



# Warriors & Wildcats Report

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## UHEF 2017-18 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

**THANKS TO YOU, UHEF DONATIONS UP 77%  
OVER THIS TIME LAST YEAR!**

▣ Thank you! And you! And you! And ... you too!

It's a great pleasure to report that donations to the Uni Hi Education Foundation – Uni's only alumni fund-raising and support organization – are up 77% so far in the 2017-18 term vs. the same time in the 2016-17 period.

You are the difference. But we need more of you to help, perhaps with a "grad-year" donation?

That's a [donation](#) in the amount of the year of your graduation from Uni. If you graduated in 1950, it would be \$19.50. If you're a new graduate, \$20.17.

One family sent in a donation for \$78.51 that covered four different grad years! Clever!

That's all it takes to make a **major difference** in the education and opportunities offered to Uni students. The Uni Hi Education Foundation has raised a little more than \$1.1 million since its formation in 1985, an average of a little less than \$35,000 a year. That's not that much, but we still haven't raised that much yet in 2017-18. But we're getting closer.

We quoted these statistics the last time and need to note them again:

- There are approximately **16,906 people on the UHEF mailing list**, of which **87% have NEVER donated**.
- This **Warriors & Wildcats Report** is circulated to **6,230 subscribers**, of which **98% have NEVER given**.

### PLEASE HELP UNI

The UHEF has done well with the money we have received; you can see our list of projects and scholarships [here](#). We make the most of every dollar.

Please [click here](#) to go to the [Donate Now](#) page of the UHEF Web site, and help with a “grad-year” donation – or more if you wish – that will help give today's students the same benefit we received by attending University High School. Thank you.

### REMEMBERING LONGTIME UNI TEACHER GABE OROZCO

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- ▣ There is great sadness within the Uni family as **Gabriel “Gabe” Orozco**, a Spanish teacher and soccer coach who had been at Uni since 1986, passed away late last year. From Uni principal **Eric Davidson**:

*“It is with great sadness that I inform you that at approximately 5:45 p.m., December 28, 2017, our friend and colleague, Gabriel Orozco, took his last breath in our known world. Gabriel faced his death as he lived his life – with faith, hope and charity. His family and friends were with him at the end.”*

Orozco was diagnosed with cancer at the beginning of the 2017-18 school year. He was the third longest-serving staff member on campus, behind only Special Education teacher **Cleo Ingram** (who came to Uni in 1980) and Chemistry teacher **Kevin Paulsen** (1985).

Services were held last Friday and Saturday in Encinitas, California. Our condolences to all of Gabe's friends, family, co-workers and students.

## CAR SHOW ENTHUSIAST ASKS FOR REINSTATEMENT

- ▣ We asked last issue about ideas to bring alumni back to campus. We received two comments, both from enthusiasts of the now-discontinued All-Classes Picnic and Car Show, last held in 2016.

**Larry Smith** ([hollywooddog@ca.rr.com](mailto:hollywooddog@ca.rr.com)) wrote:

*"I think you should bring back the Car Show and maybe substitute the Picnic with something else for the younger alumni. At least alternate years so us older alums can see some great cars.*

*"You should take into account that cars were a very important part of our Uni High experience. Sort of like cell phones are to students now. Something to think about since we older alums are responsible for the great legacy of University. Go Warriors!"*

Smith's comments were especially poignant in that what was the main student parking lot for decades, off of Ohio Avenue, no longer exists. It has been replaced by the new (South) Gym (which has a handful of spaces in front of it) and now the Collins & Katz YMCA building!

Other ideas? We're happy to have more ideas on (1) bringing alumni back to campus, (2) promoting the UHEF and its work to support Uni and (3) raise more funds to accelerate the work of the Foundation.

Don't be shy; let us know your ideas via [Connect@UHEF.org](mailto:Connect@UHEF.org)!

## KEEP 'EM COMING: 317 BOOKS DONATED TO THE UNI LIBRARY!

- ▣ More new books keep coming to the Uni library via Uni alumni and now a remarkable total of 317 new books have been donated since December of 2016.

Says 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](mailto: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."*

These gifts have been made by 28 donors who have self-identified and many more who wish to remain anonymous. Special thanks to **Ruth Roberts**, who has personally donated more than 100 books! We now have donors from the 1940s, '50s, '60s, '70s and '80s (★ indicates a new donor):

*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*  
*Dale Tyerman* '68 ★  
*Les Whittaker W* '56  
*Judy Wolfenstein*  
*Kevin Young* '75  
*Joseph Zukin, Jr.* '43

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](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](https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/2907HPM85SFOW/ref=cm_sw_su_w)

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR: "GREASE" OPENS ON APRIL 18

- ▣ Uni's upcoming production of *Grease* is being widely anticipated on campus, as the show is 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 (Sandy Dumbrowski in the musical) in their senior years at fictional Rydell High School.

Uni's Director of Theatre Arts, ***Ronnie Sperling*** '76 notes that the upcoming production will reflect the *original, edgy musical* by ***Jim Jacobs*** and ***Warren Casey***, with a special nod to

the film at the end. Sperling himself has a special connection to the show: he played Eugene Florczyk – the class nerd – in a national touring company version during the early 1980s.

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. Tickets are now on sale online [here](#).



The poster features a central illustration of a blue classic car with a large yellow sun in the background. A man and a woman are silhouetted against the sun, appearing to be in a romantic moment. The word "GREASE" is written in large, stylized white letters with a black outline, with a comb integrated into the letter 'G'. The background is light blue with several ship's wheel icons. The entire poster is framed by a black border with yellow dots.

**University High School &**  
**Proudly Present**

**UCLA**  
BEYOND THE BELT

**UNIVERSITY HIGH EDUCATION FOUNDATION**  
LOS ANGELES CALIFORNIA

**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](http://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.



Did you know that the UHEF is on Facebook?  
Visit us at <https://www.facebook.com/UHEFLA/>



## ON CAMPUS

### ▣ Uni sports report:

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

#### • Boys/Basketball:

Uni won its first 11 games of the season before running into no. 2-ranked Fairfax and no. 1-ranked Westchester on the road to start Western League play. Now 13-2, Uni continues Western League play through February 9. Scores:

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	
Jan. 02	Chatsworth	Won	86-53	Kennedy Tournament
Jan. 03	Grant	Won	68-56	Kennedy Tournament
Jan. 04	Van Nuys	Won	82-77	Kennedy Tournament
Jan. 05	Gardena	Won	62-59 (OT)	Kennedy Tournament
Jan. 08	@ Fairfax*	Lost	54-77	
Jan. 09	Crossroads	Won	70-67	
Jan. 10	@ Westchester*	Lost	38-69	
Jan. 12	@ Hamilton*	Won	73-47	

The Wildcats continue to be led in scoring by 6-0 senior guard **Daisone Hughes** at 21.0 points per game, followed by soph 6-3 forward **David Cheatom** at 16.9 per game (and 6.7 rebounds per) and 6-2 senior guard **Richard Wilson Jr.** at 11.8 and a team-high 7.8 rebounds per game.

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 finished its pre-conference schedule at 5-2-2. In Western League play, Uni tied Hamilton, 1-1, and defeated Westchester, 4-0 for a 6-2-3 overall record. See Uni's upcoming schedule, scores and statistics on *MaxPreps.com* [here](#).

- *Girls/Basketball:*

The Wildcats compiled a 6-3 record prior to starting Western League play, but ran into tough opposition in the league and is now 6-6:

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
Dec. 16	@ St. Monica	Won	49-25	St. Monica's Tourney
Dec. 18	Bishop Conaty-Loretto	Won	62-13	St. Monica's Tourney
Jan. 08	Fairfax*	Lost	32-75	
Jan. 10	Westchester*	Lost	32-60	
Jan. 12	Hamilton*	Lost	28-50	

For Uni's scores, schedule and stats on *MaxPreps.com*, [click here](#).

- *Girls/Soccer:*

Uni is 7-5 overall, losing its first two Western League games to Hamilton (0-1) and Westchester (1-3). 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:marionmoses@me.com)).  
Reservations and tickets: Please contact The Reunion Committee at (661) 259-5999 or visit [www.reunioncommittee.com](http://www.reunioncommittee.com).

Please send details of any and all reunions, meetings or informal get-togethers to [Connect@UHEF.org](mailto:Connect@UHEF.org) for inclusion in future issues.

▣ ***Class of Winter 1968 (Salisians):***

Great news from **Barbara Wong** ([wong.barbara16@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:wong.barbara16@gmail.com), or try [Unihi.W68.Reunion@gmail.com](mailto:Unihi.W68.Reunion@gmail.com), or go to <http://www.unihi1968.rocks/> !!

▣ ***Jan (Teller) Wahl '69*** ([jan@wahl-company.com](mailto:jan@wahl-company.com)) asks about a Class of '69 reunion:

*"Happy New Year. I'd love to know about a reunion for Class of '69. I've used my married name for many years ... probably why we lost touch. Thank you so much."*

▣ ***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](mailto:Connect@UHEF.org) right away!

*If your class maintains a [Web site](#) or [Facebook](#) page,  
please send the address to [Connect@UHEF.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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!*

- ▣ The Uni family lost [Charles M. Madary, Jr.](#) on December 20 at the age of 88. He attended Emerson Junior High and Uni, then attending college at Santa Clara University and Claremont Men's College. He served in the U.S. Army after graduation and then had a lengthy career with the McDonnell Douglas Corporation and in residential real estate.

*Thanks to **Howard Fine** '74 for noting his passing. 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

- ▣ A blast from the past! UHEF co-president **Judy Wolfenstein** received a note from 1939 graduate **Mits Kayagowe**, who actually attended Uni for five years – from the eighth grade in 1935 through 12th, in 1939 ... the last class to graduate prior to the outbreak of World War II!

Among the highlights were memories of how the campus changed after a major earthquake:

*"After the 1933 Long Beach earthquake, the main administration bldg. was unusable so the city had to import half-canvas, parklike cabins for classrooms. These were lined up on the eastern side of the school grounds at the top level alongside Barrington Ave.*

*"Except for rainy weather, the canvas 'windows' had to be rolled up because the cabins were almost unbearable when filled with 35-40 students and no air except from the door. However, the teachers had a rough time trying to keep order when it was warm because, if the 'windows' were rolled up, you could wave at friends as far as four 'classrooms' away!! How enjoyable were the canvas classrooms?!!!"*

Uni got away lucky enough in '33 as the Administration Building was repaired; the elegant auditorium along Westgate Avenue was red-tagged and torn down after the 1971 Sylmar quake.

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

*Send a note to [Connect@UHEF.org](mailto:Connect@UHEF.org) !*

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

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