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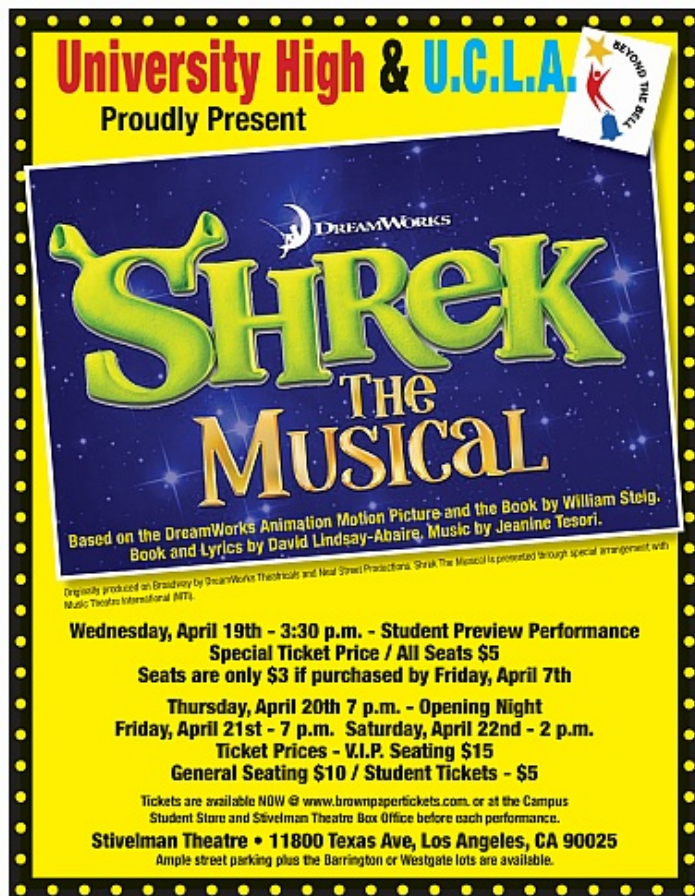
- ▣ The largest musical this century and perhaps the largest in the history of Uni is days from opening as "Shrek The Musical" comes to the Stivelman Theater stage beginning April 19.

How big is the cast? Check out the line-up:

<i>Mama Ogre:</i>	Victoria Saxxon	<i>Captain of the Guards:</i>	Victoria (Emile) Brown
<i>Papa Ogre:</i>	Giovanni Molinaro	<i>Pinocchio:</i>	Nuhamin Ferade
<i>Little Ogre:</i>	Erin Washington	<i>Big Bad Wolf :</i>	Joseph Mejia
<i>The King:</i>	Joseph Mejia	<i>Pig 1 (Sticks):</i>	Shandira Sequira
<i>The Queen:</i>	Angelina Jeyko	<i>Pig 2 (Straws):</i>	Ginetta Roble
<i>Shrek:</i>	Billy Ortiz	<i>Pig 3 (Bricks):</i>	Mikaela Haley

Wicked Witch: Victoria Saxxon
Peter Pan: Angelina Jeyko
Ugly Duckling: Akira Shelton
Mama Bear: Maribel Solis
Papa Bear: Giovanni Molinaro
Baby Bear: Erin Washington
White Rabbit: Makayla
Fairy Godmother: Brechjah Hunt
Shoemaker's Elf: Akila McKenzie
SugarPlum Fairy: Jasmine Mentzer
Donkey: Jalon Moore
Lord Farquaad: Allen Tehrani
Gingy: Akira Shelton
Young Fiona: Nuhamin Ferade
Teen Fiona: Akila McKenzie
Princess Fiona: Charlene Herrella
Knights: Victoria (Emile) Brown
 Akira Shelton
 Victoria Saxxon
 Maribel Solis
Dragon: Jasmine Mentzer
Pied Piper: Joseph Mejia

Bishop: Victoria (Emile) Brown
Dwarf: Erin Washington
Duloc Performers: Nuhamin Ferade
 Mikaela Haley
 Brechjah Hunt
 Makayla
 Akila McKenzie
 Jasmine Mentzer
 Maribel Solis
 Erin Washington
 Joseph Mejia
Rats: Angelina Jeyko
 Jasmine Mentzer
 Ginetta Roble
 Victoria Saxxon
 Shandira Sequra
 Akira Shelton
 Maribel Solis
 Erin Washington
Three Blind Mice: Angelina Jeyko
 Ginetta Roble
 Shandira Sequra



“Even with some of our players doubling and tripling back during the show, it’s going to be a big production, with great costumes and sets,” noted Uni Director of Theatre Arts, **Ronnie Sperling** ‘76.

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.

The show will run four days, with single performances from Wednesday through Saturday:

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| [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 [here](#), 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 “[Grease](#)”?

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!

University High Education Foundation
presents

Join the Fun
and
'Sing-a-Long!

Saturday,
April 29
6pm at
Stivelman
Theatre

GREASE
SING-A-LONG

A Fund-raiser for UNI Theatre

Tickets on sale at...
www.brownpapertickets.com and at the door.
Students & Kids \$10 and Adults \$20

Calling all Pink Ladies, T-Birds
and Beauty School Dropouts, for
a summer night filled with fun,
singing and a little hand-jive!

**Dance
Contest!!**

Popcorn, Candy
and Soda at our
Concessions Stand

Best Costume Prizes for Adults and Kids

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:

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 Connect@UHEF.org.

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 [*Health & Fitness Fair*](#).

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 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 [here](#)). If you are interested in a sponsorship of the Health and Fitness Fair, click [here](#). Don't be shy!

UNI LIBRARY DONATIONS SOAR TO 159; HOW ABOUT YOU?

- ▣ Contributions of new books continue to fly into the Uni library, with 159 books donated by alumni and friends since the program began last October. All of these have been given by eight named donors and some who wish to remain anonymous:

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) ***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*](mailto: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

DAVID NWABA, UNI'S FIRST NBA PLAYER FINISHES THE SEASON WITH THE LAKERS

- ▣ **David Nwaba** '11 concluded the 2016-17 NBA with the Lakers, who signed him for this season, with a team option for the 2017-18 season. Although "signed" for next season, Nwaba really has to start over and make the Lakers team again as the club can decide to keep him or terminate the agreement.

But he made it to The Show, the first Uni alum to play in the NBA. For the season, he [*averaged*](#) 19.9 minutes, 6.0 points and 3.1 rebounds per game, with a single-game high of 19 points against the Clippers on April 1. He's shot 58.0% from the floor and has made his mark with defense and hustle.

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.

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 [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!

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 "[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/Baseball:*

The baseball team, which has to play all of its games on the road due to a lack of a facility on or near the Uni campus, is 7-10 so far in 2017, with a 3-3 start in the Western League with two wins over Fairfax and one over LACES. MaxPreps schedule and statistics are [here](#).

- *Boys/Tennis:*

The Wildcats are 4-8 overall and 4-6 in the Western League, with wins over Venice, Westchester and two over LACES. For scores and schedule, click [here](#).

- *Boys/Volleyball:*

Uni's volleyball squad has an 18-12-1 record and 3-5 in the Western League, with victories against Hamilton and Westchester (twice). Scores and schedule are [here](#).

- *Girls/Softball:*

Uni and head coach **Jason Tillet** have a 5-6 record overall and a 3-4 mark in the Western League, including wins over Fairfax, Westchester and LACES. For scores and schedules, click [here](#).

- *Track & Field:*

We've had multiple requests for more information about Uni's track & field team in 2017. In many ways, things aren't too much different than in prior decades, as Uni competes in the Western League with Fairfax, Hamilton, Palisades, Venice and Westchester and the lately-added L.A. Center for Enriched Studies (LACES).

As to the current team marks, you can follow Uni's individual athlete results on Athletic.net [here](#). The top performers reported so far this season:

	<u>Boys</u>		<u>Girls</u>	
100 m	11.94	Nicholas Nathan	12.74	Olivia Adams
200 m		no report		no report
400 m	54.74	Connor Broussard	65.24	Chedeya Brown
800 m	2:13.00	Nathan Warth	2:33.00	Kaylan Tanner
	2:13.00	Roger Torres		
1,600 m	4:57.00	Roger Torres	5:33.00	Stephanie Cruz Beltran
3,200 m		no report		no report
110 m H		no report	100m H	19.04
300 m H	47.74	Hassan Harris		55.14
4x100 m	45.94			no report
LJ	17-4	Noah Nathan	15-9	Cach'e Cummings
TJ	36-3	Kyle Amerson	22-0	Hannah Smith

There are no reported marks for the high jump, pole vault or shot put.

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

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, dual-meet and league team scores are never reported, so we can't bring them to you.

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:

- Sep. 23, 2017: **CLASS OF 1954 (Capris) 63-YEAR REUNION**
At the Saticoy Golf Course Clubhouse, Ventura
Information: **Erin Boomer** (boomererin@gmail.com)
- 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 www.reunioncommittee.com.

- 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 (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.

▣ **Class of 1987:**

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

▣ **Class of 1997:**

Kymia Jones '97 (kymiaejones@gmail.com) has already asked "I'm wondering if there is a 20-year reunion planned for the Class of 1997?" Why not contact Kymia and get the party started!

▣ **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 1981:

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

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.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!](#)

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.

To contribute to any of these scholarships, simply go to the [Donate Now](#) 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 [Reunions](#) section above!*

▣ ***Marilyn Gunther***, S '52, now living in Menisee, California reports, with sadness, the passing of two of her classmates from last year:

- ***Lucile Gale Rosen***, who passed on February 29, 2016, and
- ***Joanne Creekbaum Wheeler***, on September 14, 2016.

Our condolences to all of the family and friends of our departed Warriors and Wildcats.

▣ ***Ken Chotiner*** W '55 (kenjudge2@earthlink.net) shares good news of a late classmate:

"A new stamped postal card featuring the art work of designer and illustrator ***'Duke' Stermer*** (Vaqueros W '55) will be issued by the U.S. Postal Service on August 11. It shows a Chilean blue crocus.

“Duke's characteristic drawings filled the *Warrior* and the *Chieftain* during his Uni years. He designed *Time Magazine* covers, collaborated with Susan Sontag on the first American book of Castro-era Cuban posters, *The Art of Revolution*, and worked on the official medal of the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games. He was Chairman of the Illustration Department at the California College of the Arts at the time of his death in 2011.”

- ▣ **Don Carlson** ‘59 – the Castilians – (DLS5@rosenet.net) asks “*I am trying to find out if Uni still has a Student Store and if so you make purchase online or other ways?*”

Yes, Don, there is a Student Store on campus, but you can only buy items in person, as there are no online sales. But they’ll be happy to see you when you visit the campus!

- ▣ Sensational news from **Marc Glucksman** W’63 (MGlucksman@aol.com):

*“The email below honors **Elinor Trattner Ben-Menachem** (Fairburn/Emerson/Uni W ’63) for her selection for the Epilepsy Foundation's 2017 Lifetime Accelerator award. I hope you can devote a paragraph to Elinor in your next newsletter.”*

Of course! The Epilepsy Foundation’s notice of award explained it thus:

“The Epilepsy Foundation has selected you for the 2017 Lifetime Accelerator award. The Lifetime Accelerator Award was established in 2012 to honor physicians, scientists, industry leaders, and other individuals who have demonstrated a lifelong commitment to bringing new therapies to people living with epilepsy. Lifetime Accelerator Award recipients are chosen by an independent committee of global thought leaders and clinical investigators in epilepsy and seizure therapy discovery and development.

“We cannot think of a more deserving awardee, and we are delighted to share with you that you are the first female recipient of this award. Your work has impacted so many people living with epilepsy, and you are an inspiration to your peers and future generations working in this specialty. On behalf of the Epilepsy Foundation, thank you for all you do!”

The award will be presented on May 18th at a conference in Miami, Florida. Congratulations Elinor!

- ▣ 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 [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

- ▣ More comments continue to come in about **Jim Pursell**, Uni's cross country and track & field coach from the 1940s through 1959, when he was succeeded by Dick Kampmann. This memory of Pursell was sent by **Mal Stock** '49 (stockhome@starstream.net):

"Living as we did, just two blocks away from University High School, I spent many a Saturday morning at the school in the company of my T&F coach Jim Pursell.

"Although I arrived initially for a track workout, to play some baseball or touch football with the guys, I treasured the moments talking with him when he wasn't too occupied directing playground activities.

"Jim was engaging, but you had to earn his confidence before he would share any intimate information. He was the eldest of eight children I recall, when he drove his widowed mother and siblings in a horse-drawn wagon to California. The Pursell family first settled in Porterville.

"Although he graduated with good grades from USC, jobs were in short demand during the 1920s. He thought of getting a job as a truck driver, when he received notice of hire from the LAUSD. One of his first jobs, perhaps his first, was at Jefferson High School, (although he mentioned something about Beverly Hills High which in my time wasn't a member of the LAUSD).

"Jim was notoriously up front and honest.

"When I knew him, about 25 years after he played behind All-American guard Bryce Taylor at USC, he looked to be the same trim 147 pounds he was during his playing days, leading to the speculation he was also a track star, being so knowledgeable about T&F as he was.

"To paraphrase him, 'Nah, I only competed in track on the intramural level.'

"While those who knew him well revered him, he wasn't a warm-fuzzy with those who lacked his commitment to excellence or his discipline. Unlike so many others who focus singularly on winning, he promoted the intrinsic value of sports, especially sportsmanship which is something I carried over into my own coaching. He contributed significantly to whom I became, but I never held that against him."

Funny, Mal. Thanks for the memories.

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