



Warriors & Wildcats Report

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UHEF SPRING 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar. 26-30	<i>Spring Break</i>	Off-campus
Apr. 18-21	<i>"Grease!"</i>	Stivelman Theater
Apr. 25	<u>10th Uni Health & Fitness Fair</u>	East Gym
Jun. 07	<i>Last day of the Spring Semester</i>	Campus

'68 CITY CROSS COUNTRY CHAMP STEVE BAUM PASSES AT 66

- ☐ One of the outstanding athletes in Uni history, **Steve Baum**, lost his unhappy battle with cancer on February 5, at the age of 66.

What made Baum so important was his impact on others. From being a would-be basketball star who figured out quickly that he should choose another sport, Baum made himself into a champion, under the tutelage of Uni coach **Dick Kampmann**, and a paradigm that Coach K would use for decades to motivate others.

Baum explained the transformation at the unveiling of the plaques for Kampmann Stadium, Patton Track and Cavanaugh Field in mid-2016:

"In my case, being a virtual only child and an outsider by nature, I desperately needed to belong, to be part of something.

"Cross country was perfect: a team sport where everyone underwent the same ordeal, confronting their limitations. Beyond that, being part of Uni cross country was being part of a winning tradition, among the City's best year in and out. That success was neither accidental nor due to an abundance of talent, but our shared desire to become the athlete and person Coach K knew we could be. While that demanded a huge commitment and plenty of pain, we loved it. We rooted each other on, knowing the fifth man was more important than the first. We pushed ourselves and each other, wanting to please a man who never neglected to acknowledge our accomplishments, no matter how big or small. ...

"But even then, though tough and demanding, he was never cruel or demeaning. He expected a lot but gave even more. Being on his team was being part of a family - which is obvious in this room today, but harder to realize at a time when family was something many of us longed to escape. For me, the son of a father for whom nothing was ever good enough, Coach provided the acceptance and inspiration I desperately needed."

Baum made the most of his chances. He got up to sixth All-City in 1967 and then, driving himself harder, was Western League and All-City Cross Country champion in 1968. On the track, he was the Western League Two-Mile champion in 1969 and finished fourth in the City Finals. His best of 9:14.9 in 1969 was the Uni school record for 10 years, until **Paul Medvin** ran 9:03.1, and is still the no. 2 mark in school history. Baum also ran 4:20.0 for the mile, still no. 4 in Uni history.

A writer for television in his professional life, Steve is survived by his wife Clare and daughters, Alana and Mira. Additional details are [here](#). Our condolences to his family and his Uni teammates, whose admiration and anguish has been circulating continuously since his passing.

KEEP 'EM COMING: 369 BOOKS DONATED TO THE UNI LIBRARY!

- ▣ The flow of new books donated by alumni to the Uni Library continues, with the grand total now up to the 369 since December of 2016. Wow!

Tascha Folsoi '86 is the Uni librarian and says, *"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."*

These gifts have been made by a total of 30 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: (★ = new donors):

Michael Alcalay '80
Geraldine Armstrong '59
Robert Collins '63 ★
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
Barry K. Woods ★
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. 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

MEET THE CAST: "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. The Uni cast:

Eugene Florczyk, played by

Miss Lynch:

Patty Simcox:

Danny Zuko:

Sandy Dumbrowski:

Betty Rizzo:

Frenchy:

Marty:

Jan:

Doody:

Kenickie:

Sonny LaTierri:

Roger:

Johnny Casino/Teen Angel:

Vince Fontaine:

Cha-Cha DiGregorio:

It's Raining on Prom Night Radio Star:

Allen Tehrani

Akila McKenzie

Heidi Laubach

Justin Javedanfar

Claire Hafteck

Jasmine Mentzer

Roscoe Upton

Akira Shelton

Maribel Solis

Nathan Lam

Cole Kelley

Ethan Serrano

Kevin Flores-Luna

Guillermo Hercules

Vic Brown

Odina Cabrera

Sarai Benitez

The Pink Ladies: Jennifer Alvarez, Sarai Benitez, Amber Durham, Nuhamin Fekade, Lucie Hafteck, Stephanie Marroquin, Alexah Moller, Karla Ponce, Monica Solano.

The Burger Palace Boys: Cristian Benitez, Jorge Manzo, Giovanni Molinaro, Gerson Orellana, Jonathan Orellana.

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

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A 50's ROCK 'N ROLL MUSICAL

"Grease: School Version" is presented by special arrangement with SAMUEL FRENCH, INC.
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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.

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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](#).



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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 22-4, the City playoffs are next, with Uni ranked no. 4 and facing no. 13 Rancho Dominguez on February 15. 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	
Feb. 02	@ Los Angeles CES*	Won	79-63	
Feb. 05	Marshall	Won	77-64	Nakabara Classic, contd.
Feb. 07	Venice*	Won	56-49	
Feb. 09	Palisades*	Won	62-37	

(City Division I playoffs)

Feb. 15 Rancho Dominguez 7 p.m.

Uni has been led this season by 6-0 senior guard **Daisone Hughes**, who scored 40 points against Venice on Jan. 22 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 20.2 points per game, followed by soph 6-3 forward **David Cheatom** at 17.2 per game (and 7.6 rebounds per) and 6-2 senior guard **Richard Wilson Jr.** at 11.9 and a team-high 8.5 rebounds per game.

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

- *Boys/Soccer:*

Coach **Antonio Vinolas'**, Wildcats are rolling, with three wins in a row to end the regular season at 12-4-5 and 7-2-3 in Western League play. The City playoffs are next; Uni is seeded second in City Division IV and will play the winner of L.A. CES and Gardena, at Uni on February 15. See Uni's upcoming schedule, scores and statistics on *MaxPreps.com* [here](#).

- *Girls/Basketball:*

The Wildcats had a 6-3 record through the end of 2017, but after a 3-8 Western League record, the regular-season record ended at 10-11. The City playoffs are next, with Uni in Division I and ranked fifth, playing no. 12 North Hollywood on February 14 at 7 p.m.

Scores:

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*	Won	53-47	
Feb. 02	Los Angeles CES*	Lost	31-46	

Feb. 07	@Venice*	Lost 32-72
Feb. 09	@Palisades*	Won 46-42
	(City Division I playoffs)	
Feb. 14	North Hollywood	7 p.m.

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

- *Girls/Soccer:*

This year's Wildcats, under coach **Chayanne Santiago**, finished 10-11 overall, with a 3-7 Western League record that includes wins over Fairfax and Los Angeles CES (twice). In the City playoffs, Uni is seeded 12th in Division II and will play at no. 5 Sylmar on February 16. 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 • 1973 • 1978 ★

- Mar. 12, 2018: **CLASSES OF 1958 THRU 1962**
Marina City Tennis Club, Marina del Rey
Information: **Mike Levitt**, W '60 (unihighreunion2018@gmail.com)
- Aug. 25, 2018: **CLASS OF 1973: 45-YEAR REUNION**
★ **New** ★
Del Rey Yacht Club, Marina del Rey
Information: **Rick Grunauer** (rickgrunauer@gmail.com) or visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/919928974823540/>
- 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** (suzieq6817@aol.com) or **Craig Dick**

(craigdick1@gmail.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!

- ▣ Never too early to be thinking of 2019, right? **Ken Schwartz** (ken_schwartz@hotmail.com) asks: “Probably a bit too early for a Class of '89 30 year reunion but please keep me posted if you hear anything!” Anyone ready to join Ken in organizing the event?

*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**.
- ▣ 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!*

- ▣ Sad news for Uni photography students from the 1960s-70s-80s-90s: **Arnie Rubinoff**, for 35 years a beloved teacher at Uni, [passed away](#) on January 15 at age 82.

Rubinoff taught generations of Uni students about art and photography and oversaw the annual photographic effort behind the school yearbook. He was born in Brooklyn, New York in 1935 and moved with his family to Beverly Hills in 1944. He served in the U.S. Army in Korea and then returned to Southern California and graduated from Cal State Los Angeles. He joined the Uni faculty for the 1966-67 school year and was a fixture on the campus through the through 2000-2001 school year.

He is survived by his second wife, Jodie, and children Nicole and Ron, and three grandchildren.

- ▣ The never-ending discussion about the [Grad Night '58](#) party at the Miramar Hotel in Santa Monica drew a January 29 comment from **James Hitchcock** (jamie2tammi@sbcglobal.net):

"I just met a gentleman that said he was at this event. He told me Frank [Sinatra] and Sammy Davis performed. He also told me Jan and Dean were to sing but Dean was so tipsy he couldn't perform."

Jan Berry and **Dean Torrence** were both part of that 1958 class, but didn't break into the [limelight](#) until 1963.

- ▣ **Natalie Hall** (nghall2000@aol.com) passed along a note that **David Shostac** (Castilians '59) retired after 41 years as Principal Flute player with the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra. Congratulations, David!
- ▣ 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

- ▣ Along with a donation – *thank you!* – **Sally Kaplan** (W'50) and **Martin Kaplan** (S'48) sent a note with an important historical revision:

*"Please note: a prior issue of the Unihi Newsletter incorrectly stated the graduation class for **Elizabeth Taylor**. She walked with the graduation class of W '50 Jubileers. We will never forget the excitement. Please correct the record."*

Consider it done! We checked the record and in the [1950 Chieftain](#), "**Elizabeth Rosemond Taylor**" was listed, but without a picture ... so she was listed – for perhaps the only time ever – as a member of the "Camera-Shy Jubileers"!

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

*Send a note to Connect@UHEF.org !
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