

THE DRAGON PRIDE

Welcome to the April 2007 edition of the Sac High Alumni Dragon Pride e-Newsletter. For previous editions of the Dragon Pride, please visit www.sachighalumni.org

This month you will find information on:

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- Spring Sports
- College Acceptance Rates Soar
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Events

Alumni Weekend Recap

The Sac High Alumni Weekend to celebrate Sac High's 150th Anniversary was a huge success. With more than 400 Alumni that attended the many festivities throughout the course of the weekend, the Sesquicentennial event was celebrated in style.

The events began on Thursday with a mixer and happy hour at The Park Downtown. The weather couldn't have been more perfect for all those who reunited with friends and socialized with other alumni on the fabulous outdoor courtyard.

Friday's Night at 40 Acres was a special evening for current Sac High students who showcased their artwork at the 40 Acres Art Gallery. There was great food and entertainment by Sac High Alumni Garrett Perkins Jazz Quartet out on the patio. Plenty of alumni shared some laughs next door at Underground Books while others reminisced about the "good 'ol days" while watching a slide show of the eras depicting historic Sac High photos.

The highlight of the weekend was the Alumni Soiree on Saturday. The grand celebration took place in the beautifully transformed commons areas of Sac High where Kevin Johnson, Class of 1983 served as the keynote speaker to introduce several other alumni to share stories about their days at Sac High. Alumni walked the halls to look at historical photos, scrapbooks and artifacts and perused through old yearbooks and merchandise in the new Alumni Center. After an incredible feast, people laughed and danced into the night that many will remember for years to come.

The Alumni Weekend festivities concluded with the perfect brunch at The Riverside Clubhouse where more than 50 Alumni gathered for more laughter and fun tales about Sac High. Nearly everyone in attendance spoke about their fondest memories and good times they had throughout their high school experience.

On behalf of Sacramento High School and St. HOPE, thank you to all those who attended the Alumni Weekend!

Alumni News

Spring Sports

With the warm weather come the spring sports. This season has the highest student-athlete participation in years. The fields at Sac High are packed with students running track, playing soccer, softball and baseball. The next time you're in the area, stop by to see all the activity for yourself. Be sure to visit the [Sac High athletics page](#) for schedule information.

Weightlifting Team

Seven members of the Sac High Weightlifting team recently had their best showing of the year. All members set overwhelming personal records and the phenomenal improvement led to an upset over archrival and defending National Champs, Lincoln HS. This is the third meeting between the two schools and the much-improved Dragons will be definite contenders at the upcoming National Championships in St. Louis.

College Acceptance Rates Soar

A relentless focus on supporting students in the pursuit of acceptance into four-year colleges has resulted in nearly 70% of seniors being accepted into public and private colleges this year. This dramatic increase of more than 50% over the last three years has established Sac High to be a leader in the movement of high school reform. At a time when schools like UC Davis are sending out fewer acceptance letters, Sac High has grown its UC Davis acceptance rate from 4 seniors in 2003 to more than 40 seniors in 2007. The class of 2007 has also received more than \$1 million in scholarships for universities that include Stanford, UCLA, UC Berkeley, CSU Sacramento and UC Davis.

	2004	2005	2006	2007
4-Year Acceptance Rate	25%	36%	55%	70%

Criminal Justice Academy

The newly formed Sac High Criminal Justice Academy competed in the first annual "Academy Detective Challenge" against Hiram Johnson, Kennedy and Grant High School. Sac High won the First Prize trophy as students showed their skill in CSI evidence collection, interview and interrogation, and performed a felony vehicle stop. They received cash prizes and were featured in the Sac Bee, Channel 13 and Channel 3 news.

Sac High Junior Crowned Miss Black Teen Sacramento

On Saturday, April 15th, Melissa Foster of Sac high was crowned Miss Black Teen Sacramento during the scholarship pageant. A junior in the School of Law & Public Service Melissa is the second consecutive Sac High student to hold this prestigious honor. As the winner of the pageant, Melissa will receive a monetary scholarship toward the university of her choice and participate in community service projects throughout her one-year reign.

Donation Opportunities

Looking to make a contribution to your alma mater? We will provide you regularly with updates on the various opportunities to make charitable donations of any amount.

Leadership Team

The small school of Math Engineering and Health Sciences (MEHS) at Sac High will be hosting a fundraiser on Saturday, May 12th. The goal is to raise money for senior scholarships and the MEHS college program. The event will feature guest speaker Miles Cooley, a Sac High alumni who went on to the Peace Corps, Cal Berkeley BOLT Law School and is currently a partner at an entertainment law firm in Los Angeles. The event will also feature open classrooms, student led tours, drinks and appetizers. Tickets are \$35 and sponsorships range from \$500-\$5,000. Contact Vanessa Diffenbaugh for tickets or more information at vanessadiffenbaugh@hotmail.com.

Sac High Band

Coming off a successful "Battle of the Bands" hosted by Sac High last month, the Dragon band has been named the Best Show Band in California. This June, the Sac High Band will take their "show on the road" to Austin Texas, and Baton Rouge and Lafayette Louisiana to compete in the All Star Band Summer Tour. Students are currently fundraising to help defer costs. Donations of any amount are greatly appreciated to help them take advantage of this wonderful opportunity. The total cost of the trip is anticipated to be \$40,000.

To make a donation to either of the above opportunities, please email ahall@sthope.org or call (916) 277-6206.

Class Reunions

Class of 1957

Date: September 22, 2007
Time: 5:30pm
Location: Hilton Hotel, Sacramento
Contact: Betty Phillips – (916) 482-3514
Jim Rauzy – drauzy3903@aol.com

Class of 1962

In beginning planning stages
Contact: Steve Kawai – hwskwai@yahoo.com

Class of 1967

Date: September 8, 2007
Contact: Kathy Walker Quinn – (916) 631-9220
Kathy Dunbar Lake – (916) 704-5849
Darlene Evans Lewis – darlenel@frontiernet.net

Class of 1972

Date: September 21-22, 2007
Location: BonnLair Pub (Mixer on Friday)
Sacramento Yacht Club (Dinner and Dancing on Saturday)
Contact: John Andrade - jandrade@calweb.com
Kay Lou Polkinhorn - kpolking@pacbell.net

Class of 1997

In beginning planning stages
Contact: [Class Encounters](#)

Sac High in the News

March 3, 2007

Division III Boys: Dragons deliver a title

<http://www.sacbee.com/361/story/132192.html>

March 3, 2007

Division III Girls: Sac High's frustration ends

<http://www.sacbee.com/361/story/132149.html>

March 9, 2007

Division III Boys: Sacramento 58, Riordan-San Francisco 52

<http://www.sacbee.com/100/story/135285.html>

March 9, 2007

Division III Girls: Both teams advance in convincing style; Sac High and Bear River also triumph

<http://www.sacbee.com/100/story/135284.html>

March 11, 2007

Northern California Boys Semifinals

<http://www.sacbee.com/361/story/136185.html>

March 11, 2007

Northern California Girls Semifinals

<http://www.sacbee.com/361/story/136206.html>

March 13, 2007

Editorial: Sabotaging a school

<http://www.sacbee.com/324/story/136714.html>

March 15, 2007

There's no looking back fro Sac High senior

<http://www.sacbee.com/254/story/138262.html>

March 26, 2007

The Sacramento Bee: 150 Years -- Bee Headliner: Hiram W. Johnson

<http://www.sacbee.com/101/story/143676.html>

March 27, 2007

All-Metro Girls Basketball Team: Player of the Year, Vicki Baugh

<http://www.sacbee.com/361/story/144346.html>

April 1, 2007

The Sacramento Bee: 150 Years -- Bee Headliner: Herb Caen

<http://www.sacbee.com/101/story/147595.html>

Go Dragons!

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