



Warriors & Wildcats Report

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UHEF 2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

UNI ALUM STEVE SMITH SR. RETIRES FROM FOOTBALL

▣ "Dear Commissioner Goodell:

"This is to notify you that as of today, I, Steve Smith Sr., will no longer be antagonizing defensive backs. I am retiring from the National Football League."

With that letter, sent January 2, the greatest football player ever to attend University High School ended what could be a [Hall of Fame](#) career as an NFL star.

Smith graduated from Uni in 1997 as a standout in both football and track, where he set a still-standing school mark of 38.73 in the 300 m intermediate hurdles.

He went on to Santa Monica College, where his play at wide receiver drew the attention of the University of Utah, then of the Mountain West Conference. He was an all-conference selection as a wide receiver in both 1999 and 2000 and was selected in the third round of the 2001 NFL Draft by the Carolina Panthers.

From there, Smith became a star in the NFL. In 16 seasons with the Panthers (2001-13) and Baltimore Ravens (2014-16), he was named to the Pro Bowl five times and was named All-Pro three times. Over his career, he caught 1,031 passes for 14,731 yards and 81 touchdowns receiving, plus another six on kick returns.

Now 37, he and wife Angie have four children and the Smiths have devoted significant energies to community service, especially with Samaritan's Feet, a charity which supports the provision of shoes to those in need. Smith told [Yahoo! Sports](#) that he understands from personal experience – no doubt from his Uni years and before – the importance of helping others.

“To be poor ... to be hungry ... to not have much. I know what it's like to be on food stamps. I know about all those things. I can identify with that, because it wasn't too long ago that I was that kid.”

All this from a 5-foot, 9-inch athlete who was continuously told he was too small to play top-level football. The Disney motto of “If you can dream it, you can do it” applies to Steve Smith, Sr. Have fun in retirement!

Perhaps it's time to retire Smith's number that he wore as a Uni footballer. But what was it? Please send the answer to Connect@UHEF.org !

ALUMNI POURING MORE BOOKS INTO THE UNI LIBRARY

- ▣ Donations of new books purchased by alumni continue to arrive at the Uni library to help update the school's collection.

Works such as “*Sabotage: The Mission to Destroy Hitler's Atomic Bomb*” and “*The Courage to Soar: Simone Biles*” have arrived and are already of great interest to Uni students.

The creator of this program is Uni librarian **Tascha Folsoi** '86, who wrote to the UHEF with thanks for promoting the idea:

“We cannot thank you enough for the generous donations people have made to the library. These donations provide books that students request, that teachers assign for out-of-class reading, and that support student research projects. Thank you to all the people who have

donated at the time of this writing: **Ruth Albert Wasser, Jeff Deckman, Ruth Roberts, Ivan Finkle, and Richard E. Leonard**. These books will be there for students for years to come!”

If you'd like to help, the process is actually quite simple, using Amazon.com's "Wish List" function. Anyone can go to the list ([here](#)), purchase one or more books – five 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

TEN MORE YEARS OF CHIEFTAINS ADDED TO UNI ONLINE YEARBOOK PROJECT

- ▣ The permanent memorial to each Uni class is the annual *Chieftain* yearbook, produced continuously (with a two-year hiatus during World War II) since 1924. Some 77 of these, from 1924 through 2005 are now available online and viewable, free of charge, at www.uhef.org/unihighyearbooks.

Underwritten by the UHEF thanks to your donations, this project was coordinated with Uni's librarian, **Tascha Folsoi** '86. Work is continuing on a few missing years, but the collection is nearly complete:

- 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!
- 1990-99: Complete!
- 2000s: Missing 2000 (we're not sure why), but 2001-05 are now available.

Special thanks are offered to three alumni who made donations to have their years posted more quickly and to help support the project::

Buddy Fischer '50 • Larry Tistaert '59 • Steve Sills '65

Special recognition is available on the UHEF yearbook Web site for those who would like to be “presenters” of their yearbook, for a one-time donation of \$199, which includes two downloads of that Chieftain. **Michael Alcalay '80** was the first to take advantage of this opportunity; will you join him as presenter of your year?

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.

The downloaded editions of each Chieftain are suitable for use on a computer, tablet or large-screen smartphone. If you would like a higher-resolution copy suitable for print-out, let us know and we will make arrangements to send a larger version (50-100 MB in size!) that has better detail when printed.

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!

**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/>

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 sprinted to a 13-0 record, but then ran into tough sledding in its first three games in one of the City's toughest groups, the Western League:

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	Won, 83-44	(John F. Kennedy Cougar Classic)
January 03	Grant	Won, 98-78	(John F. Kennedy Cougar Classic)
January 04	Verdugo Hills	Won, 78-71	(John F. Kennedy Cougar Classic)
January 05	Chatsworth	Won, 74-67	(John F. Kennedy Cougar Classic)
January 09	@ Palisades	Lost, 73-59	(Western League game)
January 11	Fairfax	Lost, 82-55	(Western League game)
January 13	Westchester	Lost, 72-54	(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's top scorers are 6-1 senior wing **Jude Agbasi** (15.8 points per game), 6-0 junior guard **Daisone Hughes** (15.7) and 6-3 senior forward **Gabe Okmin** (14.2). The leading rebounder is 6-1 senior forward **Kevin Javier** (6.0 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

New coach **Karlia Batalia** has the Wildcats at 4-8 (0-3 Western League) so far:

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	Lost, 82-35	(Western League game)
January 11	@ Fairfax	Lost, 72-35	(Western League game)
January 13	@ Westchester	Lost, 52-40	(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 a 2-4-1 record, with an 1-3 mark in non-league play and a 2-1-1 record so far in the Western League. The Wildcats defeated Venice, 4-0, lost to Palisades, tied Hamilton and defeated Westchester, 2-0. The girls team is 2-6-2 (1-0-2 Western League), playing a 0-0 tie with Pali, tying Hamilton, 1-1, and defeating Westchester, 1-0 in its leagues matches so far.

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.

- ▣ **Penny (Stoner) Barnes** '68 (pennykathleen@hotmail.com) sent along a donation to the UHEF (thanks!) and asked:

“Are there any plans for a 50th Reunion in 2018?”

No doubt there will be, but it's probably a little early right now. Keep checking this space for news, or perhaps you'd like to get the ball rolling yourself? The UHEF can help with some addresses from its database of 14,000-plus alumni; let us know!

- ▣ 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>

Class of Summer 1961: Islanders

- <http://www.unihi61.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

- ▣ **Dick Kampmann**, Uni's legendary cross country and track & field coach, turned 92 on Thursday, January 13. He's showing the effects of his age, but is still receiving visitors at his Santa Monica home.

If you would like to visit with Coach, or send him a cheerful birthday message, please contact his son, **Bill Stimming**, at billstimming@kw.com or by telephone at (310) 488-6687.
- ▣ The massive plaques saluting 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

- ▣ The Los Angeles Unified School District has posted Uni's 2015-16 [School Report Card](#) with data on Uni's demographics, environment and performance. Some highlights:
- *Attendance:* 1,671 students across grades 9-12
 - *Demographics:* 55% Latino, 24% African-American, 10% White, 9% Asian-Filipino; 2% did not declare
 - *Graduate in 4 years:* 89% (vs. LAUSD average of 75%)
 - *Students enrolled in an AP class:* 25% (vs. LAUSD average of 25%)

The breakdown of student backgrounds included the following statistics:

- *Socioeconomically disadvantaged:* 71%
- *Gifted and talented:* 19%
- *Students with Disabilities:* 12%

There is a lot more data in the eight-page report; click on the link above to access the entire report, in PDF format.

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

Send a note to Connect@UHEF.org !

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