



Warriors & Wildcats Report

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UHEF 2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov. 30-Dec. 03	"The Fantasticks"	Stivelman Theater
Dec. 05-09	7th Jim Nakabara Basketball Classic	South Gymnasium
Dec. 15	End of Fall semester	Campus

SEE UNI'S PRODUCTION OF "THE FANTASTICKS" STARTING TODAY!

▣ There's great excitement for the opening of the 2016-17 Uni theater season with four performances of *The Fantasticks* at the renovated Stivelman Theater on campus beginning today with a special performance for Uni students and guests:

• 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 online up to one day prior to the show date 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!**

Uni's Director of Theatre Arts, **Ronnie Sperling** '76, promises a great show, with a running time of two hours total. The program 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

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.

The theater itself will be one of the stars of the show, with an all-new lobby, flooring, seating and sound systems. Stivelman Theater at University High School (11800 Texas Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90025) is located on the Texas Avenue side of the school.

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

For more at Uni's new Facebook page for its theater-arts program, check out:

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



UNI ONLINE YEARBOOK PROJECT NEARING COMPLETION

- ▣ After more than a year of planning and production efforts, a total of 66 school yearbooks are now online and viewable, free of charge, at www.uhef.org/unihighyearbooks.

This is a remarkable legacy achievement, created in conjunction with Uni's librarian, **Tascha Folsoi** '86. Nearly all of the yearbooks from 1924 – for what was then known as Wilson Jr. High School – through 1994 have been scanned, matched and uploaded. By decade:

- 1924-29: Missing 1928, but a copy has been offered by **Donald Grandfield** '59, which will be scanned and added as soon as possible.
- 1930-39: Missing 1934, for which a copy has been found and is now being scanned.
- 1940-49: Complete, although yearbooks were not produced for 1943 and 1944 due to paper rationing during World War II. A special scrapbook of Uni faculty and staff who served in the military is included as a special memory of that time.
- 1950-59: Complete!
- 1960-69: Complete!
- 1970-79: Complete!
- 1980-89: Complete!
- 1990s: 1990-94 complete and the rest of the decade is being scanned.

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 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!

WANT TO GIVE A GIFT TO UNI? HOW ABOUT A BOOK FOR THE LIBRARY!

- ▣ A unique new program offers alumni an opportunity to buy books for the Uni library, based on a wish list compiled from student requests.

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 Uni librarian **Tascha Folsoi** ‘86, 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!

More than a dozen books have been purchased already, and more are on the way!

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 upcoming Jim Nakabara Basketball Classic starting December 5, 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!

ON CAMPUS

▣ Uni sports report:

Follow the Wildcats on Twitter: [@Utownsports](https://twitter.com/Utownsports)

- Boys/Basketball:

Uni is off to a strong start under the direction of **Steve Ackerman** '89, winning its first four games, including the championship of the El Monte Tournament:

November 21	Verbum Dei	Won, 102-57	(El Monte Tournament)
November 22	Hoover	Won, 93-53	(El Monte Tournament)
November 25	Oakwood	Won, 75-49	(El Monte Tournament)
November 26	St. Paul	Won, 78-67	(El Monte Tournament championship)
December 05	Banning	7:00 p.m.	(Jim Nakabara Classic @ Uni)
December 07	Valley Academy	7:00 p.m.	(Jim Nakabara Classic @ Uni)
December 08	Los Angeles	7:00 p.m.	(Jim Nakabara Classic @ Uni)
December 09	to be determined		(Jim Nakabara Classic @ Uni)
December 15	@ South East	5:30 p.m.	

Uni will start the Western League schedule on January 9, at Palisades.

- Cross Country

The Uni varsity finished eighth in the 2016 Division II City Finals, scoring 199 points (19-39-40-49-52), led by senior **Jacob Abraham**, who finished 21st overall in 17:37.17 for the three-mile course.

Junior **Stephanie Cruz** finished fourth in the girls Division II Finals (19:41.72 for three miles), while Uni finished seventh as a team (174 points: 4-32-43-45-50). Cruz qualified for the State Division II Championships, held November 26 in Fresno, finishing 116th in 19:52.0.

- Girls/Basketball

New coach **Karlia Batalia** has the Wildcats in tournament play to start the season, splitting their four games in the Culver City Tournament and now in the Brentwood Tournament:

November 22	Thousand Oaks	Lost, 63-27	(Culver City Tournament)
November 23	Crenshaw	Won, 57-46	(Culver City Tournament)
November 25	St. Bernard	Won, 55-40	(Culver City Tournament)
November 26	Santa Monica	Lost, 67-39	(Culver City Tournament)
November 28	Moorpark	Lost, 65-50	(Brentwood Tournament)
November 29	Los Angeles CES		(Brentwood Tournament)
December 15	Cleveland	4:00 p.m.	

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- 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 (results of her matches were not available at press time).

- Girls/Volleyball:

Uni's City Division III champions advanced to the California State Division V playoffs and defeated Thousand Oaks Hillcrest Christian, 27-29, 26-24, 28-30, 25-13, 15-8 on November 16, but fell to top-ranked San Gabriel Academy, 21-25, 18-25, 25-23, 21-25 on November 19 in the Southern Regional quarterfinals.

A great season for coach **Emilio Alvarado's** Wildcats ended with an outstanding 22-8 record.

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

- ▣ **Alan Bishop** '58 entered the occasionally-simmering discussion about Grad Night '58 at the Miramar Hotel in Santa Monica. He writes:

"There is no question that Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis Jr. and the Nelson Riddle Orchestra were at the 1958 Grad Night. No one could forget that evening and SDJr take on Elvis."

Does that settle it?

- ▣ 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

- ☐ Have you seen the Walgreens “Just Retired” [commercial](#), where a teacher exits her classroom, sprays her papers all over the place and then heads to Walgreens to get a prescription on her road to retirement?

If the background looks a little familiar, it should: the school scenes were shot at Uni!

In fact, the school is a popular location for film shoots, mostly for commercials, but also for television shows. Of course, Uni was also famously the background for the 1971 mystery movie “[Pretty Maids All in a Row](#),” where the school was made over as “Oceanfront High School” and Uni students were used as extras!

The filming fees collected from production programs go directly to the Student Body fund to help support student activities.

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

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