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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

As Principal of University City High School, it gives me great pleasure to introduce you to the first edition of the University City High School's alumni magazine, "Class Acts." The goal of this publication is to provide information to alumni, keeping them up-to-date on what's going on at their alma mater, in their hometown and with their classmates.

The idea for this publication actually came after our first Hall of Fame induction last October.

The more than 320 people in attendance at that event seemed very interested in staying in touch in some way. I am pleased to be able to offer this publication as a vehicle for keeping us connected. Inside, you will find file clips of articles, highlights from past productions, notes from former Indians and Lions and current news of students, teachers and school and community projects.

I realize that this magazine is an ambitious endeavor, but those of us who are involved consider it a labor of love and are proud to be able to offer it for your review. It is my intent to produce and disseminate this magazine on a trial basis, allowing alumni to determine, through input and active participation, whether or not it should continue. Initially, your copy will come to you at no charge but I urge you to join the newly reestablished Alumni Association. Your dues of just \$15 will help support alumni projects and serve to offset this magazine's printing and mailing costs.

Initially, we will build our database by word-of-mouth and through files provided by Reunion Committees. However, you might soon be called by an associate of Alumni Research, a national firm that has agreed to handle the research for us as they work to develop a

directory of University City High School alumni. That directory will include extensive biographical information on each graduate and will be available for you to purchase down the road. We are doing all of this in an effort to establish and maintain an open line of communication between the high school and its graduates. Anything you can do to support these efforts would be greatly appreciated.

Not many high schools could successfully sustain a publication of this sort, but I am sure that we are going to prove, once again, to be the exception. UCHS has a lot to look forward to in the coming year and we want each and every one of you to be a part of it.



Dr. Elizabeth Bender
UCHS Principal

DID YOU KNOW?

- ◆ University City High School is fully accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.
- ◆ The district includes three National Blue Ribbon Award schools and five Missouri Gold Star schools.
- ◆ The district has been ranked, for the eighth consecutive year, in the top 14 percent of schools nationwide that are delivering what parents want (That's according to *SchoolMatch*, an independent, national education and research consulting firm.)
- ◆ University City had the honor of entertaining both Missouri Governor Mel Carnahan and U.S. President William Jefferson Clinton in 1998.

CALLING ALL ALUMNI A NEW ALUMNI DIRECTORY!

University City High School would like to introduce the most comprehensive directory of alumni ever published. All efforts are being made to contact and locate alumni but we need your help!

In an effort to make the Directory as complete as possible, we need to hear you! That is the only way to bring the directory

to life. Your personal and professional accomplishments should be submitted to Alumni Research, Inc. They will compile the information and publish it in a hardbound, library quality book and CD-ROM. The Directory will be divided into four sections: Biographical, Geographical, Class Roster and most

importantly, the Introductory Sections showcasing the school's history and events.

The Directory is being made available to University City High School alumni only; your name will not be turned over to any type of direct mail venture. The Directory is our only concern. It is a limited education press run and will be offered only one time. Alumni Research will contact those who have submitted current telephone numbers and addresses to verify biographical information.

Thank you for your support of this project! Here's how to help:

To be included in the Directory, to provide a list of reunion participants from your class, or for more information, please contact Lori O. Willis in the division of Communications and Media Services at 314-290-4001.

You may also call Alumni Research directly at 1-800-325-8664 or mail your information to Alumni Research Inc., 3333 US 19 Suite 6, Holiday, Florida 34691.

UCHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE PRINT Graduation Date _____

Name _____
Last Frist Maiden

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone: Day _____ Evening _____

E-mail Address _____

*Please return this form with check for \$15 or more to: UCHS Alumni Association
 c/o Lori Willis, division of Communications & Media Services, McKnight
 Administration Building, 8346 Delcrest Drive, University City, MO 63124-2195.*

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK DR. VERN L. MOORE

On behalf of the School District of University City and University City High School, I bring you greetings at the start of the first full school year in the new millennium. As you may know, this will also be my first year as Superintendent of Schools.

I was drawn to University City the first time I drove through the area. What struck me was the uniqueness of the community, the beautiful architecture apparent in City landmarks including many of our schools, the parks and tree-lined neighborhoods – it seemed to me a great place to live and work. When I drove past our schools, I immediately felt a keen sense of tradition and pride particularly at the high school. Walking through those doors inscribed with words of academia, it was as if I were being welcomed home, into the heart and soul of a school and community.

I know firsthand how strong the ties are that bind young men and women to their high schools. Thirty-seven years after graduation, I still have fond memories of my own alma mater, Central High School, in Oklahoma City. The brick structure on the corner of Eighth and North Robinson Street was where I first glimpsed my future and where I first experienced a sense of spirit and kinship. Although the school has long since closed and the classrooms converted to office space, I know that my friendships will endure and that I will always be a part of Central history.

I assure you that as one of our esteemed alumni, you will always be a part of the proud history of University City High School and you are welcome to become a part of its future. We invite you to partner with us in whatever



way you can. If you still live in the community, perhaps you would be interested in volunteering in some way? Or, perhaps you can assist by sharing information, suggestions, ideas, or resources? We encourage you to keep abreast of programs and activities in your alma mater and consider lending your support to a particular academic or athletic initiative that in some way touches your heart.

No matter how you choose to connect with your high school, you are always welcome here. In fact, we take pride in hearing from you, so please write to us now and then and let us know what is happening in your life.

On behalf of the students of University City High School, Principal Bender and the Board of Education, I thank you for your support over the years and I wish you well in all your future endeavors.

AUTHOR, AUTHOR!

In addition to sending news of your accomplishments, Wallace Klein and the Municipal Public Library have also come up with a way to showcase the writing talents of University City alumni.

If you are the author of (or significant contributor to) one or more books, please send us a book jacket or a photocopy of the cover or title page with your name and any information you wish to offer. If you are generous enough to send a copy of the book(s), the librarian will set aside a UCHS Alumni section in the library. You may also send bibliographies of articles written for professional or literary journals or newspapers.

ROUND-UP

1999-2000

Five UCHS art students exhibited at the Washington University Annual High School Art Competition. A junior, Cassie Phillips, was chosen to attend the Missouri Fine Arts Summer Academy.

In 1999, the Varsity Football team won the District championship.

The UCHS Math Club was awarded six trophies during the Hazelwood West Math Tournament. They placed first in State among all large schools on the Power Question at the 1999-2000 High School Mathematics State Contest in Springfield.

Two UCHS seniors Derrick Colquitt and Albert McGraw signed letters of intent with the football team of Culver Stockton College of Canton, Missouri. Colquitt serves as a defensive back and running back and McGraw is a linebacker.

The UCHS Marching Band placed first in the Harris Stowe Homecoming Parade, Lincoln University Homecoming Parade and Annie Malone May Day

Parade. They played at the Kiel Center for three different events.

UCHS business students placed in seven areas in the FBLA District Conference.

Two UCHS Mock Trial Teams won all three judges ballots in area-wide competitions and placed third in regional competition.

Through the UCHS parent/school partnership, \$26,000 was raised to purchase TI-83 Plus graphing calculators for all students in each math class.

MERIT SCHOLARS

In April 1999, UCHS announced four National Merit Scholarship finalists for 2000: **Bracken King, Rebecca Santoro, Julia Thiel** and **Carrie Cox**. **Muyibat Adelani** was honored as a National Achievement Scholarship finalist and **Jasmine Beverly** was a commended student.

In September 2000, UCHS announced National Merit semifinalists for 2001 **Simon Birenbaum, Thomas Elgin, and Justin Thompson**; commended students **Jonathan Farmer, Cassie Phillips** and **Amy Wilson**. and National Achievement semifinalist **Jonathan Farmer**.



Wallace Klein
Alumni Coordinator

CONFESSIONS OF AN ALUMNI COORDINATOR

Having accepted the accolades as the founding father of the UCHS Alumni Association, I am now prepared to apologize for the fact that I have not been able to follow through with my own plans for its development these past few years, including a communication such as this newsletter.

Let me assure you that there have been valid reasons, which I don't mind sharing with you. I was busy courting a pert widow (who also happens to be a retired UC educator); we have married and are living happily ever after. As a consequence of this felicitous union, I had to empty and sell a house filled with a 29-year accumulation of my life as a pack rat. Does this merit your sympathy or at least your understanding?

In addition, I have learned that I may have bitten off more than I alone can chew, especially in view of my infantile experience with computers. On the other hand, I have carried through with routine matters of this office. I have been an advisor and liaison for reunions, conducted high school tours, responded to inquiries and correspondences and represented the alumni.

I have not been idle, just not as organized as I should have been. I have moved back to U. City and live only ten minutes from central office. I intend to spend more time on alumni matters, but I am prepared to accept as much help as I am offered. One more confession and an urgent request... if you sent material about yourself other than the completed application form, please send it again. Many of those early records were lost or destroyed. I promise it will not happen again.

The good news is that whereas before I was almost the only one in the district with a major interest in alumni affairs (I am still the district "historian"), now there is a revived interest on the part of Principal Elizabeth (Beth) Bender, her staff and central office administrators. Nowhere is that better shown than in the person of a very energetic and hard-working Communications Director, Lori Willis, who not only has ideas of her own but recognizes other people's good ideas as well and knows how to implement them. She and her equally hardworking staff solicited the candidates for the first UCHS Hall of Fame induction in 1999 and the current one for the year 2000. She has undertaken this first alumni bulletin to which you and I may contribute appropriate newsworthy items. On the basis of her past accomplishments I have great confidence in her ability with your help and mine, to make the UCHS Alumni Association the cohesive organization it should be.

For those of you who don't know me, I am a UCHS graduate from the class of 1940, a UCHS teacher from 1954 to 1983, and a UCHS rooter - FOREVER! Feel free to contact me (*Please include your graduation year.*):

Wallace Klein c/o McKnight Administration Building
8346 Delcrest Drive
University City, MO 63124-2195.

In the meantime, welcome to the readership of the "Class Acts" alumni magazine, a real sign of renewal in U. City!

FLASHBACKS

1998-99 OUTSTANDING HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ The Mock Trial team earned first place in regional and third in state competition. The students earned more special awards than any other team in the State of Missouri including awards for most outstanding lawyers, witnesses, and defense team.
- ◆ UCHS is an active member of the Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA). One UCHS student won at state level and went on to compete at the national level.
- ◆ In 1998-99, the Board of Education approved Principal Bender's recommendation to increase the total credits needed for graduation from 22 to 25.
- ◆ Boys Basketball played in the Coca-Cola Shootout, Gateway Classic and the Dr. Martin Luther King Basketball Classic at the Kiel Center! They placed second in the Borgia Tournament and finished second in District competition. The freshman team won Suburban South Conference with a 7-1 record.

BILL BRADLEY VISIT

On February 9, 1999, at 9:45 a.m. after five days of scheduling and planning with campaign workers, media, and secret service, Principal Bender led Senator Bill Bradley, then Democratic candidate for President, into the high school gymnasium where he delivered his first address on public education.

MUHL SCHEMMER STADIUM

On May 6, 1999, the School District of University City's Board of Education officially launched construction of a new 400-meter track and stadium by approving plans to rename the stadium after the late Clarence A. (Stub) Muhl (*right*) and the late Henry Schemmer (*left*), two of the most beloved coaches in the district's history since 1928. Muhl, one of the most successful coaches of his time, served as UCHS football coach for 38 years until retirement in 1966. During that time, he amassed 225 victories and won 20 championships. Schemmer, who served as track coach for 36 years until retirement in 1964, was credited with leading University City track teams to 32 state championships.



OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

In 1997-98, the Boys Basketball team was "back-to-back" conference champions with their coach named Coach of the Year. They placed second in district; 21-6. Two players played on the All-Conference team. One student was on the All-District team. One student was awarded the NBA-WNBA Sportsmanship Award. All graduating seniors played on college basketball teams the next year. Two girls basketball players were awarded the WNBA Sportsmanship Awards.

FIFTH GRADE CLASS REUNION UNDER THE ARCH ATTRACTS NATIONAL ATTENTION

If you can remember what it's like to be eleven years old and full of energy, excitement and anticipation for the future, then you can appreciate the magic created when Ms. Linda Green's 1979 fifth grade class from Jackson Park Elementary (UCHS class of 1986) recently reunited.

Without any reminders, the students came from across the country to complete an assignment that was started 21 years ago. Based on a "Weekly Reader" assignment, Ms. Green (UCHS class of 1965) asked this particular class to imagine what life would be like in the year 2000. On the last day of school, she asked this amazing class to meet her under the Gateway Arch on June 20, 2:00 p.m., 2000.

Alerted by an article in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, people across the nation watched as ABC's "Good Morning America" broadcast a reunion of the early arrivals. Throughout the day 19 of 31 students arrived at the Arch. They hugged, cried and laughed about the vision their young minds had of the future and how close some of them were in their predictions. The July 10 issue of "People" magazine also carried a story accompanied by a photo of Ms. Green and some of her students inside their old classroom.

Following the publicity surrounding the event, Post reporter Carolyn Bower received numerous e-mails and calls about the heartwarming reunion. A reporter from Indianapolis wrote, "Linda Green was one of the best teachers I ever had..." Another reader commended, "I have never sent a letter or e-mail in response to a newspaper article before. The story about the fifth grade class reunion from Jackson Park School really touched me..."

Another reader said, "Thank you so much for this story. I, too, was in fifth grade in 1979 and to read those things the children wrote brought me back there. I remember writing things like this in my school and a flood of memories came back to me. It made me feel young again. It (the story) took me back to a time when my imagination was all that mattered..." A former Flynn Park student observed, "As I heard KMOX interviewing some people this morning, I almost drove downtown to say 'hi' to my old friends. Most of them graduated from U-City High with me in 1986." He continued, "...U-City is a special place where people bond for life."

That would appear to be true because many people have bonded with Ms. Green, recognizing that her incredibly inspiring style of teaching has made a difference in their lives, as has the pedagogy of so many other exceptional teachers in our district.



Alerted by a St. Louis Post-Dispatch article, people across the nation watched as MS-NBC's broadcast the Jackson Park 1979 fifth grade class reunion with teacher Linda Green (UCHS class of 1965). All of the students, except one, graduated from UCHS in 1986.

KEEPING U IN THE LOOP

with Larry Lieberman

The annual Loop in Motion festivities were held on Oct. 13-15 including an Art/Gallery Walk, the Loop Parade, Taste the Loop, and music/entertainment stages.

The Spirit of St. Louis Marathon took place on Oct. 14 & 15, and passed through the Loop on the morning of the 15th.

An internationally televised Presidential Debate was scheduled for October 17th at Washington University. UCHS student Ashley Crawford is to attend.

The Pageant Theatre complex, on Delmar just east of Skinker now part of the "East Loop," hosted its grand opening on October 19th, featuring Chuck Berry.

The St. Louis International Film Festival will take place November 3-12.

The preliminary plans for a proposed expansion of the University City Recreation Center are being reviewed by our various city boards and commissions, to determine the extent of acceptance and for any suggestions.

As a member of the Municipal Library Consortium, U. City residents can now get free library cards for the libraries in St. Louis, St. Louis County, and St. Charles City and County.

The St. Louis County Boundary Commission has accepted our application map for the annexation of Wash. U.'s Hilltop Campus. Public hearings will now proceed, with Commission decision by April 2001.

Listing of available U. City commercial real estate will be posted on the U. City website; <universitycitymo.org>

The City Council approved a conditional use for White Castle to come to U. City, located at the former Long John Silver spot on Olive, between Hanley and Midland. They hope to be open by the end of the year.

Fair-in-the-Square will not be scheduled for next year. The Fair committee will be looking at ways to restructure the event, using input from churches, civic organizations, and neighborhood groups.

COMMUNITY SUPPORTS**“CELEBRATION OF THE CENTURY”**

On October 29, 1999, more than 300 people gathered at the Sheraton Lakeside Chalet for what will be remembered as University City High School's (UCHS) "Celebration of the Century."

Eric Mink, New York Daily News television critic and UCHS graduate, class of 1965, served as Master of Ceremonies. The same sharp wit and keen sense of humor that keeps Mink's column so popular kept the evening exciting as the first 15 alumni were inducted into the 1999 Hall of Fame. The evening's honorees represented eight decades in the school's history including the late Dr. Richard Sutter - 1927, Elizabeth (Betty Henby) Sutter - 1927, the late Tom "Tennessee" Lanier Williams - 1929, Vaughn "Bing" Devine - 1933, the late Dr. Richard "Dick" Yore - 1935, the late Sara "Sue" (Hirsch) Shear - 1936, Dr. Leonard Williams Levy - 1940, the late Leon Strauss - 1945, Gerald Greenwald - 1953, Glenda (Gerstein) Greenwald - 1956, Bob Gale - 1969, Joel Goldstein - 1971, Dr. Renee Ewing Davis - 1974, Wayne J. duMaine - 1983 and Bernard Gilkey - 1984.

The inductees recounted memories of growing up in University City and shared their love of the high school. Bob Gale, screenwriter and producer, reflected, "Making the Senior movie was instrumental in getting me excited about filmmaking; therefore my career is a direct result of my experience at UCHS... I'm proud of my hometown and happy to be able to make my hometown proud of me." He added, "As a writer, it's an especially great honor to be in the company of Tennessee Williams. I hope that my success and the success of my fellow Hall of Famers will be an inspiration to current and future UCHS students: if we can do it, then you can do it too."

The entire event was like a dream come true to the members of the Muhl and Schemmer families who gathered to remember coaches Stub Muhl and Henry Schemmer. Both men worked side-by-side for most of their adult lives and created some of the most impressive athletic records in the St. Louis area. Many of the audience, including an entire table filled with class of 1948 alumni, were there to share their memories of these two legends. (See *Flashback on page 6*)

(Photo below) A local newspaper called University City the "most consistently successful high school" when referring to Coach Muhl's 1936 football team who were heading to Alabama for an intersectional game.

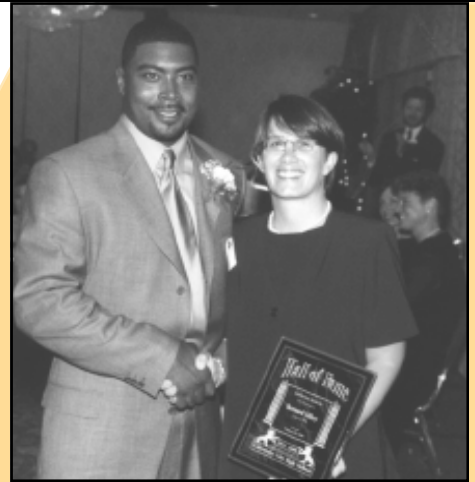


Photo by Willey Price

Principal Bender congratulates baseball player Bernard Gilkey (class of 84) on 1999 Hall of Fame induction. During his acceptance speech, Gilkey brought the crowd to its feet with a surprise donation of \$10,000 to be split equally between academics and athletics.

UCHS ANNOUNCES INDUCTEES FOR 2000 HALL OF FAME

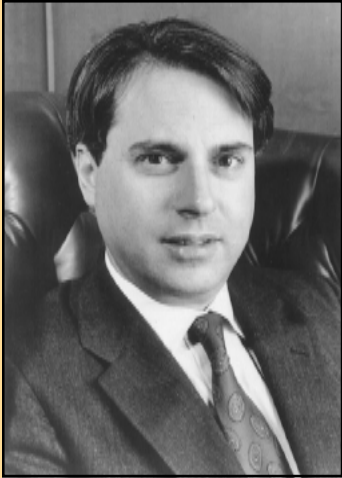
In an interesting turn of events, music promoter and business leader **Steve Schankman**, slated to serve as master of ceremonies for University City High School's second annual Hall of Fame induction ceremony, has himself been voted into the elite group. The ceremony, scheduled for Friday, October 20, at 7 p.m., at the Sheraton Plaza Hotel at Westport Plaza, will include 15 inductees for 2000-01.

In addition to Schankman and his business partner **Irv Zuckerman**, both 1966 graduates, the 2000 UCHS Hall of Fame list includes the following: entrepreneur and philanthropist **E. Desmond Lee** - 1936; author and mountain climber **Dr. Thomas Hornbein** - 1948; business leader and community activist **Carolyn Werner Losos** - 1950; Senior Editorial Advisor of Time Warner, Inc., **Jason McManus** - 1952; attorney and community leader **Donald Wolff** - 1955; internationally read journalist **Eric Mink** - 1965; Career educator **Steven Levy** - 1967; trial attorney and author **Michael Kahn** - 1970 and internationally acclaimed pianist **Stan Ford, Ph.D.** - 1975.

The following persons will be inducted posthumously: world renowned architect **William Adair Bernoudy** - 1929; businessman and former president of Stix, Baer and Fuller **Louis M. Leipziger** - 1929; St. Louis builder and business leader **Fred H. Leyhe** - 1935 and **Rabbi Myron Kinberg** - 1963.

The Hall of Fame selection process involves a committee of education, community, civic and student leaders from University City. The 2000 Hall of Fame Committee included Elizabeth Bender, Wayne Fick, Wallace Klein, Kim Loomis, Rebecca Marsh, Traci Moore, Fiyinfoluwa Okunade, Pat Perryman, Cassie Phillips, Marilyn Phillips, Greg Rose, Leslie Sabol, and Kevin Walker, with support from the division of Communications and Media Services which includes Lori Willis, CarolAnn Cole, Jeff Panhorst and Juli Ward. If you are interested in obtaining tickets for Celebration 2000 induction of the 2000 Hall of Fame, please call 314-290-4016.





Steve Schankman, Class of 1966

**“LET NOT THE MUSIC THAT IS IN US DIE.”
STEVE SCHANKMAN TO HOST
UCHS HALL OF FAME 2000**

AN UPDATE ON MUSIC MAN STEVE SCHANKMAN

Next to Steve Schankman's 1966 "Dial" yearbook photo, you will find the saying, "Let not the music that is in us die." Thirty-two years after beginning his first business, Schankman, co-owner and co-president of Contemporary Group, a St. Louis-based entertainment agency, still lives and breathes the music that was, and is, in him. You might say that Schankman's career has come full circle, or rather, back around to the University City Loop.

On April 12, Schankman, class of 1966, took time between a major news conference and a meeting with local bankers to solidify an agreement to serve as master of ceremonies for the second annual UCHS Hall of Fame event. He will follow *New York Daily News* reporter Eric Mink as the second alumnus to host the prestigious banquet at his alma mater. "The reason I agreed to do it (Hall of Fame 2000) is that I grew up in University City. I thought, even then, that University City Schools were the best in the country."

Schankman, along with fellow alumnus and business partner Irv Zuckerman (class of 1966), oversees the operations and management of Contemporary's subsidiaries: Contemporary Productions, Contemporary Entertainment and Contemporary Marketing. Over the past 32 years, these three components have positioned Schankman and Contemporary as leaders in the entertainment, promotion, special event and corporate marketing fields.

The Schankman and Zuckerman partnership began back in first grade at Daniel Boone Elementary School (now Barbara C. Jordan). Two years after high school graduation, the two friends went into business as agents for local and regional bands. "I was playing trumpet at the time and getting ready to go to law school." Contemporary has become one of the largest entertainment producers in the United States. It recently merged with New York-based SFX Entertainment, the world's largest fully-integrated live entertainment company. Perhaps Schankman's greatest source of pride is the Riverport Amphitheater, an open-air, 20,000-seat arena built in 1991. "The theater marked a big time in our lives when we were able to attract notable recording artists into St. Louis." The company also operates the

18,000-seat Sandstone Amphitheater in Kansas City and provides consulting services to various other entertainment facilities around the country.

Schankman's latest business venture pairs him with local University City businessman Joe Edwards. The new Pageant Theater, a live music nightclub, is scheduled to open in the fall of 2000. (See *Loop* article on page 5.) The Pageant Theater is the latest in a string of projects that have enabled Steve Schankman to give back to his hometown. "As a kid who grew up in University City and did pretty well in life, I always look back to where I came from and have to credit that school system for the education I received in the early years." He added, "Whenever there is something going on, something to do with schools, they always know they can count on me."

**WARNER STRIKES UP THE BAND...
ONE MORE TIME!**



*Steve Schankman (upper left)
1965-66 Dance Band*

Many encores were called for as a large crowd gathered in University City's Market in the Loop on Tuesday, July 25. Many of them were eager to be a part of the informal reunion of University City High School alumni musicians. Others were simply drawn by the sound of music resonating from the heart of the City.

It was a special night for businessman and musician Steve Schankman (class of 1966), who had organized the evening as a tribute to Dr. Roger Warner, the former band instructor at UCHS. Schankman and fellow classmates came together to show Warner that they had not lost their talent nor their enthusiasm and had remained true lovers of music. It was also a special night for UCHS Senior Anthony Westbrook, a current UCHS band student, who was also a beneficiary of the night of music. With the help of UCHS band director Rhonda Harper, Schankman was able to surprise the young man with a gift of a brand new trumpet. According to Schankman, this is the start of a tradition at the high school, which will serve to preserve the legacy of Dr. Roger Warner and the Class of 1966.

ALUMNI CLASS NOTES

During recent Founder's Day Observances at Washington University, two University City High School alumni were honored. Founder and former chairman of the Lee-Rowan Company **E. Desmond Lee**, UCHS class of 1936 and 2000 UCHS Hall of Fame inductee (See story on page 6.), received the prestigious Robert S. Brookings Award and **Ned O. Lemkemeier**, a partner in the Bryan Cave Law Firm and UCHS class of 1955, received the University's Distinguished Alumni Award.

On March 31, **Jim Ellis**, class of 1951, a St. Louis College of Pharmacy graduate and owner of the Ellis Pharmacy in Clayton, stunned the community by closing the pharmacy, which had become an institution built over the past 40 years by Jim and his wife Pat. At the age of 12, Ellis delivered medicine on a bicycle for Klein Pharmacy in the University City Loop. Ellis eventually bought the store from the owner, Carl Klein, whom he considered a friend and mentor. In 1977, they lost their lease and relocated to Clayton Road and renamed the store Ellis Pharmacy.

Jackson Park teacher **Linda Green**, UCHS class of 1965, is a former Jackson Park student and has taught in the school for her entire career. She began working for the district on September 1, 1969, and has been teaching for 31 years. She still lives in University City and often sees her "kids" throughout the University City community. Green met with more than half of her 1979 Jackson Park Fifth Grade Class for a reunion under the Arch. (See story on page 5.)

Pam Inger & Stuart Katz, class of 1965, celebrated their 31st wedding anniversary this September. Pam and Stu graduated together from UCHS together and now have two sons, Randy, who is in the U-Texas MBA program, and Josh, who is a Senior at Rice.

Artist **Jill Nassau**, class of 1965, (photo upper right) recently showcased her work in a one-woman show at the Jewish Community Center Art Gallery in Creve Coeur. Her dramatic mixed media and cast resin reliefs combine strong graphic design, two-dimensional interpretation and figurative sculpture. Nassau's works have been seen in juried shows, cultural exhibitions and contemporary galleries in St. Louis and New York. Many private and corporate collections feature her paintings and reliefs. Nassau grew up in University City and Springfield, IL. She is a graduate of Maryville University and is

married to Gary Rosenberg. The couple enjoy exotic trips, their eight grandchildren, two border collies and one cat.

Stephen Ross, class of 1967, has designed lighting for more than 35 Canadian Opera Company productions and for numerous opera productions throughout the continent. Ross and partner, Howard Ungerleider, are now getting acclaim for their most recent project, "Needfire," which tells the story of past traditions and tales that are passed onto a young traveler. The two combined conventional and modern lighting techniques to create a traditional dance look in a surreal setting.

Steven G. Harris, class of 1969, was recently made a full tenured professor at St. Louis University's Department of Mathematics. Harris has been teaching at SLU for the past nine years. He is married to Marge (Mickey) Smith Harris.

Stephanie Williams, class of 1977, has spent her post-graduation years building an impressive list of acting credentials. She is a celebrated star of Broadway, big screen, television and theater, perhaps best known for her long-running roles on the popular daytime soap operas "One Life to Live," "General Hospital," and "All My Children." The St. Louis resident is the founder of the Brighten Your Life Youth Foundation and the P.Y.G.O. (Process of You Getting On with your life and dreams) Ed-u-tainment Group, a consultant/management company for corporations, organizations, aspiring artists and individuals.

Susan Vavra Harris, class of 1979, has recently been promoted to partner in the law firm of Sidley & Austin of Chicago, Illinois, a partnership including professional corporations.

On May 13, the Sheldon Concert Hall featured **Melissa Fathman**, class of 1981, and Friends, internationally known performers of recitals, chamber music concerts and operas. Fathman was a member of the UCHS Jazz Band that was invited to perform in Paris and at the Montreux Jazz Festival in Switzerland. Fathman has performed at Carnegie Hall's Weill Recital Hall, Merkin Hall, the Caramoor Festival, and Gunther Schuller's Festival at Sandpoint. Fathman's opera credits include *Don Giovanni*, *La Finta Giardiniera*, *Cendrillon*, *Gianni Schicchi*, *La Rondine* and *Carmen*. She is a winner of the Metropolitan Opera Midwest Regional Auditions and the Aspen Festival's Vocal Concerto Competition program.



Artist Jill Nassau, class of 1965, recently showcased her work in the Jewish Community Center Art Gallery.

Animator **Marlon West**, class of 1981, will be featured as the second University City "Returning Artist" in the spring of 2001. (See article on page 10.) West is an animation artist with Walt Disney Studios. He has been a special effect animator on all of the studio's feature films since "The Lion King." He has recently completed work as Supervisor of Effects on Disney's Summer 2001 release of "Atlantis."

Professional actor **Gregory Sporleder**, class of 1982, was featured as a University City "Returning Artist" in October. (See article on page 10.) Sporleder is a film and television actor whose film credits include "The Rock," "Being John Malkovich," "Never Been Kissed," "Clay Pigeons," "The Fanatics," "Twister," "Renaissance Man," "Fatal Instinct," and "A League of Their Own." His television credits include the movies "Andersonville" and "Fail Safe" and featured roles in "Friends," "Murphy Brown," "The Drew Carey Show," "NYPD Blue" and "Chicago Hope." Sporleder spent a couple of weeks in the North Dakota Badlands filming with Keith Carradine, Peter Fonda and Kris Kristofferson. At press time, he was planning to run in the Chicago Marathon on Sunday, October 22.

UCHS Class of 1986 and Linda Green's 1979 Jackson Park Fifth Grade Class:

Tracey Bannes – Tracey lives in St. Louis and holds a degree in biology and is currently

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OBITUARIES

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studying medicine.

John Bellone – John is an English teacher at Clayton High School. His bachelor's degree is in business from University of Missouri - St. Louis and his master's degree is in English education from University of Rochester, NY. He served two years in the U.S. Navy. He, his wife and one-year-old daughter currently live in University City.

Joseph "Joey" Bonner – Joe is a fourth grade teacher at Ritenour's Kratz Elementary and lives in University City.

Paul Brown - Paul lives in St. Louis County with his wife.

Michael Brownley* - Michael is deceased.

Catherine (Luzkow) Clancy – Catherine was the first student to contact Ms. Green. She is an art student and currently lives in Denver, Colorado, with her husband.

Becky (Klein) Collins - Becky lives in Chicago, Illinois. She sets public policy for the non-profit organization CAEL. She and her husband, a middle school teacher, are expecting triplets in November!

Greg Gibson – Greg is an editor with KTVI, Channel 2.

Debbie (Feldacker) Granick* – Debbie lives in Durham, North Carolina, and worked for a time in school health promotion for the State. She holds master's degrees in social work and in public health. She has traveled extensively and lived across the U.S. and abroad, including studying in France. Currently, she is working part-time in her husband's sporting goods store. She has a son, Jack, and a new baby.

Ronya (Parker) Hagens – Ronya has three children, ages 15, 13 and 9. She lives in the St. Louis area and works for KV Pharmaceutical Company.

Robert Hall, III – Robert is a claims representative with State Farm and lives in Houston, Texas.

Philip Hendricks – Phil works in the validation department of KV Pharmaceutical Company in St. Louis. He is married to Angel Loper, also a former student of Ms. Green.

Cheryl (Hicks) Norfolk – Cheryl lives in the St. Louis area.

Debra "Debby" Hurd – Debra, her husband and two children live in University City.

Robert Jackson – Robert is a salesman and lives in University City.

Darren "Duke" Johnson – Darren drives an over-the-road truck. He has one son and lives in the St. Louis area.

Kim (Dudley) Jones – Kim lives in University City and works at the local Walgreens. She is married and has two sons. Her oldest son now attends Jackson Park School.

Bridget (Linthicum) Kathman* – Bridget is a Human Resource Supervisor who trains airline attendants. She lives in Kentucky with her husband, two-year-old daughter and a new baby.

John Lammert – John works in building maintenance with schools in Hanover, New Hampshire. His specialty is heating and air conditioning. He is married to Mary. They raise chickens and love gardening.

Amy Taylor - Amy is a fourth-year medical student at the University of Missouri - Columbia.

Derrick Williams* – Derrick is currently practicing medicine in Kansas City.

David Zuckerman – David graduated from Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville. He teaches special education in Indianapolis, Indiana. He is married with a new baby.

**These students were not in attendance on June 20, 2000.*

UCHS 1965-66 Varsity Basketball Team with #14 Mike Brewen

Michael Kovac, 63 (class of 1955), a co-founder of the UCHS Reunion Scholarship fund, passed away on August 16 in his home after a long illness. He was an intellectual property attorney with the Polster Lieder Woodruff and Lucchesi law firm. Prior to joining this firm, he was a private practice attorney for 12 years and owned an import business. Kovac was also a composer who wrote patriotic and spiritual songs. Several of his works were performed at the 1980's Fair St. Louis. He was an elder at Central Presbyterian Church in Clayton.

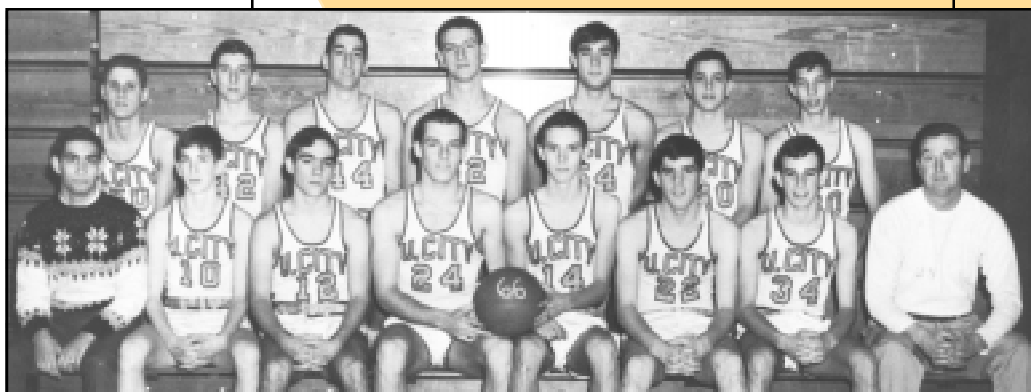


Michael Kovac
Class of 1955

Renowned news reporter and author **Bob Tamarkin**, 62 (class of 1956), died of a heart attack on April 11, 2000. Tamarkin earned a bachelor's degree from Washington University in 1961 and a master's degree in journalism from the University of Missouri in 1963. He relocated to Chicago and began reporting for the Chicago Daily News. Twenty-five years ago, serving as a correspondent for the newspaper, Tamarkin was, by his own account, "...the very last correspondent evacuated when Saigon fell to the North Vietnamese on April 30, 1975." He considered the story he filed after that helicopter ride to be the most important account he had ever written on the Vietnam war.

Harvey Reznick, 57 (class of 1960), chief of adversary proceedings for the Army's Aviation and Missile Command, died in his sleep of an apparent heart attack. He was lawyer with the Aviation and Troop Command in St. Louis from 1972 to 1997, serving the last two years as chief council for the command. In 1997, he became part of AMCOM in Huntsville, AL. However, he and his family kept their residence in the St. Louis area. He was an avid tennis player and recreational swimmer and member of Shaare Zedek synagogue in University City.

Michael Brewen, 51 (class of 1967), died at his residence in Farmington, MO, of ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease). He was an educator and long-time college basketball mentor. He graduated from Denver University and received his MA from Purdue. He coached basketball at Wabash College, IN; University of Nebraska - Omaha; Wayne State College, NE and Mineral Area College. At MAC he was a political science instructor and received two honors in 1998: the Governor's Excellence in Teaching Award and the MAC Outstanding Faculty Member of the Year award. His parents are Lloyd and Alice (Mitchell) Brewen and sisters are Linda Schnurbusch of Independence, KS, and Sally Breuer of Alton, IL..



THE E-MAIL CONNECTION

Linda Alexander of Maryland recently e-mailed this note:

I'm a writer and history researcher and I lose myself in old bookstores as often as possible. Recently, I did just that and came upon a section in my local used bookstore which has become the home for, of all things, old yearbooks. One of those I located "called" to me for some reason. It's the 1940 "Dial" from your (University City High) school and it belonged to Linda Bauer, class of 1942. I think what drew me to this particular book was the fact that it's well autographed on many pages with a small memento stuffed between some of the pages. I'd love to be able to return this book to her or to someone in her family. Otherwise, I'd like to give it to your school's library. If you'd be willing to share some information on the lady in question, your school, yourself, I'd appreciate knowing a bit of the flavor of the times, the friendships, the lives you led. As I mentioned earlier, I'm a published writer and I find my most intriguing stories from the true lives of folks I've learned of through written materials. As people we cannot know where we're going until we know where we've been. We all have a story to tell. I like to help others tell theirs. Please e-mail me at <peachy2@prodigy.net>.

William C. Cope recently e-mailed this note:

I am anxious to obtain any information regarding the University City High School class of 1941. How many survived the War and their names, if possible. Thanking you in advance. I'll be most happy to respond to anyone who wishes. I left UCHS upon graduation. Joined the Navy, met a young, beautiful lady and she was also in the Navy. We were married after flight school and have been for the past 55 years. My home address is William C. Cope, 205 Vaughan St. Apt. 11; Portland, Maine 04102-3203; and my e-mail address is <wcope@maine.rr.com>.

Norman P. Erber recently e-mailed this note:

I graduated from U City High in 1960. I am an Associate Professor in the School of Communication Sciences (Speech Pathology) at La Trobe University (Melbourne, Australia). I presume there will be a 40-year class reunion sometime during this year (2000) and would like to attend. Please send any information you can obtain on a reunion, or forward this message to the person who might be organizing a gathering of the 1960 graduating class.

I have been out of contact with nearly everyone from U City for about 19 years, since moving to Melbourne in 1981, although I visited and spoke to Mr. Wallace Klein (a former teacher at the high school) a few years ago when I was in St. Louis. I think that another graduate from 1960, Joe Swartz, lives in Canberra.

Thanks for your help re the above request. Here are some ways to contact me: home phone: (011-61-3) 9489-2825; work: (011-61-3) 9479-1812; work fax: (011-61-3) 9479-1874; home e-mail: <erber@bigpond.com>; work: <n.erber@latrobe.edu.au> or write to me at: Norman P. Erber, 45 Gordon Street, Clifton Hill, Vic. 3068, Australia

Principal Bender recently e-mailed this note:

I had a nice talk with Jim Young (class of 1981) tonight. They are planning their 20th reunion around the 2nd or 1st week of August, 2001. They are just getting organized. I told him to call in order to put an alert in "Class Acts" about their reunion, even if they don't have details yet.

RETURNING ARTIST SERIES

The University City Municipal Commission on Arts and Letters announces its annual "Returning Artist Series" for 2000-01, bringing UCHS alumni back to their roots...

Actor **Gregory Sporleder** (class of 1982) is scheduled to work with performing artists and students during the week of October 16, 2000, with an evening performance on October 18.

Walt Disney animator **Marlon West** (class of 1981) will be speaking to children at all grade levels during the week March 19, 2001. His evening performance will be March 21.

Evening performances are free and open to the public. For more information, contact City Hall at 314-862-6767 ext. 290.

CALENDAR

OCTOBER

13-15	U. City's Loop in Motion
17	Presidential Debate, Wash. U.
17-21	Homecoming Week
18	Returning Artist Gregory Sporleder
20	Hall Of Fame Dinner
21	Homecoming & Dance
28	Live Halloween Show at Blueberry Hill

NOVEMBER

10-11	Fall Play
23-24	Thanksgiving Holiday

DECEMBER

2	Loop Holiday Walk
14	Winter Choir Concert
16	Kinesis Concert
22	Winter Vacation Begins

JANUARY 2001

1	Classes Resume
8-10	Spring Musical Auditions
14	Communitywide Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

FEBRUARY

10	Sweetheart Dance
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MARCH

15-17	Spring Musical
19&21	Music In Our Schools Concerts
21	Returning Artist Marlon West
22-24	Spring Musical
23-24	U. City Photo Show Entries
24	JROTC Ball
25-31	Spring Break

APRIL

1	U. City Sculpture Show Opening
7	U. City Photo Show Reception
14	Junior/Senior Prom
26	Art Night

MAY*

4	JROTC Banquet & NHS Induction
10	Spring Choral Concert
11	Senior/Faculty Basketball Game
15	Annual Awards Night
19	Kinesis Concert
28	Memorial Holiday - City's Memorial Day Run
29	Graduation

JUNE

7	Last Day of School
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*Note: The City has decided not to hold Fair in the Square for 2000.

WHAT IS THE UNIVERSITY CITY EDUCATION FOUNDATION?



The University City Public Schools Education Foundation, Inc. was established to enhance the educational programs in all of the schools in our district. By involving the community and attracting private funds to supplement state, federal and local revenues, the Foundation can provide support for the development of enrichment programs and services which can help make the difference between a very good education and an excellent one.

The Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation organized under the laws of the state of Missouri as a method of providing a long term, self-sustaining program to enhance the University City public schools beyond the limits of normal tax support. It is governed by the Foundation Board which is a group of private citizens who are not involved in the day-to-day operations of the school district. Although the district and the Foundation function as separate entities, they are working toward the same end — striving for excellence in education for all children. The University City Board of Education incorporated the Foundation and strongly supports its efforts.

They are currently planning the second annual **Progressive Dinner** fundraiser for Saturday, November 11, at a cost of \$40 per person. Dinner will be served at various locations throughout the University City area. After dinner, attendees will meet for a reception in City Hall for dessert, wine and coffee accompanied by music by the Downtown Jazz Trio (all UCHS Alumni). Raffle winners and door prizes will be announced. Space is limited. Complete and return the form below.

If you are interested in supporting the **Foundation**, we will be pleased to mail you an informational brochure or put you in contact with a representative who can answer any questions. Please call (314) 290-4037 or write to the University City Education Foundation, Inc., c/o School District of University City, McKnight Administration Building, 8346 Delcrest Drive, University City, MO 63124-2195.

Mark your calendar and join us for the second University City Education Foundation (UCEF)

Progressive Dinner

Saturday, November 11, 2000 • 6 p.m.

Name _____
 Address _____
 Phone _____ Fax _____
 Email _____

Tickets (indicate #) _____ x \$40.00 = \$ _____
 Raffle Tickets _____ x \$2.00 = \$ _____
 (Raffle Tickets are \$2.00 each or 6 for \$10.00)

Proceeds will benefit the Foundation.
 Please make check payable to UCEF and mail to:
 UCEF c/o School District of University City,
 8346 Delcrest Drive, University City, MO 63124



BECOME PART OF OUR WALK THROUGH HISTORY WITH THE UCHS

As a part of the University City High School heritage, you have helped the School District of University City build a strong foundation for the future of education, brick-by-brick. Now, in much the same way, you can become a part of our distinguished history as well.

For a tax deductible contribution of as little as \$50, you can personalize a brick that will become a part of the paved walkway leading toward the newly refurbished track and stadium arena. Engrave your name, your child's name, or your former teacher's name in brick and make that person a lasting part of district history. Just think, you can immortalize the words of your favorite coach or teacher in a Leadership Brick for years to come!

Bricks will be laid periodically throughout the school year. All profits from the program will go to fund improvements and purchase equipment, uniforms and supplies for the high school's athletic department. Complete the order form below, or simply call Kim Loomis, University City High School Athletic Director (314) 290-4106, to order a brick, preserve your place in history, and pave the way for tomorrow's students.

University City High School - Athletic Fund-raising Project

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I would like to order now... I have completed the form and have enclosed a check for \$ _____
 Please DO NOT SEND CASH. Make check or money order payable to: University City High School Athletic Program

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Please print the name as you wish for it to appear on the brick. You may attach information to this form to order additional bricks.

4" x 8" Brick = \$50 per brick: 2 lines / up to 20 characters per line including spaces.
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 Brick #2: _____

8" x 16" Brick = \$250 Family/Business Leadership Brick: 6 lines / up to 28 characters per line including spaces.
 Brick #1: _____

16" x 16" Brick = \$500 Corporate Logo Leadership Brick: 12 lines / up to 28 characters per line including spaces.
 Please include a camera-ready copy of your logo (in black and white)
 Brick #1: _____

and mail to: University City High School
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 c/o Kim Loomis, Athletic Director
 7401 Balsom Avenue
 University City, Missouri 63130

REUNION ALERT

The class of 1950 hosted its 50th reunion on September 16 at the Missouri Botanical Gardens. The class of 1960 hosted its 40th reunion on September 9-10 at the Sheraton Chalet in Westport. The class of 1975 hosted its 25th reunion on July 7-9 at the Holiday Inn on Hampton. The class of 1980 hosted its 20th reunion on September 1-3 at the Holiday In on North Lindbergh.

The class of 1970 is organizing its 30th reunion for November 24-26 at LeChateau. For more information about this upcoming reunion, please contact Rose Fiman at 314-963-0159.

If you need more information about your class reunion or would like to be added to the mailing list, please call Wallace G. Klein, Alumni Coordinator at 314-863-8314 or leave a message for him at the McKnight Administration Building at 314-290-4000.

GIVE SOMETHING BACK

The University City Reunion Scholarship Fund, the successor to the Kettelkamp Scholarship Fund, has raised more than \$35,000 in the past three years. The Reunion Scholarship Fund was started by the late Michael Kovac and a group of his 1955 classmates. The project later expanded to include members of the class of 1956 and is now open to other classes whose members can see that it is important to "Give Something Back," the theme of Kovac's 40-year Reunion and the motivating concept behind the start of the scholarship program.

The founding principles of the program are "to promote, foster and encourage student scholarship by collecting funds from reunion graduates solely for the purpose of funding scholarships for qualified students." The first scholarship grants were awarded to members of the 1998 graduating class. Since then, the fund has continued to thrive under the leadership of Kovac, classmates Tobi Don, John McFarland, Arnold Gast, and Ed Cristal, Kovacs and volunteer Alumni Coordinator Wallace Klein. The program also received support from alumni Don Wolff and Ned Lemkemeier.

If you are also intrigued with the idea of "Giving Something Back," please feel free to contact one of the founding members of the Reunion Scholarship Fund to request additional information or to contribute either a personal gift or a donation from your class. Arnold Gast, 314-997-0700; or Wallace Klein, 314-863-8314. All gifts are tax deductible and should be made payable to: Reunion Scholarship Fund '55 and mailed to Reunion Scholarship Fund, School District of University City, 8346 Delcrest Drive, University City, MO 63124-2195.

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CELEBRATION 2000

*UCHS Second Annual
Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony*

Friday, **October 20**, 2000

7 p.m.

Sheraton Tower at Westport Plaza
See page 4 for more information.

Saturday, **October 21**, 2000

Homecoming

10:00 p.m. - Parade
Football Kickoff is at 1:00 p.m..

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