

Summit's first "Homecoming"



Last Friday was an amazing game! The game was culminated with the crowning of the queen and the class performances. The crowd was outrageous at half time knowing we were tied, neck, and neck with the Patriots. When Mr. Peterson announced the class performances were about to begin, everyone was standing on their feet in anticipation of what would happen next. The freshman class came out with the drums of the south pacific. The young freshman shook her hips, rotating them to the rhythm of the beat, and shared a small story. Then two minutes later the sophomores soared on to the stage bringing back the memories of the wonderful movie Grease. After the sophomore's exquisite performance, the juniors stepped on the stage presenting the sexy dream girls of

the late 70s. The last performance was the seniors who eased on down the road with an up beat jazz mix of The Wiz. Their fantastic dance wowed the crowd! Everyone was surprised at how great the performances turned out. Mr. Andrus stated, "This was an amazing night for us." The performances did not end our amazing Friday night. The crowning of the queen was still coming up. The entire crowd stopped and slowly watched the princesses arrive on the field. All the princesses were next to a colored star; every star was colored a different color for every princess. Mr. Peterson stated, "The balloons that will be released will determine the inaugural queen." In a blink of an eye, red balloons propelled into the air. The Inaugural queen was declared Simi Singh.

- Taylor Fisher



SkyHawks fall short in heartbreaker vs. Patriot

It wasn't all about royalty, the dance, or who your date was going to be. Instead, the SkyHawks had a potential playoff berth to protect, yet falling 16-14 against Patriot High in front of a roaring crowd of...yes you named it, Summit Students & Co.

A sweet beginning, a bitter ending. Trailing by two in the fourth, the SkyHawks had only 1:14 left of crunch time and no timeouts remaining. Yea, not a good time to grab a tamale. Quarterback Devon Blackmon drove the SkyHawks to the field with 67 rushing yards before turning the ball over on an interception with four seconds left in the game. "You can't win a game with turnovers, you just can't," said Summit coach Tony Barile, whose SkyHawks turned the ball over four times in Patriot territory and had a critical fumble on a punt return that gave the ball to the Warriors. In his first drive, Devon Blackmon marched the SkyHawks down the field on a 14-play and 94-yard that gathered with a 16-yard touch-down to running back Jamaal Anderson at the end of the first half. Later in the third, Blackmon scored the go-ahead touchdown on a 65-yard punt. The Warriors returned the favor with a 38-yard touchdown to running back Jamaal Anderson at the end of the first half. Later in the third, Blackmon scored the go-ahead touchdown on a 65-yard punt. The warriors returned the favor with a 38 yard field goal that put them up by two. (continued on page 2)

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Despite the heartbreaking loss, the SkyHawks followed with an impressive offensive series, using 11 plays to move the ball up. "I liked our effort in the second half," Blackmon said. "We needed that type of effort in the first half. We've got to do better. We lost the game and I don't like losing. We need to come out more hungry and disciplined (for the next game)."

The warriors had to be patient for a tense couple of minutes as Blackmon did his best to bring the SkyHawks back on the top. Overall, Blackmon rushed 146 yards, passed for 110 and had an electrifying punt return for a touchdown. "You better get his autograph now," said Patriot coach Kevin Corridon. "that was one tough kid. He's going to be a Division I player."

The loss puts the game at Bloomington a must win for the SkyHawks a must win if they hope to stay in the playoff berth. SkyHawks never say die! So when the time came we scored 25-21 and entered CIF playoffs for the first time. WE made SkyHawk history. -Evelyn Cortez

Water Polo team ends season on a positive note



Do you honestly think treading water for 35 minutes in a 9 feet deep pool is fun? Sure, it's a good work out, but honestly? Do you think its fun when a player is pushing your head under the water, dragging and climbing all over you and saying unkind things about your momma as you come up for air? I won't even make it out of there alive.

So here's the truth, the boys water polo team is undoubtedly one of the schools major achievements and they did it without a pool-their own at least. "We only had the pool 2 hours for 3 days a week. So we really didn't get to do much," said Tim Hicks

who played goaltender for the SkyHawks.

Considering that it was the first season of water polo for Summit, the boys played like Olympians. They showed incredible endurance, played with great agility and strength, and most of all showed great teamwork. What more can you ask for? "The entire team put all of their effort into practice as well as games," said 2 meter defender Kevin Carson. This year was looked at as more than an experience, lets say, going to CIF and winning a title (which could have been possible). "The first season was a big learning experience.. It opened my eyes to truly trying to learn and play water polo." said Hicks. Head Coach Bruce Tuttle knows that this year was not a easy process but he is happy with the outcome, "I was completely satisfied with the season. We played solid defense against teams that have been playing for years."

Even though the season was bittersweet, the boys showed what they are capable of doing in the near future. "I always expect more, I always want to win but I believe you learn more from losing," said Carson. So what if they only won two games! They may have not won by points but they did make some pretty good goals, which turned the

losses into successful games. Learning from your mistakes is what makes you a contender.

As for this years MVP, many agreed that Tim Hicks was a major contribution and a special asset to the team. "He always gave 110% percent. His work ethic is something other players followed," said Coach Tuttle.

Coach Tuttle and his fellow coaching staff have been involved with water polo for a long time and know the tricks of the trade. Tuttle has his fair share of CIF appearances in the past with the Fohi Steelers. With the right coaching staff and the right players I believe its safe to say we are in good hands for many years to come. "To go to the top spot in our league is a goal we can reach with hard work and the right motivation." said Tuttle.

With so much talent built around the team, a league championship can be just around the corner for these aggressive young men. We better keep our eyes peeled because it seems that Summits aquatics will be dominating the league in a few years. Who knows, we might have to change our mascot to the Seahawks. -Evelyn Cortez

Sports

From Summit grounds to Mt. SAC terrain

The Cross Country team has had a great season this year and participated in three incredible invitationals. None so prominent than the Mt. SAC invitational in October. Hundreds of the runners coming and going representing Southern California's numerous high schools. Everyone was wearing their school colors so the place looked like a canvas of colorful spots across the Mt. SAC stadium.

The greatest detail that really defines a *Mt. SAC race* is the **terrain** – a three mile stretch of *rolling* hills. Despite such rough terrain, our team was thrilled to be there. The excitement and the jitters have captivated us as we walked through the stadium during our arrival. The fresh air and energy surrounded us at the bustling race event. This was by no doubt one of our favorite races. Sure, although we had not won any medals, this was not just a competition between others, but with ourselves. We had all put some of our best

efforts into this race. Our very own Coach Griffith and Costa have agreed that during the race we had worked like a team and had shown some of the best grouping as compared throughout the season. The course was truly brutal. Hill after countless hill and ups and downs, we managed to keep ourselves motivated to beat our best time. Many of us crossed that finish line in close succession of one another. We also crossed that line with dignity and self-respect, for we have done ourselves a job well-done. Even after the our race was over, many of us came to agree that we could have run another one of those races.

Ahh, then there was the concession stand and those little vendors outside of the arena. Some of them selling Mt. SAC gear and one of them was for the National Guard. I can recall that we had just gone to the National Guard tent area just to get ourselves a bag of “free stuff.” There we had gotten a bag of National

Guard stuff, and we also participated with some the activities that were occurring there. Some of which included the high jump (the highest recorded for the day had been a 10 foot jump!). It was an enjoyable time. Of course, who could possibly want to forget the concessions? Nachos, Dibbs® ice cream, and the Foot Long Hot dog were some of the most memorable of foods. Anthony himself had to have one of those foot long monsters, who could possibly eat that giant hot dog?

All-in-all this was an unforgettable experience. The runners, the race, the “free stuff”, and just the overall time with each other made this one truly one great day
—Steven Rodriguez

One of the toughest seasons yet...

The girls' tennis season may be considered to be in short- a total excitement. Although many of the original varsity players have retired from the team, Brianna Groves, the team captain, managed to keep the team together through one of the toughest seasons yet. With her hard work and effort she pushed for holding the newly devised varsity team as a whole. The tennis girls handled this season very well despite the fresh, new varsity team.

The season started in rough times with some stability, but with some changes, a new varsity team came to be. The new team pulled together for the final and their best performance at the last game in Norte Vista. The game itself the longest of games in the season delaying the return of the team to Summit till 7:05 post meridiem. As one of the longest matches,

this game against Norte Vista had multiple tie breakers were it was clear that our girls where playing at their best. The final of points relying on the team work of the number one doubles team Holly Chu and her partner Ivanne Recio. The junior varsity team even had rounded about the gates of the court to offer support their fellow players. Cheering them one, Holly and Ivanne played very well in a tough match against their contenders and pulled of a fabulous win putting the overall final win in favor of the Summit SkyHawks! Congratulations to the Summit SkyHawks Tennis Team for such a great effort.

Taking a look at junior varsity team, it can very much be said that they are doing the best they can as well. One of the players can recall one

of her matches with the Pacific High Tennis team being one of her favorite games because both challenging doubles teams had an overall great time. The junior varsity also came together to support one another as they cheered on each other in many of the games throughout the season. It can truly be said that this is not only did they make a team but they made a group of good friends along the way.

Perhaps with this well-developing team, the next season can be expected to be even better. With the hard work and dedication, they will be able to achieve any goal they set for themselves collectively.
—Steven Rodriguez

Student Opinion

National Election

November 4th, 2008 this year was especially historic. This day marked the first in the ushering in of a new president and a new foreign policy. American elections of the twentieth century were oftentimes historic for one reason or another. Whether we look at the unpredicted win for President Truman in the election of 1948, the advancement of television in the 1960 election (what many researchers attribute J.F.K.'s victory to), or the astonishing electoral victories of Ronald Reagan over Jimmy Carter (489 to 49 votes) and later Walter Mondale (525 to 13 votes), the general election of 2008 was certainly something which trumps these previously elections in several aspects.

To name but a few important factors which made this election especially stunning:

If the Republican party had won:

- Oldest president at inauguration (John McCain at 74, beating R. Reagan who was 69)
- First female vice president (Sarah Palin)

Also, if the Republican party had won, polls relating to the presidential decision would suffer a great loss of respectability and reliance. (This is because most, if not all, polls pointed toward the Democratic party taking the win by some margin)

Because the Democratic party has won:

- First African-American and biracial president (Barack Obama)
- First Roman Catholic to be elected vice-president (Joe Biden)

American ties with other countries should be much stronger

Election day also had a very historic turnout. Many thousands of people were waiting in line to vote for hours, taking time off from school or work. Many of these people were teenagers. As a poll-worker I met many first time and infrequent voters. This election brought people out who could not read or speak the languages on the ballot, people of 30 and 40 years of age who had never flexed their democratic muscle, and young people who were once stereotyped as self-consumed non-voters. Before November fourth I had the vague feeling that only pipe-and-slipper professors and the highly educated voted. This election has also changed general views on that. Next time you as a student of Summit High School walk into a building and see many kinds of people, whether you characterize those you see as thugs, nerds, jocks, by their sexual orientation, gender, or occupation, just remember that these people could be one of the record shattering 122,842,626 people who ventured out to vote on this historical date. – Hector Santana



Student Opinion

AP Government Election



Republican side

Most students that participated in the Presidential Election Simulation agree that it was an enjoyable and educational experience. Although enjoyable, not everyone was cheerful in the end. Similar to the actual election, there had to be a losing side. Unfortunately, the simulated party that lost was the same one that lost in the real election, even though that side worked the hardest on all assignments including: speeches, debate preparation, commercials, etc. Yes, the losing side was also the simulated Republican party. The loss had a great deal to do with the National opinion as well as the strong Democratic presence on the campus. The students representing the Republican Party worked much harder than the other party and still came out second due to the stated facts. Those students did all they could to get to the students and try to change their opinion, but unfortunately, it was an uphill struggle that could not be won. All because of one small stated fact, “We are representing the Republican Party.” If that was never stated and the party was named something besides that to confuse the voter students, then there might have been a chance for the Republican Party to come out on top. –Aliisa Diederich

Democrat side

The road to Election Day was harsh. Not only for the big politicians in Washington but also for the AP Government class. Their task was to simulate the process of the presidential elections in a month. Now keep in mind, the real world presidential campaigns had months to prepare and hold rallies where they could state their views to the public.

Despite these hardships, more pressure was added to the Democratic Party with the absence of their presidential candidate, Jonathan Black. But the campaign still remained strong through the crisis. Speech writer Cesar Puentes commented on the dilemma, “The first couple of days were a mess. Everyone was worried but everyone pulled through and did their jobs.” Also during Black’s absence, Puentes took his place in the presidential debate. It was a heated debate but Republican candidate Steven Chavez fought hard in his convictions on his “true American principles”.

The vice presidential debate was also a heated affair with two well spoken women: Kimberly Aruajo for the Republicans and Gina Valiente for the Democrats. There were many attacks on each party’s policies. Black stated the debate was strong. Many others believed Aruajo’s attacks contained many inaccuracies.

In the end, the Democratic Party won. Thus proving that the voters (Mr. Donde’s CP government class) voted based on principles they believed would strengthen the country.

–Ashley Budano

Elected Royal SkyHawks



In midst of all of the excitement for the election for president of the United States, Summit has held their own election in the school. 5 girls and 5 boys were chosen out of our seniors to run for the Inaugural court King and Queen. Throughout the period, school posters were decorated with the slogans to catch our attention and our vote. T-shirts were made and crowns were worn with the name of the candidates. Many people seemed to be looking forward to Summit's first Inaugural Court. At the Inaugural half time show the results of this exciting election was revealed. At the end, all of the candidates were announced and brought out to the center of the field in their formal attire. On a beautifully decorated stage, the candidates for Queen all stood in front of a specifically colored star. Everyone waited in anticipation for the winner to be announced. Then red balloons were released into the night sky and the crowd cheered as Simi Singh was crowned Inaugural court Queen. But our King would be crowned at the Dance the next day. The night of the dance came and in the middle of all of the fun, the DJ stopped the music and Summit's royalty stepped on stage in pairs. Then Adrian Meza was crowned Inaugural Court King. The crowd's reaction was enough to tell everyone that he was worthy of his crown. Afterward the King and Queen went to the center of the dance floor and danced as the rest of the court joined in. I asked around to see what everyone else's reaction was to the outcome of the election and they were fairly on the same level. Jasmin Aquino said "It was a good choice. I think that they both deserved it." I asked Carina Ramirez why she thinks that Adrian won. She replied, "He is very involved in our school and is a good member of our school society. He's someone we can look up to." This election was an all time success and it's a wonderful high school memory that our seniors can carry with them throughout their life. -Emily Centeno



To be drug free...



Does it take red bracelets, pins, games, and the infamous "dead day" to get the student body to pledge to be drug free? The answer is no. Students pledged and signed their name on the poster before all these events that took place on Red Ribbon Week happened. This year, we had a good turn out. On Wednesday, October 29 everywhere someone looked, at least one person was dressed in red. It was phenomenal. Being able to represent a cause as one student body reveals Summit's growth. It shows its growth in both participation, and growth in understanding the reasons behind activities such as these. Before Red Ribbon Week actually began, the Summit Peer leaders gave a brief presentation on the history of it and the background. Knowing what it was for had the students more involved and more interested. Which is why when "dead day" rolled around on October 30, students ran up to those representing those who died in various situations involving drugs and read their stories. Hopefully next year we'll have the entire school dressed in red; Participating with "drunken" goggles and all.

Student Review

The Family Man

This year's first performance was directed by drama and English teacher, Forest Blackwelder with the help of English teacher, Kimberly Ragan, starring Manuel Elenes (from *Feiffer's People* and *Girls of the Garden Club*) as Bill Cahill, Jessica Beron (from *Feiffer's People* and *Girls of the Garden Club*) as Ellen Cahill, and Shelby L. Wagner (from *Feiffer's People* and *Girls of the Garden Club*) as Mrs. Beeman. Family Man is about a former athlete, Bill Cahill who tends to be at the wrong place at the wrong time all the time. This time Bill has fractured his leg and after consulting with hippie Dr. Hartnett (Heather Ashley Peter) he is to stay home for six months. Without any income from her husband, Ellen decides to join the work force once again working for Pan Ann Copper Cooperation. Soon enough we learn that they are both enjoying their new roles, especially Bill joining the PTA along with alcoholic Mrs. Gilford (Alyssa Marie Silva), talkative Mrs. Conch (Robbin K. De Jesus), pregnant Mrs. Tash (Lacy Justine Potter), and who can forget the comical and provocative Mrs. Beeman (Shelby L. Wagner). After an unexpected visit from Ellen's new boss, C.V. Brockton (Summer Methvin), Bill and Ellen are not on happy terms and that is when we find out that Bill has forged his wife's name in order to participate in a \$50,000 Homemaker TV Show contest and won the Homemaker Award of the Year! As much as Bill and Ellen's brother Vincent (Samuel Jocobo) try to convince Ellen of accepting the reward but with no luck she refuses, not wanting to be involved in such a deceitful lie. The TV producers Mr. Jerry Trevor (Daniel J. Meza) and his assistants Lucy Ford (Marissa Ileaine Hernandez) and Lucille Ford (Adrianna C. Maynes) arrive however are appalled by Ellen's refusal and finally horrified when they discover that the true Homemaker of the Year is none other than Bill, a man. Thinking of the great publicity opportunity the TV producers offer Bill an offer he cannot refuse. In the end the Cahill family is once again back to normal, Ellen at the office and Bill working on the next PTA meeting.

The comedy was outrageously funny; every character had something to work with. Manuel with his homemaker look on crutches, Lacy with her hunger, Silva with the martinis, Summer with her huge behind and cigarettes. Daniel's entrance was absolute walking through the door as if it was all about him and the audience could not help but cheer him on. Shelby's acting was the most distinguished of the night many people believe she will go far in acting. Yet no one could compare to Manuel who had to learn over 50 pages of lines and still manage to be comical. Over all nothing but positive comments of the production, "Groovy Baby!" –Violette Zerbrawski

Park Opening

If you've been to the new Fontana park right across the street from Summit then you know about the 30 feet high water slides along with a 14-lane pool, the 9 feet deep skating bowls, the large hockey infused basketball courts, and the unique bug life playground. The park is a great edition to the entertainment areas surrounding Summit and students agree. One student said, "It's big and nice, and good that they made it." Others also agreed but one student said, "It needs a bit more events for free, because I want to go have fun. I like the slides and the indoor pool would be satisfying if it had a sauna."

Since the park opened on October 25th, there is a new place to go to after school, and it provides the swim team with a pool to practice in. So, if you haven't gone to check it out, you should, especially since there are large life size bugs in the front entrance!

- Cecilia A. Herrera



Rumors?

Any rumors that you have heard about graduation are wrong. The class of 2009 will be graduating at Glen Helen. The senior class is currently raising money for the event. So don't worry any longer. June 1, 2009 is the set date, and everyone is looking forward to our first senior class graduating from Summit High school.



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