



Warriors & Wildcats Report

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UHEF 2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan. 09	Spring semester begins	Campus
Mar. 19	Campus Clean-up Day I	Campus
Apr. 10-14	Spring Recess	Campus
Apr. 19-22	"Shrek the Musical"	Stivelman Theater
Apr. 23	Campus Clean-up Day II	Campus
Apr. 28-29	1st University High School Film Festival	Stivelman Theater
Jun. 09	Spring semester ends	Campus

JOIN THE TEAM

RE-STOCKING THE UNI LIBRARY!

☐ Uni's partnership with the Uni Hi Education Foundation to update the school's library collection is offer to a strong start. In just more than six weeks from the announcement of the opportunity, six alumni have stepped forward to contribute 27 new books. Thanks to:

- **Jeff Deckman** '76
- **Ivan Finkle** S '50
- **Richard E. Leonard** W '48
- **Ruth Roberts** S '64
- **Ruth Albert Wasser** (no grad year given)

The strength of this program is that many of the books are student requests, based on their class assignments and interests. Uni librarian **Tascha Folsoi** '86 created the concept, using Amazon.com's "Wish List" program to list books desired for acquisition. Anyone can go to the list ([here](#)), purchase one or more books – four of the six supporters so far bought multiple books – and they will be sent to Uni directly within two business days.

The "University Senior High Library" Wish List enjoys Amazon Prime status thanks to Folsoi, so that you (as the purchaser) **do not** have to be an Amazon Prime member to buy any of the books!

Folsoi asks 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!

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

INAUGURAL UNI FILM FESTIVAL SLATED FOR APRIL 28-29

- ▣ Los Angeles is the long-time home of the U.S. entertainment industry and in the heyday of the Hollywood studios, Uni's was its favored high school, with alums such as **Jeff Bridges**, **Ryan O'Neal**, **Elizabeth Taylor** and **Norma Baker**, later known as Marilyn Monroe.

So Uni and the UHEF will partner this spring for the first **UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL FILM FESTIVAL**, over two nights in late April, at the renovated Stivelman Theater:

- Friday Apr. 28 4:00 p.m. Student Film Festival
- Saturday Apr. 29 6:00 p.m. Alumni reception and film screening

Friday's program will feature student films from Uni and other high schools, while the Saturday event will bring alumni together for a reception, selected reunions, a silent auction and the screening of a film with special meaning in Uni's history.

What's the first film? Stay tuned for more details!

If you'd like to help with the organization and promotion of the festival, don't be shy and let us know right away by e-mail at Connect@UHEF.org.

The Film Festival will replace the springtime All-Classes Picnic and Car Show, which was revived in May 2016, but – outside of the enthusiastic car owners – did not draw a significant crowd back to campus.

The new festival program will follow the previous week's four performances of the Spring theater-arts show, Disney's "Shrek the Musical" from April 19-22. For more on that project, check out Uni's new Facebook page for its theater-arts program:

<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!

STUMPED FOR A UNIQUE GIFT? TRY A "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 you can have your own, or give one as a gift!

The UHEF "WARRIORS & WILDCATS ACTIVITY CARD" is 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 Uni home athletic contests (regular-season only) and performing arts events.

So if you'd like to take in the upcoming "Shrek the Musical" show next April, 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 has stormed to an 8-0 start, including the championships of the El Monte and Jim Nakabara Classic tournaments, the latter with a come-from-behind, 80-76 win over *Pali*:

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	Won, 92-44.	(Jim Nakabara Classic @ Uni)
December 07	Valley Academy	Won, 88-45	(Jim Nakabara Classic @ Uni)
December 08	Los Angeles	Won, 78-41	(Jim Nakabara Classic @ Uni)
December 09	Palisades	Won, 80-76	(Jim Nakabara Classic championship)
December 15	@ South East	5:30 p.m.	

Uni has four players averaging 10 or more points a game: 6-0 guard **Daisone Hughes** (17.3), 6-1 senior wing **Jude Agbasi** (17.1), 6-3 senior forward **Gabe Okmin** (11.5) and 6-1 senior forward **Kevin Javier** (10.3).

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

- Girls/Basketball

New coach **Karlia Batalia** has the Wildcats in tournament play to start the season, splitting eight games (with no report on one game) in the Culver City Tournament and 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	no report	(Brentwood Tournament)
November 30	Marymount	Won, 51-49	(Brentwood Tournament)
December 02	Beverly Hills	Lost, 42-27	(Brentwood Tournament)
December 03	Brentwood School	Won, 39-27	(Brentwood Tournament)
December 12	@Taft	4:00 p.m.	

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- Soccer:

Uni's boys soccer team has started 1-4, with an 0-3 mark in non-league play and a 1-1 mark so far in the Western League. The Wildcats defeated Venice, 4-0, but lost to Palisades. The girls team is 1-2-1 (0-0-1 Western League), playing a 0-0 tie with Pali in its league opener.

REUNIONS

- ▣ The 30-year Class of '86 reunion on October 1 welcomed more than 160 classmates and friends at the Marina del Rey Marriott, raising \$2,461 for Uni through donations on-site to the UHEF.

Reunion chair **Kathleen Cohen** reported that the funds raised from the event – which included the Uni Drumline and was covered by the *Wildcat* student newspaper – included contributions from the Lyft ride-sharing service for each attendee who used the service to attend. Great idea and efforts to extend this to other reunions are being explored!

- ▣ 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

- ▣ Yes, it appears that the debate about Grad Night '58 at the Miramar Hotel in Santa Monica is over. After **Alan Bishop's** confirmation in the last issue about the entertainment from Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis Jr. and the Nelson Riddle Orchestra, further support came from two more classmates:

- **David Hurwitz** (david.hurwitz@gmail.com), noting “Alan Bishop is absolutely right. I was there and so were the aforementioned entertainers.”
- **Eugene “U.E.” Gierson** (eugenegierson@earthlink.net) writes: “My recollection of the Vagabonds grad night in 1958 was that Frank was there, and that he performed. I believe that Sammy was also there, performing. I was there.”

▣ Sad news posted in the *Los Angeles Times* that **Spencer Wiley** ‘60 [passed away](#) on December 6 at age 74. A University of Michigan graduate, he worked in financial services in New York before retiring to St. Simon’s Island, Georgia.

Our condolences to his friends and surviving family, including a brother, two daughters, seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

▣ **Roberta Goldstein** ‘70 (eceteach1@sbcglobal.net) writes “Nothing is ever mentioned about the 1970 class. All the other classes are mentioned a lot and are doing things but not the class of 1970. What with my class anyway?”

Never fear, the Class of ‘70 is quite active. Your question offers the opportunity for public thanks to **Bill Kabaker** ‘70 for his critical role in helping to produce the outstanding plaques made to commemorate the naming of Kampmann Stadium, Cavanaugh Field and Patton Track in May. Thanks, Bill!

▣ This has come up before, but **Sherryn Smith** ‘72 (sherrynmarie@yahoo.com and 310/254-8160) asks:

“During my time at Uni, I sang in the choir (1969-1972). We did a recital called ‘From Bach to Beatles.’ It was recorded and an album was put out. Can anyone help me find a copy as I did a solo part on that album? Help will be greatly appreciated.”

Anyone know about this album? Anyone have one?

▣ **Rick Flaherty** ‘73 (flick23@charter.net) shared a memory about an important movie moment at Uni in 1970:

“Hey, I remember being in “Pretty Maids All in a Row”, with Keenan Wynn directing traffic at Texas and Westgate. I was on a Yamaha Enduro or a Bridgestone. Don’t remember which. But I made it past the editor’s floor and to the projector.

“Awesome times! They will never be duplicated.”

**HELP MAKE TODAY’S UNI AS GOOD AS YESTERDAY’S:
PLEASE CONSIDER A HOLIDAY GIFT TO THE UHEF:
[CLICK HERE!](#)**

- ▣ 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 handful of the souvenir DVDs 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

- ▣ Uni alum **David Nwaba** '11 continues to [sparkle](#) for the L.A. D-Fenders, the NBA Development League franchise of the Lakers. He's played in all 12 D-Fenders games, starting three and averaging 11.2 points a game on 67% shooting from the field (wow!) plus 6.4 rebounds a game in just 24 minutes per contest. No wonder the D-Fenders are 9-3 so far!

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

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