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UHEF 2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Apr. Apr. Apr. Apr.	19-22 23 27 28 29	Spring Recess " <u>Shrek the Musical</u> " Campus Clean-up Day II <u>Uni Health & Fitness Fair</u> <u>1st University High Student Film Festival</u> <u>UHEF Takes You to the Movies: "Grease</u> " Spring competer and	Campus Stivelman Theater Campus Stivelman Theater Stivelman Theater
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UNI EARNS MIXED MARKS IN FIRST "EQUITY REPORT"

▶ In the new "California Dashboard" report on school performance, Uni earned mixed marks in the <u>first release</u> for Spring 2017.

This first "Equity Report" showed Uni doing well on graduation rates, excellent on keeping suspensions down, but poor on the progress of its English learners. A summary of the findings:

- Uni reported 1,671 students total in grades 9-12, of which 9% are "English learners."
- Of the total student body, 73% are considered "socioeconomically disadvantaged"

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Graduation rate:Suspension rate:English Learner Progress:	Medium Low Very Low	$87.8\%\ 1.3\%\ 52.7\%$	+ 3.3% from 2016 -2.3% from 2016 -17.5% from 2016

Specific reporting on individual student groups was also included in the report. Learning assessments based on testing of 11th-grade students will not be available until the fall.

DAVID NWABA, UNI'S FIRST NBA PLAYER EARNS SEASONAL LAKERS CONTRACT!

▶ The first University High School alum to play in the National Basketball Association, **David Nwaba**, was signed by the Los Angeles Lakers on March 21 for the remainder of the current season, with a team option for the 2017-18 season.

"We have been impressed by David's focus and determination, especially on defense," Lakers general manager *Rob Pelinka* said in a release. "He has a mentality about him that is infectious, and he works hard every day to improve himself.

"He has brought energy to both our Lakers and D-Fenders games, and has certainly earned his spot on the roster."

Nwaba, a member of the Class of 2011, was promoted from the Lakers' Development League team, the D-Fenders for a 10-day contract, won a second 10-day contract – a total of 10 games – and now a real, live NBA contract for at least the remainder of this season.

Although "signed" for the 2017-18 season, Nwaba really has to start over and make the Lakers team again as the club has the option to keep him or terminate the agreement.

However, he's made the most of his opportunity. He's even started several games and has <u>averaged</u> 16.4 minutes, 4.4 points and 2.5 rebounds per game. He's shooting 56.4% from the floor and has made his mark with defense and hustle.

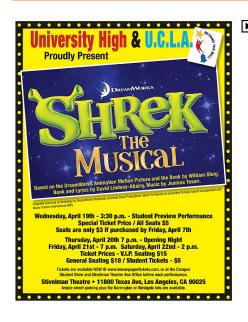
He <u>told reporters</u> after the last game of his second 10-day contract, "I definitely hope to stick around and just get the NBA experience, but if not, get back to the D-League, keep working hard, keep working on my game and see where that goes. It's been a great experience, just helping me build confidence and knowing I can play at this level."

Nwaba is part of the first family of Uni athletes. His older sister **Barbara** is the U.S. Heptathlon champion and competed in the Rio Games last summer, and younger brother **Victor** plays NCAA Division II basketball for Academy of Art College in San Francisco.

UNI PRODUCTION OF "SHREK THE MUSICAL" COMING APRIL 19

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▶ Uni's spring production of "Shrek The Musical" brings the famed musical to the Stivelman Theater for four performances only, beginning April 19.

The show is based on the 2001 Oscar-winning DreamWorks Animation film and the book *Shrek* by William Steig. It follows the adventures of an ogre named Shrek who sets off on a quest to save Princess Fiona from a dragon. However, in order to succeed, Shrek must learn how to believe in himself and open his heart to others.

The original theatrical production ran for twelve months on Broadway and received twelve Drama Desk Awards and eight Tony Award nominations, including Best Musical.

Uni's production is the latest hit from Uni Director of Theater Arts *Ronnie Sperling* '76, with single performances scheduled from Wednesday through Saturday:

[1]	April 19:	Wednesday	3:30 p.m. ~ Student Preview Performance
[2]	April 20:	Thursday	7:00 p.m. ~ Opening Night
[3]	April 21:	Friday	7:00 p.m. ~ Friday Night Showcase
[4]	April 22:	Saturday	2:00 p.m. ~ Closing Matinee

Tickets for the April 19 show are priced at \$5, with an early-purchase price of just \$3 through April 6. Tickets for the April 20-21-22 shows are available at \$10 each, with VIP/First Row seats priced at \$15 each.

Tickets may be purchased online <u>here</u>, or at the Uni Student Store anytime prior to the show date or at the Stivelman Theater box office on the day of each show. The Stivelman Theater entrance is on Texas Avenue, mid-block between Westgate and Barrington Avenues. Ample street parking is available, with school lots on Barrington Avenue and Westgate Avenue both available as well.

"Shrek The Musical" is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). The Uni Theater Arts program is supported by UCLA's Beyond the Bell and the Uni Hi Education Foundation. For more on Uni's theatre arts program, check out its Facebook page at:

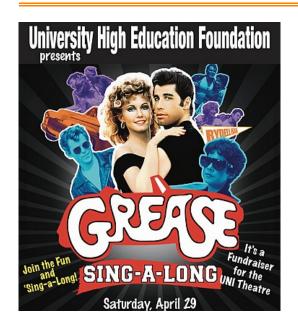
https://www.facebook.com/unihightheater/

SING ALONG WITH "GREASE" AT THE UNI FILM FESTIVAL ON APRIL 28-29

Did you have more fun at Uni than Danny and Sandy had at Rydell High in "<u>Grease</u>"?

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Then get your gang together and find your bobby sox for a night back to the 1950s when the UHEF presents the sing-along version of the 1978 smash movie at the Stivelman Theater on Saturday night, April 29 at 6 p.m.!

The Grease Sing-A-Long version, starring Olivia Newton-John and John Travolta has been digitally remastered in this special version, made for audience participation.

If you're "Hopelessly Devoted" to Grease, you'll be able to sing along to "You're the One That I Want," "Beauty School Dropout," "Summer Nights" and all of the film's big hits as you experience the friendships, romances and adventures of a group of high school kids in 1950s Los Angeles.

This event features the hit movie complete with song lyrics printed on the screen! You can come as you are, or dress up as characters from the movie, but come ready to clap and sing along to one of the fun movies of all time. There will be a costume contest for adults and kids, as well as a dance contest for you to showcase your best moves, emceed by Uni's Director of Theater Arts, *Ronnie Sperling* '76!

This is a fund-raiser for the University High School theater program. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children (under 18) and students with identification. Tickets are available online at:

$\underline{www.UHEF}\-presents-Grease.BrownPaperTickets.com$

The film will be shown using a special projector to span a cyclorama screen across the entire theater stage, so you'll essentially be right in the middle of the quad at Rydell High for the entire show!

The first-ever **UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT FILM FESTIVAL** will take place on Friday (28), beginning at 4 p.m., showcasing student films from Uni and other high schools. 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 <u>Connect@UHEF.org</u>.

UNI HEALTH & FITNESS FAIR COMING APRIL 27: YOU'RE INVITED!

▶ Uni's unique health and international foods program will be showcased during the school's Open House on Thursday, April 27 with its ninth annual <u>Health & Fitness Fair</u>.

Organized by irrepressible teacher *Kerri Eich*, the showcase will be open from 5-7 p.m. on campus. "In my class, we rotate students through 14 different jobs that support our weekly

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healthy meal preparation. Every student manages their own garden plot where they cultivate food and learn about nutrition and the health benefits of food. Every year our class organizes a health and fitness fair in partnership with other classes and health advocates from our community." The Fair will be located in the East Gym in the center of campus.

If you're involved with a community organization that would like to participate in the program, you've invited to contact Kerri (click <u>here</u>). If you are interested in a sponsorship of the Health and Fitness Fair, click <u>here</u>. Don't be shy!

UNI LIBRARY DONATIONS NOW AT 136; HOW ABOUT YOU?

▶ Contributions of new books continue to pour into the Uni library, with 136 books donated by alumni and friends since the program began last October. Our donor roll includes:

Jeff Deckman '76 Ivan Finkle '50 Barbara Wong Franklin '68 Judy Kleinberg '65 Ruth Albert Roberts '64 Robert Schrag '83 Judy Wolfenstein Kevin Young '75

Won't you consider giving the gift of knowledge to the Uni library?

Uni librarian *Tascha Folsoi* '86 – also a book donor – devised a simple process to help modernize the school library by using Amazon.com's "Wish List" function. Anyone can go to the list (*here*), purchase one or more books – most of the donors 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) <u>do not</u> 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 <u>tascha.folsoi@gmail.com</u>. 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

TIME STANDS STILL: 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 and funded by 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 <u>click here</u> 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 <u>Yearbooks page</u>, 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 largescreen 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.

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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 <u>Connect@UHEF.org</u> 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, 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 <u>"Donate Now"</u> page and make your contribution of \$99 or more. We'll get your card out right away!

ON CAMPUS

▶ Can you help five Uni students compete in a State championship?

Through a national leadership program called <u>*SkillsUSA*</u>, students learn skills that can help them advance their careers beyond the classroom. Uni teacher **Danna Coonen-Lee** teaches Animation and Web Design and urged her students to compete in the Southern California competition and here's their story:

"Our students competed this year in the Web Design category using HTML coding and Pin Design/T-Shirt Design category, placing in both! We are trying to send the two teams that placed in Web Design and one other student that competed by himself in the Pin/T-Shirt Design category. A total of five students will be going to the State if we can raise the money.

"They will be representing our Region in the State Championship in San Diego this April. If they place in State they will be invited to go to the National Championships in Kentucky! This is a huge honor and an amazing opportunity. We are trying to raise money for their expenses

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which will cover lodging and food. Everything else has been provided by our school district."

Contributing couldn't be easier: Connen-Lee has set up a *GoFundMe* page which allowes direct contributions, which can be anonymous if desired. She is trying to raise \$3,000 by April 15, with \$450 contributed thus far. All the details are <u>here</u>.

▶ Uni sports report:

Follow the Wildcats on Twitter: <u>@Utownsports</u>

• Boys/Baseball:

The baseball team, which has to play all of its games on the road due to a lack of a facility on or neat the Uni campus, is 6-8 so far in 2017, with a 2-2 start in the Western League with two wins over Fairfax. MaxPreps schedule and statistics are <u>here</u>.

• Boys/Tennis:

The Wildcats are 3-8 overall and 3-6 in the Western League, with wins over Venice. Westchester and LACES. For scores and schedule, click <u>here</u>.

• Boys/Volleyball:

Uni's volleyball squad has an 11-10-1 record and 2-3 in the Western League, with victories against Hamilton and Westchester. Scores and schedule are <u>here</u>.

• Girls/Softball:

Uni and head coach *Jason Tillett* have a 5-4 record overall and a 3-2 mark in the Western League, including wins over Fairfax, Westchester and LACES.. For scores and schedules, click <u>here</u>.

• Track & Field:

Uni's remaining dual meets are at home, on the nearly-new Patton Track inside Kampmann Stadium. Coming up:

Apr.	06	Westchester	Kampmann Stadium
Apr.	20	Hamilton	Kampmann Stadium
Apr.	27	Venice	Kampmann Stadium

If you'd like to attend, admission to Uni track & field meets is free. Unfortunately, dualmeet and league team scores are never reported, so we can't bring them to you. You can follow Uni's individual athlete results on Athletic.net <u>here</u>.

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 . . .

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▶ Upcoming reunions that we know about include:

•	Sep. 23, 2017:	CLASS OF 1954 (<i>Capris</i>) 63-YEAR REUNION At the Saticoy Golf Course Clubhouse, Ventura Information: Erin Boomer (<u>boomererin@gmail.com</u>)
•	Oct. 07, 2017:	CLASS OF 1967: 50-YEAR REUNION
		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 <u>www.reunioncommittee.com</u> .
•	Oct. 13, 2018:	CLASS OF 1968: 50-YEAR REUNION
		Hollywood & Highland Center, Los Angeles
		Information: Kathie Brown Marion (marionmoses@me.com).
		Reservations and tickets: Please contact The Reunion Committee at

Please send details of any and all reunions, meetings or informal get-togethers to <u>*Connect@UHEF.org*</u> for inclusion in future issues.

▶ *Class of 1987*:

A reunion committee is forming for a 30-year celebration later in 2017. Check out the class Facebook page at <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/129073165787/</u> or contact **Marvina** (Stephens) Miller at <u>marvina@centurycommercial.com</u>.

(661) 259-5999 or visit www.reunioncommittee.com.

▶ <u>Class of 1997</u>:

Kymia Jones '97 (<u>kymiaejones@gmail.com</u>) writes and asks:

"I'm wondering if there is a 20-year reunion planned for the Class of 1997? If not, how would I go about getting that together?"

You've come to the right place, Kymia! Reunions have to start somewhere and you can get yours going by:

- (1) Contacting the classmates you keep in touch with and forming the nucleus of a class reunion committee;
- (2) Contact the UHEF (see the next item!) about providing you with as many names as we have from our mailing lists;
- (3) Getting a start-up meeting going to figure out what kind of reunion you'd like to have: format, food, location and so on, and move forward from there!

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▶ 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 <u>Connect@UHEF.org</u> right away!

If your class maintains a Web site or Facebook page, please send the address to <u>Connect@UHEF.org</u> and we'll add it to this list!

<u>Class of 1987:</u>

• On Facebook: <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/129073165787/</u>

<u>Class of 1981</u>:

On Facebook: <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/UNI1981Centurians/</u>

<u>Class of 1977:</u>

On Facebook: <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/UniHigh77/</u>

Classes of 1966: Valcisians & Delphians

- On Facebook: <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/1092330424115492/</u>
- For questions, please contact Joyce Rangen at <u>joyce.rangen@gmail.com</u>

Classes of 1965: Artesians & Peleans

- <u>http://uni65.com</u> or <u>https://unihi65.wordpress.com</u>
- To join the Class Facebook page, send an e-mail to <u>UniHi65@gmail.com</u>

Class of Winter 1961: New Yorkers

• <u>http://www.unihiw61.com</u>

Class of Summer 1961: Islanders

• <u>http://www.unihi61.com</u>

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

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

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: <u>Connect@UHEF.org</u>.

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- ▶ 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* <u>Now</u>" 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 <u>Community Contribution page</u> and either **register** or **sign in** (Questions answered <u>here</u>); 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 <u>clicking here</u>!

UHEF SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

- Did you know that the UHEF thanks to your donations supports these annual scholarships for Uni students:
 - *Community Service Scholarship*: \$1,000 awarded to a graduating senior who has shown exceptional dedication to community service during their tenure at Uni.
 - Jack Moskowitz Principal's Award: Named for one of Uni's most outstanding principals (1984-93), a \$1,000 award to a graduating senior selected by Uni Principal Eric Davidson for exceptional achievement and service to the school.
 - **Sharon Mednick Scholarship**: Created in 2004 from a \$10,000 bequest left by Uni counselor Sharon Mednick, this annual \$1,000 scholarship is awarded to a senior interested in a career in education.

In addition, two new scholarships are set to be inaugurated in the coming year with your donations:

- **Coach Richard M. Kampmann Scholarship Fund**: Named for Uni's late, legendary cross country and track & field coach, to be awarded by the Stimming Family in coordination with the UHEF.
- *Violetta Ponce Scholarship*: a new scholarship created by the University High School faculty and staff in memory of the late *Violetta (Ponce) Pacheco*, a Uni English teacher who lost her battle with cancer in May, 2016 at age 40. Contributions to this fund can be made to the UHEF or sent directly to University High School.

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To contribute to any of these scholarships, simply go to the <u>Donate Now</u> section of the UHEF Web site, make your donation and enter the name of the fund you wish to support in the Comments section. Thank you for your generosity.

UNI ALUMNI NOTEBOOK

Reunion information and updates for the Classes of 1954-1967-1968-1987-1997: Check the <u>Reunions</u> section above!

▶ From *Susan Dettmer-Metsch* '71 (*mountaingr150@yahoo.com*):

"I have been trying to connect, but can't find, my best friend, **Katrina Kuizenga**, class of 1971. Do you have any suggestions? Thank you for considering this request!"

Susan, we don't have her contact information, but we're sharing your request here in the hopes that one of our readers can help you, and will contact you directly!

▶ We did get some replies to our question about whether a Uni campus tour for alumni would be worthwhile. The consensus was that a tour would be welcome, especially if set well in advance so people could reserve the date and sign up in advance.

This will require some more planning work, but is a helpful idea for the future. Thanks especially to *Larry Tistaert* '59, *Carl Hagge* '63 and *Jerry Tobin* for your suggestions.

▶ 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 mounted outside the north side of the South Gym. If you would like to see them, please note that Uni is a closed school and requires visitors to register. Please arrange your entry by calling Uni – (310) 914-3500 – and ask to schedule a date to come to see the plaques.

A handful (literally) of the souvenir DVDs of the May 15th Kampmann-Patton Honors Luncheon remain available. The full speaking program is included, along with personal messages to Coach K and the Patton family and a short highlights <u>video</u> of the event. The DVDs are \$20 each and can be ordered by going to the <u>UHEF.org "Donate Now" page</u> 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: <u>http://achieve.lausd.net/transcripts</u>. Please read the requirements carefully!

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SIXTH PERIOD BELL

We've written a lot about the late Uni coach *Dick Kampmann*, who passed away earlier this year at age 92. But Kampmann always talked about the man he followed at Uni – *Jim Pursell* – as the inspiration for his great success.

A marvelous comment about Pursell was received on the UHEF.org Web site from **Ray Sanchez** '58 (<u>monitoes92@gmail.com</u>):

"Jim Pursell was our track coach, but he was so much more. Mr. Pursell was a 'life' coach. He touched my life very deeply. One of my friends, **John Giba**, matched **Mel Patton's** 100-yard dash record (9.8), and was admired by Mr. Pursell because John reminded him of Mel Patton.

"I happen to be writing a book (which has already been published, but will be rewritten and, hopefully republished), in which I partially include in detail the history of Uni Hi, and which includes Mel Patton's station within our proud history.

"I was fortunate to have been a Uni Hi 'WARRIOR,' and as far as I'm concerned, Uni Hi will always be the home of the WARRIORS! However, naming the track field for Mel Patton is in keeping with the spirit of naming Jackie Robinson Field at UCLA for him. Because I had the opportunity to travel through Europe during my military service (USAF 1958-65) I proudly testify that there have never been in my life the quality of friendships like those at Uni Hi.

"I will always deeply respect and admire the "character" that many of our teachers inspired in us – especially Jim Pursell. I was/am blessed! After graduation, I even found where he lived so I could personally express my sincere admiration! Go Warriors!"

If you attended the **KAMPMANN-PATTON HONORS LUNCHEON** last May, you can help others appreciate what Patton and Pursell achieved together. Patton biographer *Larry Booth* (*lrbooth@verizon.net*) – who provided copies of his book, "*World's Fastest Humans*" to luncheon attendees – wants to continue to spread the word about Patton.

He asking anyone who enjoyed the book to post a comment/review on the Amazon <u>site</u>, "in order to widen the audience of those who might read about University High's greatest athlete." Yes, please!

Booth, a sprinter at Washington High School in Los Angeles (as was Kampmann), was coached by Patton at Long Beach City College and played a major role in the naming of the new track at Uni in his name. Helping spread the word even further about Patton honors his memory and that of Pursell, *who died at 103* in 2004. Thanks in advance!

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

Send a note to <u>Connect@UHEF.org</u> ! Be sure to give your full name and Uni graduating class!

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