South Gym, at 7 p.m.

- Boys/Football:

Uni started well with two wins in three games, but lost its final seven regular-season games to end at 2-8. The Wildcats were seeded 11th in the City Division II playoffs, but

lost a thriller at sixth-ranked Huntington Park, 28-21, on November 10.

The Spartans had a 7-0 halftime lead, but Uni tied it in the third quarter thanks to a **Michael James** rushing touchdown from 12 yards out. But Huntington Park scored the next 21 points to take a 28-7 lead midway through the fourth quarter before the fireworks started. **Terrell Cox Jr.** ran for a score with just a couple of minutes remaining, but then Uni recovered a fumbled kickoff at the H.P. 10 with 1:48 to play. A **Takai Rogers** to **Kareem Miles** pass resulted in a five-yard touchdown to make the score 28-21, but that is as close as Uni got, finishing the season at 2-9. (* = 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>)	Lost, 34-14	
Thursday	November 10	@ Huntington Park	Lost, 21-28	City Div. II playoffs

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

- Cross Country

The Uni varsity finished fourth in the City Division II preliminaries and qualified for the Division II City Finals at Pierce College on November 19. Uni finished 18-29-20-27-31 to make it to the final, led by junior **Jack Koscheka** (18:47.35 for three miles) in 18th, then senior **Jacob Abraham** (18:47:41) and junior **Ruben Perez Morales** (18:50.96).

Uni's girls team also made it into the Division II City Finals, finishing third in its heat, led by overall winner **Stephanie Cruz**. Just a junior, she won by more than 24 seconds in 20:12.01 (three miles) and led a 1-16-23-28-30 (also 32-34) finish. Seniors **Kaylan Tanner** (22:45.29), **Cristina Santos** (23:48.09), **Nancy Gomez** (24:30.27) and junior **Nicolette Greif** (24:50.47) also scored for the Wildcats.

Uni's Girls Junior Varsity team will also run in the City Finals, having qualified directly out of the Western League meet (for which we have no results; sorry).

- Girls/Golf

The first year of Coach **Eric Temena's** Uni girls golf team ended with a 10th-place finish by daughter **Kara Temena** in the All-City Finals at Balboa Golf Course, shooting 83 for equal-ninth, but losing on a tie-breaker. She qualified for the Southern California Regional Championships, but did not advance to the State Tournament, shooting an 86 to tie for 90th place.

- Girls/Tennis:

The Wildcats did not get invited to the City playoffs, despite finishing the season at 9-4 (8-4 in Western League matches), winning five of their last six matches. However, freshman **Olivia McIntosh-Adams** – who compiled a 7-0 singles record – has been invited to compete in the City's 32-player individual tennis tournament, starting November 28 at the Balboa Sports Center in Encino.

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:

- Mar. 18, 2017: CLASS OF 1977
At the Los Angeles Marriott – Burbank Airport, Burbank
Information: **Gabe Vega** (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)
Reservations and tickets: Please contact The Reunion Committee at (661) 259-5999 or visit 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.

- ▣ 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.
- ▣ ***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 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 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

Classes 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>

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.
- ▣ 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

- ▣ 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

- ▣ Congratulations to **David Nwaba** '11, who made the roster of the Los Angeles D-Fenders, the NBA Development League team of the Los Angeles Lakers of the NBA.

He's made an immediate impact off the bench, scoring 11 points (and seven rebounds) in the season opener vs. Iowa and then 15 points (and five rebounds) at Santa Cruz, both wins for the D-Fenders. Check out his two-hand finish of a fast-break alley-oop pass [here](#). Nwaba's Uni coach, **Steve Ackerman** '89, was a proud spectator for the season opener at the Toyota Sports Center in El Segundo!

Nwaba was twice the Western League Player of the Year while at Uni and after transferring from Santa Monica College, played three years of collegiate basketball for Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. He's a 6-4, 210 lbs. guard; the D-Fenders will play through April 1; check out their season's schedule (and broadcast information) [here](#).

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