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SoCal Cats

The Los Angeles Chapter of the University of Arizona Alumni Association

March 2009 E-Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS!

- 3/19 Happy Hour –Big Wang's
6pm - Hollywood
- 3/21 "Ella" Matinee Performance
2pm - Laguna Playhouse
- 3/26 Chapter Meeting
7pm - Phillippes, Downtown LA
- 3/27, 28, 29 UA @ USC Baseball
12pm - Jackie Robinson Field
- 4/4 LA Kings vs Phoenix Coyotes
7:30pm – Staples Center
- 4/4, 5 UA Softball @ UCLA
12pm - Easton Stadium
- 4/16 Happy Hour - Union Cattle Co.
6:30pm - Hermosa Beach
- 4/23 Chapter Meeting
7pm - Phillippes, Downtown LA

For complete details, check the newsletter articles below!



Hello SoCal Cats!

March may be the beginning of Spring, but it's also the beginning of a run of great events with the SoCal Cats. Join us for one, two, three, 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:

- A March Happy Hour with NCAA game watching
- A matinee performance of Broadway's hit musical "Ella"
- A hot night on the cold ice as we join the Sun Devils at the LA Kings
- A couple trips to the ball park when the 'Cats come to town to play UCLA in two different sports

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

HAPPY SPRING & BEAR DOWN!

MARCH WILDCAT HAPPY HOUR & NCAA GAME WATCHING

Thursday, March 19, 2009, 6:00pm

BIG WANG'S

1562 N. Cahuenga, Hollywood
www.bigwangs.com

With the NCAA tourney starting this night, we're headed to our new official game watching site in case our 'Cats are playing Thursday night.

Big Wang's is the ultimate fun destination in Los Angeles. Their mind blowing homemade food and unbelievably cheap drink prices keep people coming back for more. They have more HD TVs and Projection screens than anywhere else in LA! So join the SoCal 'Cats for Happy Hour, watch the first round of the "Big Dance", shoot some pool, hit up the juke box, and continue being "a Wildcat for life"!



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

Can't make the March Happy Hour? Then save **April 16** on your calendar and we'll be back in the **South Bay** at the **Union Cattle Company in Hermosa Beach**. Come join us at CityGuide's best Happy Hour location for 2007 & 2008!

JOIN THE SOCAL CATS & THE “FIRST LADY OF SONG” WITH A MATINEE OF “*ELLA*”

Saturday March 21st at 2pm

LAGUNA PLAYHOUSE

606 Laguna Canyon Road, Laguna Beach

It's a life lived out loud in this exhilarating new musical about "The First Lady of Song," Ella Fitzgerald. This theatrical event weaves myth, memory and music as it tells the uplifting and poignant story of one of the greatest jazz/pop vocalists of 20th century music. It's 1966 and the fabled songstress is preparing for one of the most important concerts of her career. As she jams with the musicians (including famed trumpeter Louis Armstrong) and gets ready to meet the audience, Ella reflects on her life, her secrets and the love of music that made her soar. Featuring more than a dozen of her most famous hits, including "A Tisket, A Tasket," "How High the Moon," "That Old Black Magic" and "They Can't Take that Away from Me," this swinging new musical invites audiences to fall in love all over again with the magic and soul of Ella Fitzgerald.



This production of “*ELLA*” stars UA College of Fine Arts School of Theatre Arts Distinguished Professor, **Harold Dixon** as Norman Granz, Ella Fitzgerald's famed manager

After the performance, join Harold and other Arizona alumni in the lobby for a special backstage tour!

Tickets are \$35-\$60 and can be purchased by directly calling the Laguna Playhouse (949/497-ARTS). The theater is small and tickets will sell out, so please order soon.

Once you've purchased your tickets ... please email socalcats@hotmail.com to let us know you've purchased tickets and if you'll be joining us for the backstage tour.



Dr. Harold Dixon has directed and acted in theaters across the country, including the Gloucester Stage Company in Massachusetts, Actors Theatre of Phoenix, Phoenix Theatre, the 92nd St Y in New York City, the Guthrie Theatre, Arizona Theatre Company, Shakespeare Sedona, Arizona Repertory Theatre, and the Kennedy Center. Dixon received the Kennedy Center Medallion of Excellence, the James Anthony Award for Sustained Excellence in Teaching, and the Arizona Service award, presented by the Actors' Equity Association for lifetime achievement.

HEAD OUT TO THE BALL PARK WHEN WILDCAT BASEBALL COMES TO TOWN

“Buy me some peanuts & Cracker Jack” when the Wildcat Baseball team comes to town to take on the UCLA Bruins.

UA BASEBALL @ UCLA (Jackie Robinson Stadium)

Friday, March 27 @ 6:00pm

Saturday, March 28 @ 2:00pm

Sunday, March 29 @ 1:00pm

Tickets for baseball games at Jackie Robinson Stadium can be purchased at the entrance of the stadium 90 minutes before the first pitch. There are no advanced ticket sales. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for youth (16 and younger).

JACKIE ROBINSON STADIUM (near the Westwood Veteran's Administration cemetery)

Jackie Robinson Stadium is located just off the UCLA campus on Constitution Ave. and parking is available in the lot right next to the stadium for a \$5 fee.

From the 405 North ...Exit Wilshire Blvd. (West); After the exit, make an immediate right onto Sepulveda Blvd.; Drive straight on Sepulveda approximately one-quarter mile; Turn left onto Constitution Ave; The stadium is on right-hand side, about 500 feet down the road.

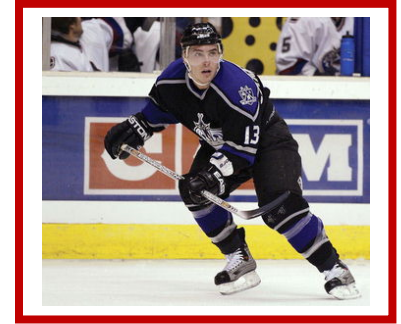
From the 405 South ... Take the Sunset Blvd exit and turn left onto Church Lane; Continue driving south on Church Lane; Turn left at Montana Avenue; Turn right at Sepulveda Blvd; Drive straight on Sepulveda Blvd approximately one-half mile; Turn right at Constitution Avenue; Stadium is on right-hand side, about 500 feet down the road.

WILDCAT & SUN DEVIL NIGHT AT THE LA KINGS

In yet another attempt to “*make nice*” with our Los Angeles ASU rivals, join both schools as we head to Staples to watch the LA Kings battle it out on the ice against the Phoenix Coyotes.

LA KINGS VERSUS PHOENIX COYOTES

Saturday, April 4, 2009, 7:30pm
Staples Center



Join both the ‘Cats & Devils for an exclusive **Post-Game Party** at the ESPN Zone in LA Live, right next to Staples!

300 Level Tickets are only \$17
200 Level Tickets are only \$40
100 Level Tickets are only \$60

To purchase game tickets contact: UA Alum Scott Servetnick at (213) 763-5474, sservetnick@lakings.com

The school with the most tickets sold will win an autograph session with a LA Kings Player!

COME CHEER ON THE ‘CATS WHEN WILDCAT SOFTBALL BATTLES THE BRUINS

This is always the match-up of the year as current #10 ‘Cats clash with the current #3 Bruins.

UA SOFTBALL @ UCLA (Easton Stadium)

Saturday, April 4, 2009 @ 3:00pm
Sunday, April 5, 2009 @ 12:00pm

THESE GAMES ARE ALWAYS SELL-OUTS! We highly suggest you buy your tickets in advance. Tickets can be purchased at the Bruin ticket office: 310/UCLA-WIN or online via www.ticketmaster.com. The stadium’s ticket booth is generally opened 90 minutes prior to first pitch. Ticket prices are \$7 for adults and \$5 for youth (16 and younger).

UCLA’S EASTON STADIUM

Easton Stadium is located on the North West corner of the UCLA campus and parking is available in Lot 11. To get to the stadium and Lot 11, turn into campus at Bellagio from Sunset Blvd.



UA TRIVIA TIME ANSWER (from the February newsletter)

When ... and by whom ... was “A” Mountain built?

It was a sensational 7-6 Arizona football victory over Pomona College on Thanksgiving Day, November 6, 1914, that led to the building of the “A” on Sentinel Peak, west of Tucson. In what was doubtless a burst of enthusiastic pride for his alma mater, Albert H. Condron, a member of that 1914 team and a civil engineering student, suggested to one of his professors that a class assignment be made to survey Sentinel Peak for the location of an “A”.



The site was cleared of shrubbery and cactus, trenches dug to outline the letter's foundations, rock at hand was mixed with mortar and water hauled up the mountain by six-horse teams. The total cost of materials, equipment, and transportation was \$397. The back-breaking work was done by the students themselves, Saturday after Saturday, with many difficulties and discouragements, but the “A” was finally whitewashed on March 4, 1916. No one called it Sentinel Peak anymore. It was known thereafter as “A” Mountain. The “A” is 70 feet wide and 160 feet long (or “tall”).

Even More Trivia ... The basalt rock quarried from the construction site was used to build the Rock Wall surrounding most of the university’s historic district.

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

Who was the Wildcat mascot before Wilbur?

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

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

You asked and the UAAA is delivering! The membership team has revamped the entire member benefits program and will be launching a fresh, new benefits site in late Spring! Companies across the nation will provide you with valuable savings and special offers on everything from travel to entertainment. You'll get special deals at places like: Target.com, Costco, Dish Network, nation-wide movie theatres, plus much more!



The UAAA is here to help you throughout your life, and these special deals will help you save money in these tough times.

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 take on Los Angeles Chapter leadership roles! 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

March 26

April 23

Chapter meetings begin promptly at **7:00 p.m. at historic Philippe's in downtown Los Angeles**. All meetings are held upstairs (even if the 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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RSVP TO THE SOCAL CATS EVENT LINK

Whether you're reading this from your inbox, on Facebook or at the SoCalCats website, you can RSVP to every event all at the same convenient location! Whether it's a free Happy Hour or an event that has a ticket price, you can RSVP (and pay) for everything at one time. Now matter what event it is, just use the link in the newsletter article or head to the Events page at www.socalcats.com and your RSVP is just one click away!

<https://www.alumniconnections.com/olc/pub/AZA/events/AZA2216874.html>

SoCalCats Facebook Page

Join the SoCalCats' Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=32772453096>.



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ASU vs. U of A NIGHT WITH THE LA KINGS



LA Kings vs. Phoenix Coyotes

Saturday, April 4th at 7:30 pm

STAPLES Center



300 LEVEL TICKETS ONLY \$17!

200 LEVEL TICKETS ONLY \$40!

100 LEVEL TICKETS ONLY \$60!

Join us for an exclusive Post-Game party at ESPN Zone!

The school with the most tickets sold will win an autograph session with a LA Kings player!

Groups of 15 or more receive FREE LA Kings hats!



To purchase tickets for ASU
please contact Ryan Miller (ASU Alumni)
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To purchase tickets for U of A
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