



# Warriors & Wildcats Report

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# **UHEF 2017-18 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Mar. 26-30 Spring Break Off-campus
Apr. 18-21 "Grease!" Stivelman Theater
Jun. 07 Last day of the Spring Semester Campus

# ONE YEAR AFTER WE LOST COACH K, LET'S HONOR HIS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

▶ January 23rd marked the one-year anniversary of the passing of Uni's greatest coach, *Dick Kampmann*. During his memorial service in Stivelman Theater on campus, a *Coach Richard Kampmann Scholarship Fund* was announced.

There have been donations, but not enough to award a \$1,000 scholarship to a deserving member of the cross country or track & field team for future studies. So we're asking for your help, to honor Coach K and his legacy.

How much to give? If you can, how about \$92 for his 92 years plus \$8 for his eight All-City championship teams for a \$100 total?

Please <u>click here</u> to go to the <u>Donate Now</u> page of the UHEF Web site, and help with a \$100 donation – or more if you wish – that will help support a deserving member of the cross country or track & field team.

It has also been suggested that a "COACH K 5K" or similar fun run be created as a fund-raiser each January, to be run on and around the Uni campus – the track, Girls Field, Burma Road – perhaps in conjunction with the new Collins & Katz YMCA. Good idea? No? Let us know *here*.

# UNI STUDENT FEATURED ON THE "TODAY" SHOW

A <u>December segment</u> of NBC's "Today" featured both a Uni student and the new Collins & Katz YMCA.

*Guillermo Hercules*, 17, a Uni student who has been plagued with homelessness in his young life, was profiled on "Today" by *Sheinelle Jones* last December 21 The segment not only addresses his challenges, but the sense of community he has found at the new YMCA on the Uni campus.

A <u>Warren Christopher Scholarship winner</u> as a sophomore in 2016, Hercules struck up a friendly relationship with YMCA spokesperson Jane Lynch, and with her assistance, has had the opportunity to interview for admission to his dream school, Holy Cross, in Worcester, Massachusetts.

The four-and-a-half minute clip also provides a nice look at the gorgeous facilities inside the new Collins & Katz Family YMCA.

# UNI PARENT HAS IDEAS TO BRING ALUMNI BACK TO CAMPUS

We asked in January about ideas to bring alumni back to campus. *Lisa Henderson* (*lhenderson@admission.ucla.edu*) wrote with some interesting comments:

"I am not an alum but my daughter is a sophomore at Uni.

- Consider having Alumni days for sporting events and theatre shows and offer for free or a discounted tickets only on the designated Alumni day. Perhaps have a reception before the event for alumni with light refreshments.
- Create Alumni volunteer opportunities.

- Mentoring programs.
- Campus Alumni day with a hosted lunch and presentations by student leadership, tables representing different clubs, athletes and coaches from the athletic department, and teachers."

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

# THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU: 351 BOOKS DONATED TO THE UNI LIBRARY!

• One of the best ideas the UHEF has ever had is the donation program for the Uni Library. The march of new books has continued this year, with 34 more donated in January for a grand total of 351 since December of 2016.

Tascha Folsoi '86 is the Uni librarian and is very grateful for your generosity:

"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 <a href="mailto:tascha.folsoi@gmail.com">tascha.folsoi@gmail.com</a>, 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:

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
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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) <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:

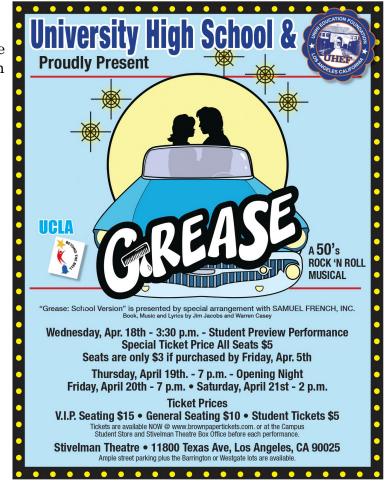
https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/2907HPM85SFOW/ref=cm\_sw\_su\_w

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

The cast of Uni's upcoming production of *Grease* is set and the show is being widely anticipated on campus. No wonder: it's 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 <u>original</u>, <u>edgy</u>

<u>musical</u> 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 <u>here</u>.



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### **ON CAMPUS**

**▶** Uni sports report:

Follow the Wildcats on Twitter: @Utownsports

• Boys/Basketball:

Uni has won all of its games other than those against the City's no. 1 (Westchester) and no. 2 (Fairfax) teams, and was ranked no. 6 in the City in the January 29 SoCal Prep Insider poll. Now 18-4, 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	
Jan.	15	Schurr	Won	51-49	MLK Showcase
Jan.	17	Los Angeles CES*	Won	70-53	
Jan.	22	@ Venice*	Won	70-67	
Jan.	24	@ Palisades*	Won	57-53	
Jan.	26	Fairfax*	Lost	45-82	
Jan.	29	Westchester*	Lost	64-85	
Jan.	31	Hamilton*	Won	67-43	

The tight win at Venice was a showcase for 6-0 senior guard *Daisone Hughes*, who scored 40 points on 13-20 from the field (6-7 from three-point range), plus five rebounds, two assists and two steals!

The Wildcats continue to be led in scoring by Hughes at 21.0 points per game, followed by soph 6-3 forward *David Cheatom* at 16.6 per game (and 6.9 rebounds per) and 6-2 senior guard *Richard Wilson Jr.* at 11.7 and a team-high 8.9 rebounds per game.

You can see Uni's upcoming schedule, scores and statistics on *MaxPreps.com* <u>here</u>.

Ackerman is asking for alumni financial support for the team through a <u>GoFundMe</u> 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 continues to play well under coach *Antonio Vinolas*, with a record of 9-4-5 and 4-2-3 in Western League play. 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 are now 8-9:

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	
Jan.	15	@ St. Monica	Won	41-25	Marymount Showcase
Jan.	22	Venice*	Lost	72-23	
Jan.	24	Palisades*	Won	42-29	
Jan.	26	@ Fairfax*	Lost	85-34	
Jan.	29	@Westchester*	Lost	22-65	
Jan.	31	@Hamilton*	Not y	et reported	

For Uni's scores, schedule and stats on MaxPreps.com, <u>click here</u>.

• Girls/Soccer:

Chayanne Santiago's Wildcats are 9-9 overall, with a 2-5 Western League record that includes wins over Fairfax and Los Angeles CES. 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) or

Susan Holoff (suzieg6817@aol.com) or Craig Dick

(craigdick1@gmail.com).

Reservations and tickets: Please contact The Reunion Committee at

(661) 259-5999 or visit <u>www.reunioncommittee.com</u>.

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 <u>wong.barbara16@gmail.com</u>, or try <u>Unihi.W68.Reunion@gmail.com</u>, or go to <u>http://www.unihi1968.rocks/</u>!!

#### **▶** 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 <u>Connect@UHEF.org</u> and we'll add it to this list!

#### Class of 1987:

• On Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/129073165787/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/129073165787/</a>

#### Class of 1981:

• On Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/groups/UNI1981Centurians/

#### Class of 1977:

• On Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/UniHigh77/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/UniHigh77/</a>

#### Class of Winter 1968: Salesians

• http://www.unihi1968.rocks/

#### Classes of 1966: Valcisians & Delphians

- On Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/1092330424115492/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/1092330424115492/</a>
- 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

• <a href="http://www.unihiw61.com">http://www.unihiw61.com</a>

### Class of Summer 1961: Islanders

• <u>http://www.unihi61.com</u>

# 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

<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 *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, <u>you have to sign up for this program each year</u>, so be sure to <u>renew your membership</u> now!

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 <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 1958-62-1968-1978:
Check the Reunions section above!

A nice note from **John H. Jones** '50 (<u>tnnislbow@socal.rr.com</u>):

"I'm sending you a check for \$19.50. I graduated in 1950 in the Alohan class. I continue to ask **Ivan Finkle** when the Class of '50 will have their 70th reunion. Could you put a notice in the Newsletter asking for people to contact Ivan or myself to start planning for the reunion. Thanks."

You find Uni grads everywhere, as evidenced by this happy report from *Diane Roseman Cherniss* '63 (*cherniss@roadrunner.com*):

"Last September, my husband and I were in NYC attending a behind-the-scenes tour of Broadway. In the course of the tour, and much to my surprise, I discovered that two of the participants were also UniHi grads. Janice Yoritsune graduated with the Winter class of '61 and her sister Charlene Yoritsune graduated with the Spring class of '64. We had a wonderful time reminiscing about Uni and our memories of West Los Angeles in the 50s and 60s. It was truly a bonus to the trip."

Nice story in the <u>Los Angeles Times</u> on **David Nwaba** '11, now playing with the Chicago Bulls of the NBA and doing well. Said Nwaba, "I'm enjoying every second and they're believing in what I bring to the team and what I can bring defensively. That's where it all started. The Lakers gave me an opportunity because of what I brought on the defensive end, so it's good that they can see what I bring on that end and I just look to give my best effort and do the best I can to get stops.

"I felt like I had to get away. Just been in Cali all my life. I think it was just a good opportunity to grow as an individual and just experience something else, something different. I think the transition worked out in my favor."

Nwaba is averaging 7.4 points and 4.6 rebounds a game in 22.7 minutes per. Said Bulls coach *Fred Hoiberg*, "We love David and hope he's here for a long time."

- 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: <a href="http://achieve.lausd.net/transcripts">http://achieve.lausd.net/transcripts</a>. Please read the requirements carefully!

#### SIXTH PERIOD BELL

Uni has been the scene of much filming since its opening in the 1920s, including many feature films. But it was also used by the U.S. National Institute of Mental Health in 1971 for a troubling, 29-minute film called "Social Seminar: Brian at Seventeen."

According to the description, the film "Presents an adolescent's view of his educational needs and how school is and is not fulfilling them. Gives a perspective of his educational experience, his parents and life in general."

The film doesn't have much to do with Uni per se, but it was filmed at Uni and you can see glimpses of what the school looked like in 1971. The one instantly recognizable teacher in the film is the recently-deceased *Arnold Rubinoff*, Uni's photography teacher for a quarter of a century.

It takes a while to wade through, but it's a snapshot of Uni at a point in time. Thanks to *Lori Rogers* (*trek444@gmail.com*) for bringing the film to our attention!

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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