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SoCal Cats

The Los Angeles Chapter of the University of Arizona Alumni Association

April 2009 E-Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS!

- 4/15 LA Media Cats Mixer – 8pm
The Happy Ending Bar, Hollywood
- 4/16 Happy Hour -. 6:30pm
Union Cattle Co - Hermosa Beach
- 4/23 Chapter Meeting 7pm
Phillipes, Downtown LA

For complete details, check the
newsletter articles below!



Hello SoCal Cats!

April brings the good and the bad, baseball and taxes, and of course more fun with the SoCalCats. Join us for one or two, or how 'bout ALL of the fun the LA Wildcats are having!

In this issue of the Los Angeles Chapter E-Newsletter you'll find information about:

- An April Happy Hour in the South Bay
- A mixer with the LA Media Cats
- The Chapter's Annual Freshman Scholarship

Got questions, event ideas or a new email address? Just email us at socalcats@hotmail.com

HAPPY SPRING & BEAR DOWN!

HAPPY HOUR IS BACK IN THE SOUTH BAY

Thursday, April 16, 2009, 6:00pm

UNION CATTLE COMPANY

1301 Manhattan Avenue, Hermosa Beach

www.unioncattlecompany.com



We're back in the **South Bay** at the **Union Cattle Company** in **Hermosa Beach**. Come join us at City Guide's best Happy Hour location for 2007 & 2008! With an unobstructed view from Catalina to Malibu, there's no other space like this in the entire South Bay. Try your hand (and hips) on their famous mechanical bull and find out just how long eight seconds really is!

R.S.V.P. to <https://www.alumniconnections.com/olc/pub/AZA/events/AZA2216874.html>

Can't make the April Happy Hour? Then save **May 21** on your calendar and join us at **Barney's Beanery** in **Pasadena**.

DO YOU KNOW A NEW WILDCAT?

The SoCal Cats has a long tradition of awarding **scholarships** to the best and brightest of Los Angeles Area incoming freshmen. These are merit based scholarships and are deducted straight from the winners' tuition costs.

The application deadline, **April 24th**, is drawing near. Applications can be had from our Scholarship Chair, Kirsten Overlee. Contact Kirsten at kirstenoverlee@gmail.com



JOIN US FOR THE 1ST LA MEDIA CATS MIXER!

The goal of the **LA Media Cats** alumni group is to create what many other academic institutions already have here in Los Angeles - an established entertainment industry peer group which provides a social and professional platform for career development. Entertainment industry professionals, UA Media Arts alumni or anyone alum interested in the entertainment industry are welcome.

Wednesday, April 15th, 8-11pm

THE HAPPY ENDING BAR

7038 W Sunset Blvd, Hollywood

<http://www.thehappyendingbar.com/>

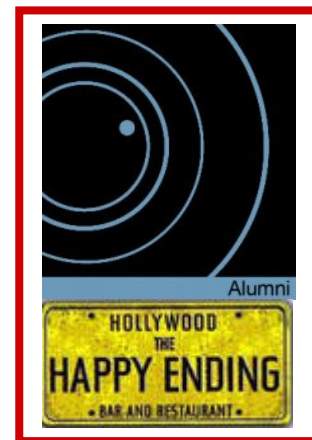
Come mingle, network, see old friends, meet new friends and make some UA entertainment industry friends and contacts. Enjoy Happy Hour specials, pizza and beer specials, \$5 well drinks and more.

R.S.V.P. to Melanie Levine at lamediacats@gmail.com

Or to the Facebook event link: <http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#/event.php?eid=68063946691>

Spread the word to other Media Arts Alums or any UA alumni working in the entertainment industry.

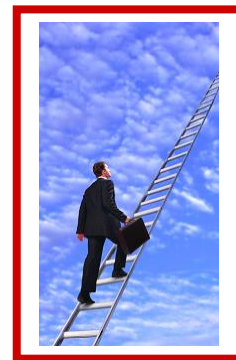
Join the LA Media Cats Facebook group! <http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#/group.php?gid=26238097252>



INTERESTED IN A **NETWORKING BREAKFAST SERIES?**

The SoCal Cats are constantly coming up with new events and new ways to serve the alumni in the Los Angeles area. So our current question is ... **how well are you leveraging your status as a Wildcat in Los Angeles?**

Pre-Work Networking Breakfasts are a staple with many other Wildcat Alumni Chapters throughout the country. They're simple, they're easy and you never know who you'll meet or who can help you move up "the ladder of success." If you want to change professions, change your location or even start a new business, "*the fight of wildcats*" can only help you make that move. A speaker from the University may even give you some valuable information about making your career or business the best it can be.



If you're interested in a Networking Breakfast Series, please respond back to us at socalcats@hotmail.com. If there's enough of an interest, we'll get right on it and next thing you know, you'll be having breakfast at Denny's, possibly sitting next to your future business partner.

A GREAT RUN & TONS OF GREAT WILDCAT FUN

The Wildcats run to the NCAA "Sweet Sixteen" was an amazing charge and the SoCal Cats had fun watching it. Check out pictures from the game watchings at Big Wangs at www.socalcats.shutterfly.com.

Remember, come football season, Big Wang's is our **official** game watching location. Get ready for a smokin' hot football season ... and some really hot wings!



SOCAL CATS ARE LOOKING FOR NEW OFFICERS

Interested in having a leadership opportunity? Want to get more involved with an organization that bleeds red and blue? The SoCal Cats Board of Directors is currently building its slate of elected officers and appointed chairmen for 2009-2010.

If you are interested in a leadership position, please contact our **President Elizabeth Fields** at socalcats@hotmail.com. She will be happy to talk to you about the positions available and the leadership opportunities the SoCal Cats can provide.



IT'S MILLER TIME!

The SoCal Cats would like to officially welcome new Men's Head Basketball Coach Sean Miller! The former Xavier Head Coach formally took the reigns on April 7 and the University is excited to have one of the top young coaches in the country. Miller, 40, completed five seasons as head coach at Xavier with his fourth consecutive 20-victory season and fourth consecutive NCAA Tournament appearance last month.

If you'd like more information on Coach Miller, go to the Official Arizona Athletics site: <http://www.arizonaathletics.com/sports/m-baskbl/spec-rel/040609aaa.html>



UA TRIVIA TIME ANSWER (from the March newsletter)

Who was the Wildcat mascot before Wilbur?

The original live wildcat mascot arrived on campus October 17, 1915, and was introduced to the student body the following day at an assembly in Herring Hall. He was a gift from the Freshman Football Team, who raised the funds (\$9.91) to purchase him. He was officially named "Rufus Arizona", after UA President Rufus B. von KleinSmid.

Unfortunately, on April 17, 1916 Rufus the Wildcat died. The *Arizona Wildcat* reported that: ". . . while endeavoring to perform gymnastic stunts in the limbs of a tree to which he was tied, Rufus Arizona . . . fell and was hung."

Rufus was memorialized in verse and in a *Wildcat* editorial, which noted that his "growls urged our team to victory" and spoke of his "strength, alertness, tenacity -- the true Arizona spirit." Rufus had several successors in later years, until the practice of using a live wildcat as a mascot was officially discontinued in the mid-1960's. (Note: *never tie a feline to a tree.*)



UA TRIVIA TIME (Look for the answer in our May newsletter!)

When did the costumed "Wilbur the Wildcat" start as our mascot?

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE UA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ???

JOIN THE UAAA TODAY AND SUPPORT THE SOCAL CATS AT THE SAME TIME!

Did you know that a portion of your national membership fee goes directly back to the SoCal Cats?

Membership in the national University of Arizona Alumni Association gives you access to discounts at our local events, along with a full-year subscription to *Alumnus* magazine and valuable savings and special offers with companies across the nation on everything from travel to entertainment. You'll also get special deals at places like Target.com, Costco, Dish Network, nation-wide movie theatres ... and much, much more!



It is easy to join! Go to <http://www.arizonaalumni.com/membership>.

Enter referral code "**LOS ANGELES (LA)**" and a portion of your membership dues come straight to the SoCal Cats to help us plan more great Wildcat events right here in L.A.!

BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!

LOOKING FOR WAYS TO BECOME INVOLVED?

Got an idea for a great alumni event? Want to help keep the **Bear Down** spirit alive here in Los Angeles? The SoCalCats are always looking for dynamic alumni volunteers to help plan activities and leadership the Chapter! Email us at socalcats@hotmail.com or come to an event or the next Chapter meeting and we'll get you involved in the fun today!

The next chapter meetings are scheduled for

April 23 & May 28

Chapter meetings begin promptly at **7:00 p.m. at historic Philippe's in downtown Los Angeles**. All meetings are held in the private rooms upstairs (even if the stairway sign says the upstairs area is closed.)

Philippe's, The Original
1001 N. Alameda St., Los Angeles, CA 90012
www.philippes.com

New UA grads ... your local UA Alumni Chapter is a great opportunity to keep involved with your school and start your alumni life off right!

CONTACT US TODAY!

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