



Warriors & Wildcats Report

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UHEF 2017-18 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec. 15	<i>Last day of the Fall Semester</i>	Campus
Jan. 08	<i>First day of Spring Semester</i>	Campus
Mar. 26-30	<i>Spring Break</i>	Off-campus
Apr. 18-21	<i>"Grease!"</i>	Stivelman Theater
Jun. 07	<i>Last day of the Spring Semester</i>	Campus

COLLINS & KATZ FAMILY YMCA FINALLY OPENS AT WESTGATE & OHIO

- ▣ The long-awaited [Collins & Katz Family YMCA](#) formally opened its doors on Saturday, December 9, completing the more than six years of planning and building on what used to be a seldom-used corner of University High School.

The section of Uni at the corner of Westgate and Ohio Avenues was for years home to four classroom bungalows which were used mostly for storage. That all changed when the

Metropolitan YMCA decided it needed to expand and modernize the Westside Y building at 1947 Sawtelle Avenue (at LaGrange), which was too small to house the interest and needs of the community.

A unique 2008 partnership with the Los Angeles Unified School District resulted in an agreement to remove of the old bungalows, a restroom, storage and locker room building, two tennis courts, basketball and handball courts adjacent to the football-field bleachers, and to the build what is now known as the Collins & Katz Family YMCA. As is typical of construction in Los Angeles, the [Environmental Impact Report](#) was completed in 2012 and the building was expected to be completed in 2014. Three years later, the doors are finally open.

The grounds of the new YMCA have been leased from the LAUSD for 40 years with two, 20-year extensions. The compact footprint holds a four-story parking structure with about 181 spaces, and a main building with the welcome center, community room, swimming pool, locker rooms, playing courts and exercise facilities.

It's [open now](#) from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m., Monday through Friday and 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

The old Westside Y building – opened back about 1972 – which was also the home of Uni's swim meets for many years, is being replaced by a mixed-use building with 76 residential units above ground-floor commercial space.(details [here](#)).

EXCITEMENT FOR "GREASE" BUILDING TOWARD APRIL 18 OPENING

▣ There are shows and then there are *shows*!

Uni's production of *Grease* is being widely anticipated on campus, as one of the most popular musicals in production across the country. Although originally written in Chicago in 1971, with specific ethnic references to that city, it is best known from Paramount's [1978 film](#) that starred **John Travolta** and **Olivia Newton-John** as Danny Zuko and Sandy Olsson in their senior years at fictional Rydell High School.

Uni's Director of Theatre Arts, **Ronnie Sperling** '76 has a special connection to the show: he played Eugene Felsnick – the class nerd – in a national touring company version during the early 1980s.

The film version of *Grease* has special relevance for Los Angeles audience, since it was filmed locally. The exterior school scenes were shot at Venice High, the interior scenes mostly at Huntington Park High and the carnival at Marshall High.

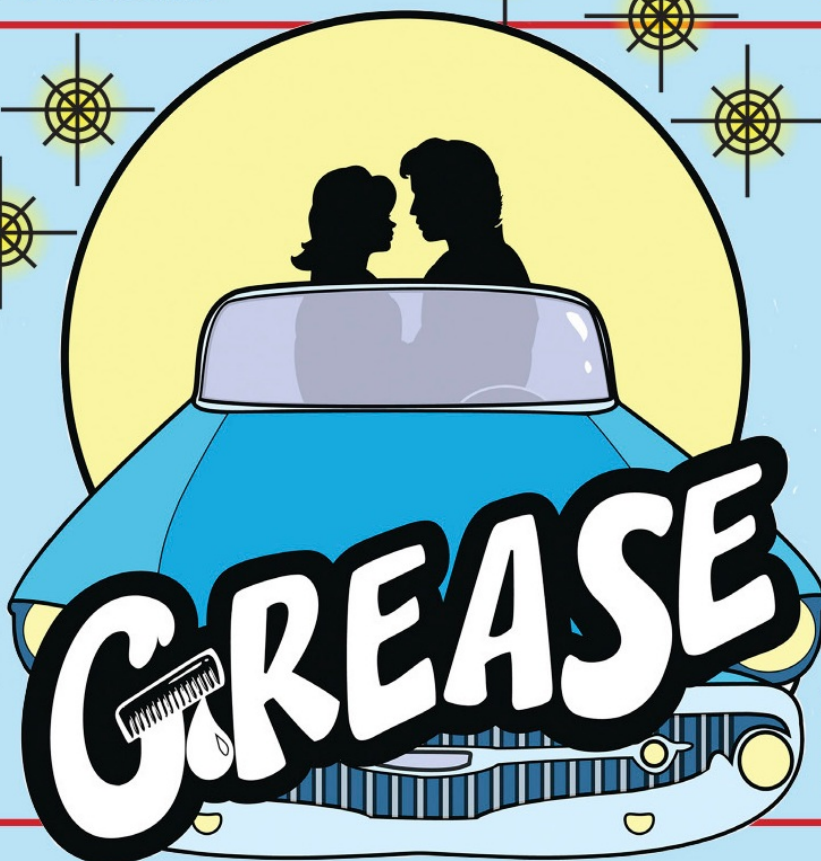
While it's Sperling's first version of *Grease* at Uni, it's the third time the show has been produced on campus: first in Spring 1993 – making April the 25-year anniversary of the first campus production – and again in 2009. The 2018 shows are scheduled from 18-21 April at Stivelman Theater on campus. The details:

University High School &

Proudly Present



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A 50's
ROCK 'N ROLL
MUSICAL

"Grease: School Version" is presented by special arrangement with SAMUEL FRENCH, INC.
Book, Music and Lyrics by Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey

Wednesday, Apr. 18th - 3:30 p.m. - Student Preview Performance

Special Ticket Price All Seats \$5

Seats are only \$3 if purchased by Friday, Apr. 5th

Thursday, April 19th. - 7 p.m. - Opening Night

Friday, April 20th - 7 p.m. • Saturday, April 21st - 2 p.m.

Ticket Prices

V.I.P. Seating \$15 • General Seating \$10 • Student Tickets \$5

Tickets are available NOW @ www.brownpapertickets.com. or at the Campus
Student Store and Stivelman Theatre Box Office before each performance.

Stivelman Theatre • 11800 Texas Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90025

Ample street parking plus the Barrington or Westgate lots are available.

KEEP 'EM COMING: MORE THAN 300 BOOKS DONATED TO THE UNI LIBRARY!

- ▣ Through the marvelous generosity of Uni alumni, more than 300 new books have been provided to the Uni library ... and you can join in!

Some 312 books have now been received by the library, from 27 donors who have self-identified and many more who wish to remain anonymous. We now have donors from the 1940s, '50s, '60s, '70s and '80s (★ = new donors):

Michael Alcalay '80
Geraldine Armstrong '59
Connor Gilmore 2022
Jeff Deckman '76
Ivan Finkle '50
Barbara Wong Franklin '68
Sukey (Roth) Garcetti '57
Kelly Gilmore '86
Carl Hagge '53
Natalie Hatch '59
Jean Kent '62 ★
Judy Kleinberg '65
Erik Levin '77
Kay Mader '59

Bill Parten '41
Dr. Dawn (Harris) River '89
Ruth Albert Roberts '64
Roger Schrag '83
Lori and Richard Schwartz, MD
Vivienne Sinclair '50 ★
John Statham W '68
Tracy Thayer Ireland '70
Larry '59 and *Jean Tistaert*
Les Whittaker W '56 ★
Judy Wolfenstein
Kevin Young '75
Joseph Zukin, Jr. '43

Two important footnotes to our donor roster:

- *Tracy Thayer Ireland* '70 made her donations in memory of her late brother, *Todd Thayer* '71.
- Our apologies for misspelling Joe Zukin's name in the last edition. Sorry, Joe; it won't happen again!

How important are these new books? Here's Uni librarian (and alumna) *Tascha Folsoi* '86:

"It is my personal opinion that the many alumni who have helped to keep the library going with their generous donations are playing their own role in making Uni a successful school. If you do not see your name mentioned here, please email me at tascha.folsoi@gmail.com, so I can celebrate your contribution here and in the book plates we affix to the books as well as enter your donation in our records."

Want to donate? It's easy! The program uses Amazon's "Wish List" function. Anyone can go to the list ([here](#)), purchase one or more 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



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ON CAMPUS

▣ Uni sports report:

Follow the Wildcats on Twitter: [@Utownsports](https://twitter.com/Utownsports)

- Boys/Basketball:*

How about those Wildcats! **Steve Ackerman** '89 has his team off to a strong start, with a 7-0 record and the championship of the season-opening Whittier Tournament:

Nov. 21	Pioneer	Won	75-73	Whittier Tournament
Nov. 22	Hacienda Heights Wilson	Won	73-40	Whittier Tournament
Nov. 24	Corona	Won	86-65	Whittier Tournament
Nov. 25	Centennial	Won	73-59	Whittier Tournament
Dec. 01	Price	Won	70-64	
Dec. 04	Los Angeles	Won	69-28	Jim Nakabara Classic
Dec. 14	South East	Won	56-46	

The Wildcats are being led in scoring by 6-0 senior guard **Daisone Hughes** at 20.3 points per game, followed by soph 6-3 forward **David Cheatom** – the Whittier Tournament's Most Valuable Player – averaging 18.3 (and 6.5 rebounds per) and 6-2 senior guard **Richard Wilson Jr.** at 16.4 and a team-high 8.8 rebounds per game.

The annual Jim Nakabara Classic, scheduled for December 4-8, had to be cancelled as the [LAUSD closed Uni](#) on December 7-8 in view of the poor air quality due to the Skirball Fire.

You can see Uni's upcoming schedule, scores and statistics on MaxPreps.com [here](#).

Ackerman is asking for alumni financial support for the team through a [GoFundMe](#) campaign. He notes that *"Due to tremendous budget cuts to education in the State of California and within our school district, and further suffocating restrictions for how some funds are spent, the budget for prep athletics has been decimated."*

"We need to fund-raise annually for our program just to maintain its infrastructure. Whether it is for the purchase of new uniforms, or replacement of damaged ones, new or replacement sports equipment (basketballs, athletic tape, first aid supplies, etc.), maintenance of the basketball facilities (courts, backboards, rims, nets), or entry fees for seasonal tournaments, it is an annual struggle to fund the necessities for our three teams (Varsity, J.V. & Frosh/Soph). Your help is greatly appreciated!"

- *Boys/Soccer:*

Uni has a 3-2 mark, with wins over Van Nuys 1-0), Los Angeles (forfeit) and Valley Academy of Arts & Sciences (6-1). Western League play resumes on Jan. 10 vs. at Hamilton. See Uni's upcoming schedule, scores and statistics on *MaxPreps.com* [here](#).

- *Girls/Basketball:*

Second-year coach **Karlia Batalla** – "Coach B" – had the Wildcats off to a 4-1 start, but two tough losses have Uni at 4-3 so far:

Nov. 21	Beverly Hills	Lost	45-60	Culver City Tip-off Class.
Nov. 22	Middle College	Won	54-22	Culver City Tip-off Class.
Nov. 24	Central City Value	Won	61-23	Culver City Tip-off Class.
Nov. 25	Palisades	Won	50-42	Culver City Tip-off Class.
Nov. 29	St. Bernard	Won	51-40	
Dec. 02	@ Santa Monica	Lost	31-34	Mustangs Showcase
Dec. 04	@ Venice	Lost	50-51	St. Monica's Tourney

Western League play resumes on January 8 against Fairfax. For Uni's scores, schedule and stats on *MaxPreps.com*, [click here](#).

- *Girls/Soccer:*

Uni is 1-3 with a win over Environmental Science & Technology High (ESAT), but losses vs. Van Nuys, Valley Academy of Arts & Sciences and South East (not all scores have been reported. For Uni's scores, schedule and stats on *MaxPreps.com*, [click here](#).

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 . . .

- ▣ We are informed of upcoming reunions for these classes:

★ 1958-62 • 1968 • 1978 ★

- Mar. 12, 2018: **CLASSES OF 1958 THRU 1962**
Marina City Tennis Club, Marina del Rey
Information: **Mike Levitt**, W '60 (unihighreunion2018@gmail.com)
- Sep. 15, 2018: **CLASS OF 1978: 40-YEAR REUNION**
Hollywood & Highland Center, Los Angeles
Reservations and tickets: Please contact The Reunion Committee at (661) 259-5999 or visit www.reunioncommittee.com.
- Oct. 13, 2018: **CLASS OF SPRING 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 Winter 1968 (Salisians):***

Great news from **Barbara Wong** (wong.barbara16@gmail.com):

"The Salisian class of Winter 1968 is in planning process for our 50th Reunion! We are seeking our fellow Salisians. If you are in contact with friends from our graduating class, please let us know! We are looking forward to a celebration September 2018 with more details to follow."

Lots of ways to get in touch: Send Barbara a note at wong.barbara16@gmail.com, or try Unihi.W68.Reunion@gmail.com, or go to <http://www.unihi1968.rocks/> !!

▣ ***Is your class planning a reunion in 2018?***

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/>

Class of Winter 1968: Salesians

- <http://www.unihi1968.rocks/>

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**.

For those using the Ralphs program, you have to sign up for this program each year, so be sure to renew your membership in January!

- ▣ 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 2017-18 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 1958-62-1968-1978:
Check the [Reunions](#) section above!*

- ▣ A recent tribute on the [UHEF.org](#) Web site to the late **Duane LaRue**, Uni's iconic football

and gymnastics coach [who passed away](#) last May at age 81, from **Greg White** '65 (greg@timetobefit.com):

“He was my coach on the gym team from ‘63-65. We called him ‘Lash Larue’ after the popular Western motion-picture star of the time that was famous for using a bull whip. Coach LaRue will always have a warm spot in my memories of Uni Hi.”

- ▣ Emerson '71 grad **Mary Lou (Adler) Westmoreland** sends sad news of the death of her brother, [Robert \(Bob\) Adler](#), Uni class of 1968, last July 17, at 66.

After Uni, Bob attended the University of Oregon and among other achievements, appeared as a bachelor on “The Dating Game” television show and was a popular drummer for local bands in the 1970s. He is survived by his wife **Linda**, son **Justin Adler-Swanburg** and sisters **Peggy** and **Mary Lou**.

Our condolences to the family and friends of all of our departed Warriors (we hope its too early for departed Wildcats!).

- ▣ 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.
- ▣ 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

- ▣ In Uni's first year, the yearbook was titled *La Estrella – The Star* – but was changed to *Chieftain* for 1926 in honor of the school's Warrior mascot.

Thanks to an [edict](#) from the Los Angeles Unified School District, Uni became the “Wildcats” for the 1998-99 school year and the yearbook staff decided that in keeping with the change of name, the title *Chieftain* was no longer appropriate. For the 75th anniversary yearbook, published in the spring of 1999, students **Neetu Madan** and **Joanne Gan** suggested a new title of *Paw Prints* and it was adopted.

(No, we're not kidding. You can check out the 1999 edition of *Paw Prints* [here](#); the explanation is on page 6.)

And that's the title of today's Uni yearbook! Maybe the future editors will come up with a new title for the 100th anniversary edition in spring of 2024?

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

Send a note to Connect@UHEF.org !

Be sure to give your full name and Uni graduating class!

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