



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

THANKS FOR HELPING UNI IN 2016!

- ▣ Thanks to your contributions, the UHEF was busy in 2016, not just in supporting today's Uni, but also important projects that keep Uni's legacy alive and tie today's students and alumni closer. Some of the highlights:
- The UHEF financed the renovation of the computer systems for the Mednick College Center at Uni, a facility originally made possible by a donation from **Steve Kirsch '74** and his wife Michelle.
 - A new sound system was underwritten as part of the renovation of the Stivelman Theater for performing arts presentations and student assemblies.
 - The UHEF underwrote the cost of tournament entry fees to help re-launch the Speech and Debate Club on campus after decades of inactivity.
 - Three UHEF scholarship awards were made at the end of the 2015-16 school year. The recipients:
 - = Outstanding Community Service: Rosa Devora Roman and Alexandra Strong
 - = Jack Moskowitz Principal's Award: Mary Qualls
 - = Sharon Mednick Scholarship: Jessica Sanchez
 - Revival of the All-Classes Picnic and Car Show on May 15, and announcement of the first University High School Film Festival, scheduled for April 2017.
 - Naming of the new athletic facilities for Uni icons **Dick Kampmann** (Uni cross country and track coach, 1960-85), **Mel Patton '43** (double Olympic gold medalist in 1948) and **Angus Cavanaugh** (first Uni principal, 1924-35) as KAMPMANN STADIUM, PATTON TRACK and CAVANAUGH FIELD.
 - Creation of a free-to-view archive of Uni's Chieftain yearbooks from 1924 through 1994, with completion of the archive through 2000 early in 2017.
 - Creation of an adult version of the old "Warrior Athletic Card" (now "Wildcat Activity Card") as the Warriors & Wildcats Activity Card for alumni.
 - Launch of a new program, in coordination with Uni, to allow alumni and friends of the school to purchase books for the library, with direct shipment to the school itself.
 - Continuing support for class reunion committees, providing names and mailing addresses from the UHEF's database of more than 14,000 alumni.

All of this comes from your contributions to the UHEF, the sole, officially-authorized alumni support organization for Uni. Thank you!

SIX ALUMS HAVE BOUGHT BOOKS FOR THE UNI LIBRARY ~ WILL YOU HELP?

- ▣ One of the more innovative ideas of 2016 was the partnership between the UHEF and the Uni Library to update the school's collection. Since November, six alumni have stepped forward to contribute 27 new books, namely

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

That's five and one asked to remain anonymous. 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 program, using Amazon.com's "Wish List" to post desired titles. 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.

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!

A UNI MEMORY THAT FITS IN YOUR WALLET: THE “WARRIORS & WILDCATS ACTIVITY CARD”!



- ▣ When you attended Uni, you probably bought a “Warrior Activity Card” (now the “Wildcat Activity Card”) to get 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 a gaudy 9-0 record, including the championships of the El Monte and Jim

Nakabara Classic tournaments. Coach **Steve Ackerman** '89 has Uni in the John F. Kennedy Cougar Classic this week and then begins Western League play on January 9 at Palisades:

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	Won, 89-69	
January 02	North Hollywood	4:00 p.m.	(John F. Kennedy Cougar Classic)
January 03	Grant	4:00 p.m.	(John F. Kennedy Cougar Classic)
January 04	Verdugo Hills	4:00 p.m.	(John F. Kennedy Cougar Classic)
January 05	Chatsworth	4:00 p.m.	(John F. Kennedy Cougar Classic)
January 09	@ Palisades	5:30 p.m.	(Western League game)
January 11	Fairfax	5:30 p.m.	(Western League game)
January 13	Westchester	6:30 p.m.	(Western League game)
January 14	Golden Valley	6:30 p.m.	(Clash at the Canyons Showcase)
January 18	@ Hamilton	5:30 p.m.	(Western League game)
January 20	@ Los Angeles CES	6:30 p.m.	(Western League game)
January 25	Venice	5:30 p.m.	(Western League game)
January 26	@ Price	7:00 p.m.	
January 27	Palisades	6:30 p.m.	(Western League game)
January 30	@ Fairfax	5:30 p.m.	(Western League game)
February 01	@ Westchester	5:30 p.m.	(Western League game)
February 06	Los Angeles CES	5:30 p.m.	(Western League game)
February 08	@ Venice	5:30 p.m.	(Western League game)
February 10	Hamilton	6:30 p.m.	(Western League game)

Uni is led in scoring by three players averaging 10 or more points a game: 6-0 guard **Daisone Hughes** (17.1), 6-1 senior wing **Jude Agbasi** (17.1) and 6-3 senior forward **Gabe Okmin** (13.4). The leading rebounder is 6-1 senior forward **Kevin Javier** (5.9 per game).

If you'd like to see the Wildcats in action at Uni, remember that holders of the **WARRIORS & WILDCATS ACTIVITY CARD** get in free!

- Girls/Basketball

The 4-5 Wildcats will start the Western League season on January 9, under new coach **Karlia Batalia**:

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	Lost, 32-26	(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)

January 09	Palisades	4:30 p.m.	(Western League game)
January 11	@ Fairfax	4:30 p.m.	(Western League game)
January 13	@ Westchester	5:00 p.m.	(Western League game)
January 20	Los Angeles CES	5:00 p.m.	(Western League game)
January 25	@ Venice	4:30 p.m.	(Western League game)
January 27	@ Palisades	5:00 p.m.	(Western League game)
January 28	@ Jordan	12:00 p.m.	(Alemany Showcase)
January 30	Fairfax	4:30 p.m.	(Western League game)
February 01	Westchester	4:30 p.m.	(Western League game)
February 06	@ Los Angeles CES	4:30 p.m.	(Western League game)
February 08	Venice	4:30 p.m.	(Western League game)
February 10	@ Hamilton	5:00 p.m.	(Western League game)

- 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 1-3-1 (0-0-1 Western League), playing a 0-0 tie with Pali in its league opener.

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.

- ▣ **Mark Leland '62** (mleland504@charter.net) asks:

“Is there going to be another reunion for the Class of 1962? Thanks very much.”

Mark, we have no information on a 55-year reunion for your class, but we're hoping one or more of your classmates will see your note here and start the process rolling!

- ▣ 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://unih65.wordpress.com>
- *To join the Class Facebook page, send an e-mail to UniHi65@gmail.com*

Class of Winter 1961: New Yorkers

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

Class of Summer 1961: Islanders

- <http://www.unih61.com>

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

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

- ▣ 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

- ▣ Sad news from **Cecelia Attix** (ceceliaattix@comcast.net):

"I believe David O Caldwell was a [UHEF] member. His daughter-in-law called to let me know he passed in September. David was a gifted and brilliant man, starting in our mutual grammar school, University Elementary, now known as UCLA Lab School. He received a Ph.D in AstroPhysics and was Professor Emeritus at Stanford. He graduated UniHi in '42 when we were Warriors. R.I.P. dear David."

- ▣ More on Grad Night '58 from **Mike Smith** '59 (mikesmith@berkeley.edu), who wrote in, noting that "Aside from Sinatra and Sammy Davis Jr., Keeley Smith also performed at the '58 grad night – a magical party."
- ▣ Good news from the Class of '61: a class Web site is now up at www.UniHi61.com. It's worth noting that this is for the Summer of '61 Class (Islanders) and not the Winter '61 "New Yorkers" (who have a different site!).

Carol McConkey Younger (CarolYounger39@gmail.com) is the person to contact for more information, or to add to the Web site.

- ▣ In response to the **Roberta Goldstein** '70 (eceteach1@sbcglobal.net) note that the Class of '70 is rarely mentioned, **J. Peter Rich** '70 (jprich@mwe.com) writes back that:

*"The issue with the Class of 1970 (Herbert) is that a significant percentage would have been in the Class of 1971 but for having to make the decision to go skip a semester or stay back. I and others skipped but then couldn't really bond with over half of my classmates. I am still close friends with **Mark Kalmansohn** and **Jon Tepper**, and see **Bill Kabaker** and others occasionally.*

"As for me, I went to UCLA undergrad and then Harvard Law School, and have been a partner in the international law firm of McDermott Will & Emery since 1987, practicing health care law (yes, Obamacare now!) since 1978. I was voted by my peers "Best Lawyer in Los Angeles" for Administrative Law for 2016. I have been married to Elizabeth for 36 years (she looks so young that I tell people I married her in Mississippi) and we have three adult daughters. I work closely with UCLA UniCamp, which for over 80 years has offered summer camping and now academic 'STEM' programs for inner-city kids, with volunteer UCLA students (donations welcome) and the Cardiovascular Research Foundation.

"I am also an active USSF and National AYSO soccer referee and coached for nearly 20 years."

- ▣ Last call to help **Sherryn Smith** '72 (sherrynmarie@yahoo.com and 310/254-8160), who 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."

One of these albums has to be somewhere ... anywhere?

- ▣ 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's boys basketball team is not only undefeated, but is getting noticed. **Eric Sondheimer** of the *Los Angeles Times* [noted](#) in an online story on December 15 that *“Westchester and Fairfax remain the favorites to win the Western League, but the most likely league team to be unbeaten well into January is University, which improved to 9-0 on Thursday with an 89-69 win over South East.*

“Gabe Okmin scored 29 points, Jude Agbasi had 17 and Daisone Hughes had 16. The Wildcats have a chance to be 14-0 before having to face Westchester and Fairfax.”

It's doubly nice that this season's Wildcats are coached by alum **Steve Ackerman** of the Class of 1989, and already have a pre-league-season win over Palisades!

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

Send a note to Connect@UHEF.org !

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