



Warriors & Wildcats Report

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UHEF 2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb. 04	<i>Memorial Service for Coach Dick Kampmann</i>	Stivelman Theater
Mar. 19	<i>Campus Clean-up Day I</i>	Campus
Apr. 10-14	<i>Spring Recess</i>	Campus
Apr. 19-22	<i>"Shrek the Musical"</i>	Stivelman Theater
Apr. 23	<i>Campus Clean-up Day II</i>	Campus
Apr. 28-29	<i>1st University High School Film Festival</i>	Stivelman Theater
Jun. 09	<i>Spring semester ends</i>	Campus

LEGENDARY UNI COACH DICK KAMPMANN PASSES AT 92; MEMORIAL SERVICE ON SATURDAY

☐ **Dick Kampmann**, the most successful coach in Uni's long history, passed away at age 92 on January 23, at his home in Santa Monica. He was surrounded by family and friends right to the end.

A celebration of the man universally known as "Coach K" will be held at Uni's Stivelman Theater on Saturday, February 4, beginning at 11 a.m. Street parking is available and all are welcome.

Many inquiries have been made about donations, flowers or gifts. Kampmann's son, **Bill Stimming**, asks that contributions be made to the COACH RICHARD M. KAMPMANN SCHOLARSHIP FUND, which will be administered by the Uni Hi Education Foundation. To make a contribution:

- Go to the UHEF.org donation page [here](#);
- Make your donation by credit card;
- Please enter "Kampmann Scholarship Fund" in the Comments section.

Your donations will go into a fund which will provide an annual scholarship, awarded by the Kampmann Family in coordination with the Uni Hi Education Foundation.

A note announcing Kampmann's passing circulated to many of his Uni alumni and friends read in part:

"Coach's passing is lightened by the knowledge that his contribution to so many lives was recognized and the affection returned by hundreds of his alumni, co-workers and friends for his 90th birthday two years ago and last year's honors at Uni, culminating in the naming of the athletic field where he did so much for so many as Kampmann Stadium. There is no possible way to calculate the contribution he made to thousands of lives, one at a time, one workout at a time, one lesson at a time, in sport and for life."

Kampmann was born in Phoenix, Arizona in 1925, but moved to Los Angeles with his family at age 10. He attended 92nd Street Elementary School, Foshay Junior High and Washington High School, where he was an outstanding athlete in basketball, football and track. After service in the Navy in World War II, he attended U.C. Santa Barbara and was a four-year letterman with best marks of 10.0 for 100 yards, 22.1 for the 220, 48.7 in the 440, 1:57.0 in the 880 and 4:21.1 for the mile.

He graduated in 1950 and after some graduate studies at UCLA and USC, he entered the teaching (and coaching) profession at Gardena High School. He had stints at Excelsior High School, Horace Mann Junior High, Samuel Gompers Junior High and then Dorsey High School in the fall of 1958. There, he had great success as the cross country and track & field coach for the Dons, and in his first season, saw his squad defeat Uni, 25-32 in cross country, ending a six-year, 37-dual meet unbeaten streak of the Warriors. One of his runners was **Mike Love**, sixth in the Western League and 22nd in the '58 City Finals. Love went on to become a founding member of the Beach Boys.

Kampmann came to Uni on the recommendation of retiring coach **Jim Pursell** and took over with the 1960 track & field season. In his 25 years at Uni, his teams won eight All-City team titles, 24 All-City individual championships, 77 Western League team titles, 252 Western League individual championships and had a combined dual-meet record of 875-267-3.

Following his retirement from Uni in 1985, he served in the school's administration, then took charge of the Pepperdine cross country program from 1989-2005, with eight top-three finishes in the West Coast Conference finals. He will be much missed, but his legacy continues in the thousands of students, staff, family and friends he touched.

UNI CREATES VIOLETA PONCE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

- ▣ The untimely passing of another member of the Uni family has resulted in the creation of a new scholarship at Uni: the Violeta Ponce Scholarship. Assistant Principal **Dan Blank** explains the background and asked for your help:

“This past school year the Uni High Community lost a beloved faculty member and friend when English teacher **Violeta (Ponce) Pacheco** suffered a sudden, fatal heart attack. She was only 40 years old.

“Her death saddened many of us because this former department chair and gifted coordinator had just completed her request for a disability leave. During these last eight years, we witnessed her brave, cancer battle. Throughout this time, she had a short leave, but she worked through her treatment.

“Despite her struggles, Violeta's main concerns were always about the school, the department, and her students. She always tried to find the humor in life and was there giving support and comfort to her students, friends and family despite her own struggles.

“This woman of great character and formidable strength leaves behind her loving husband Patrick, dedicated parents and a devoted sister.

“Violeta began her teaching career at Uni, and from the beginning she possessed that ‘Warrior/Wildcat’ spirit being an involved figure at games, planning events as a member of the social committee, and as the 2006 class sponsor. Because of her pride in being an educator and her love of Uni, the faculty and staff would like to honor her memory by creating a scholarship in her name for a student who hopes to pursue a career in education.

“We hope you can help us achieve our goal. Contributions to the Violeta Ponce Scholarship can be made to the UHEF or sent directly to University High School Ponce Scholarship. Thank you.”

To contribute, simply go to the [Donate Now](#) section of the UHEF Web site, make your donation and enter “VIOLETA PONCE SCHOLARSHIP FUND” in the Comments section. Thank you for your generosity.

ALUMNI DONATIONS TO THE UNI LIBRARY APPROACHING 100!

- ▣ Alumni donations of books for the Uni library continue to pour in, with 95 books now received through January 26.

New books such as “*Road to Valor: A True Story of WWII Italy, the Nazis, and the Cyclist Who*

Inspired a Nation” and “*Rise of the Rocket Girls: The Women Who Propelled Us, from Missiles to the Moon to Mars*” have arrived thanks to the generosity of alumni who are helping the modernize the Uni collection.

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!”*

Thanks also to our newest contributor, **Roger Schrag**.

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

CHECK OUT YOUR YEARBOOK: 77 CHIEFTAINS NOW ONLINE AT UHEF.ORG

- ▣ 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 and **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

▣ Uni has a long history of talented students who have gone on to careers in the arts, especially in film, music and theater. So it's about time for Uni and the UHEF to 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 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](#)

- Boys/Basketball:

Uni sprinted to a 13-0 record, but then ran into tough sledding in one of the City's toughest groups, the Western League, and is currently 17-7:

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	Won, 68-61	(Clash at the Canyons Showcase)
January 16	Brentwood	Lost, 76-64	(MLK Day Showcase @ LACES)
January 18	@ Hamilton	Lost, 58-57	(Western League game)
January 20	@ Los Angeles CES	Won, 72-50	(Western League game)
January 25	Venice	Won, 62-42	(Western League game)
January 26	@ Price	Won, 85-55	
January 27	Palisades	Lost, 58-53	(Western League game)
January 30	@ Fairfax	Lost, 66-58	(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 continues to get strong play from 6-1 senior wing **Jude Agbasi** (16.6 points per game), 6-0 junior guard **Daisone Hughes** (13.9) and 6-3 senior forward **Gabe Okmin** (12.6). The leading rebounders are Agbasi and 6-1 senior forward **Kevin Javier**, both at 5.8 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 8-11 (2-6 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 18	Hamilton	Won, 45-43 (OT)	(Western League game)
January 21	Monrovia	Won, 73-37	(Non-conference game)
January 25	@ Venice	Lost, 42-32	(Western League game)
January 26	Los Angeles CES	Won, 45-23	(Western League game)
January 27	@ Palisades	Lost, 80-39	(Western League game)
January 28	@ Jordan	Won, 44-14	(Alemany Showcase)
January 30	Fairfax	Lost, 61-37	(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 3-5-2 record, with an 0-3 mark in non-league play and a 3-2-2 record so far in the Western League. The Wildcats have wins over Venice (twice) and Westchester and ties with Hamilton and Fairfax. The girls team is 3-9-2 (2-2-2 Western League), with wins over Westchester and Venice and ties with Palisades and Hamilton 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.

- ▣ 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 & Peleas

- <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/>

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

- ▣ **Deb Howard '79** (creeksidedeb@yahoo.com) sent along this note, of special interest to alums of the Classes of 1951 and 1954:

*"I wanted to see if you'd be willing to put a note in the newsletter or whatever offering up a Capries Summer Class of '54 patch to whoever might want it – my dearly departed mom, **Lee Ptitsin '54** (later Lyddia Howard) – would love to see someone get that who it would make happy. I also have a ring with an engraved 'Robert' on its face which I understand was from **Robert Esser S' 51**. Would love to return it to Robert if he is still around or to his family. Thanks for your help!"*

Please contact Deb directly if you are interested in the patch or can help find Mr. Esser!

- ▣ 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

- ▣ Thanks to the new archive of [Chieftains](#) on the UHEF.org Web site, we were able to research some of the details about **Steve Smith's** time at Uni. Now retired from the NFL after 16 seasons as a star wide receiver, he was a standout at Uni in 1997. Some highlights:
- Smith, known in those days as Stevonne Smith – his given name – wore no. 3 for the Warriors and was an All-Westside and All-Western League first-team selection.
 - While Uni ran a rushing-oriented offense, Smith was the team's top receiver, with 15 receptions for 397 yards and five touchdowns. He also played defensive back and led the Warriors with four interceptions.
 - Coach **Marshall Jones** led Smith's Warriors to a 7-5 record on the season, including two Division II playoff wins before a season-ending loss to Van Nuys in the City quarterfinals.

Said Jones, "We kept our playoff tradition alive for the fourth straight year. We overcame several key injuries and we finished strongly. This team was talented; they worked hard, and they were fun to be around."

Smith wasn't just a great footballer. He went on to set the still-standing school record of 38.73 in the 300 m Hurdles in track in the spring, before moving on to Santa Monica College.

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

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