



THE STALLION PRIDE



Red Carpet
Winners

STUDENTS ENJOY FIRST EVER 'RED CARPET AFFAIR'

The Hollywood-themed dance came complete with a red carpet and paparazzi who took pictures of the event

By Madison Luevano

The stars came out Friday night dressed in true Hollywood style to attend Slider's first ever "Red Carpet Affair."

The cafeteria had been transformed into a disco decorated with streamers, stars, and flashing lights while a DJ played all the latest dance music. Finally the most anticipated part of the evening arrived when Mrs. Kern announced the results of the King and Queen for each grade. There had been a two week process that included nominating students and then voting for their choices. Students had to have passing grades, excellent citizenship and show outstanding character to be nominated. Those involved in the contest were not allowed to count votes or cast more than one ballot.

Taking the top honors were contest winners Madison Luevano and Cesar Murillo for the eighth grade, seventh graders Ralphie Flores and Tiffany Sierra, and sixth graders Brandon Gomez and Paola Terrazas. There was also first and second place runner ups for each grade.

Winners each got a turn walking the red carpet, amid a Hollywood setting complete with paparazzi and blinding camera flashes. The "Red Carpet Affair" was held as a fundraiser for Advanced Theater's trip to Las Vegas in December where they will participate in a dance competition.

After the crowning of the evening's royalty, the final song of the night was played, *I've Gotta Feeling* by the Black Eyed Peas. Everyone rushed to the cafeteria for one last dance. Eighth-grader Jordyn Vargas commented, "It almost felt as if the whole school was shaking because so many people were dancing." Everyone in attendance seemed in agreement that this dance was one to remember.

Even if it was just one night, Slider students got a little feeling about what it was like to be celebrities and to have a chance to get together and dance the night away.

STUDENTS SEE COLLEGE THEMES DURING CONTEST

By Victoria Carreon and Georgina Salas

Walking down the orchestra and band hallway was almost like being in a UTEP parade with orange and blue posters everywhere.

The ceiling was hung with streamers and the orange and blue walls were decorated with posters of football players, including a life-size poster of legendary coach Don Haskins.

This is the second year Slider has decorated the class doors to celebrate "Education Go Get It College Week," and it was no surprise that this year's doors were absolutely fantastic. Every ARMI classroom worked hard to make their entry the best. As students and teachers prepared for judging, everyone scrambled to put in that extra effort to give the unique touch to their designs.

On Friday, September 4, the last day of "Education Go Get it Week," the judges came looking for the four doors that would be victorious. In electives Mr. Hamilton, Ms. Hernandez, and Ms. Valles went all out in showing off their favorite school, UTEP. Mr. Hamilton's class dedicated themselves to make the entire hall a colorful UTEP tour. "We had our share of disasters like paper on the walls falling off, but no matter how many times it fell down the class cheerfully put it back up", stated orchestra director Mr. Hamilton.

In sixth grade, Ms. Fo's class was honoring the University of Kansas with a huge bird hanging off the door and information about the university on paper eggs beneath the bird. In seventh grade Mrs. Hernandez and Ms. Thompson displayed the University of Hawaii at Manoa with a volcano in the middle of the door and the college logo right above a palm tree. Mrs. Saucedo's eighth grade class was a wealth of information on Rice University in Houston Texas. It had numerous facts covering the door and owl mascots hung from the top of the door and ceiling.

"College sounds way more fun than middle school, I think I might learn to surf and go to the University of Hawaii," said one hardworking door decorator. The winning classes received a pizza party for their efforts.



CLASSES SET FOR EIGHTH-GRADE ALGEBRA

Mr. Trujillo and Mr. Kern took over the program from Mrs. Wickenden who was recently promoted

By Hollie Wilson and Paige Pelletier

"Can you combine the like terms, $2(x+y)-6x+4y+3(-y-x)+6x+5y+6xy$?" If you can, you are probably one of the sixty eighth-graders enrolled in this year's Algebra 1 class. At the beginning of the school year, more than half of the eighth graders took a test that could give them a jump in their high school education. Their scores on this qualifying Algebra test determined whether they were eligible to take the class.

Successful completion of the Algebra test given at the end of the course provides each student with one complete high school credit, which also means that they won't have to take Algebra their freshman year and can go right into Geometry. Mrs. Esther Wickenden initiated this incredibly successful program over seven years ago and has maintained a 100% student passing rate for several years.

However, Mrs. Wickenden was recently promoted to Instructional Specialist for Elementary Math at the Socorro Education Center which left Mr. Ryan Trujillo, formerly a Special Education teacher here at Slider for five years, to take over not only her algebra class, but her eighth grade math classes as well. He is joined by math genius, Mr. Brian Kern, a Special Ed and Math teacher at El Dorado High School. Mr. Kern is new to Slider but fits right in. "I was pleasantly surprised at how smart and willing these kids are to learn!" he said. Both teachers

believe in taking a break from traditional bookwork and incorporating creative ways of learning for the class. For instance, Mr. Trujillo put together a Jeopardy game which he uses to prepare students for his upcoming tests.

It is very important for the Algebra students to be present and punctual to the class every morning at 6:30 am sharp. They must not miss more than three classes or be tardy, and they must maintain an average of 85.

Since their days begin so early, Mr. Ferguson provides these early risers with extra time to eat breakfast before school. He often brings them donuts as extra incentive to be present for each class.

While the eighth graders are still getting used to waking up and doing Algebra so early, they are beginning to really enjoy this class. "I know all the homework and notes will be worth it at the end of the school year when the time comes for the big Algebra 1 test," said one enthusiastic student, followed by a big yawn.

Mr. Kern and Mr. Trujillo believe in taking a creative approach to the subject

SLIDER BAND PERFORMS AT FOOTBALL GAME

By Vianey Reyes and Mika Orozco

"Band Night was a blast! We cheered on the Montwood Rams whenever they made a touchdown and we all had a great time at the game," Hector Zamarripa exclaimed. On September 10th, Slider Middle, Montwood Middle, Bill Sybert Middle, and the Montwood High School Band classes had their annual Band Night during the Montwood High/Eastwood High football game at the Student Activities Center (SAC).

"This event started to help middle school students get the feel of how it is to perform at a football game and interact with the High School students in our feeder pattern. This year we added Bill Sybert to our feeder pattern for the first time, and hopefully not for the last time," Ms. Hernandez said.



Slider Band

Slider students were styling in Band Night tee shirts provided by Ms. Hernandez and Ms. Valles as well as navy blue pants and sneakers. Before going to the Student Activities Center, the band students practiced synchronizing with other schools. A special thanks goes out to the Parent Teacher Organization, who provided a dinner of hot dogs, chips, sodas, and cookies for rehearsal.

At the SAC the students got to mingle with band students from other schools. The band performed perfect renditions including the *Star Wars Theme*; *We Will Rock You*, *Buglers Dream*, and *Fidgets*. Every time the Montwood Rams scored a touchdown the crowd went crazy. During halftime, the Montwood band took to the field to perform one of the songs from the Disney movie *The Nightmare Before Christmas*. Then all bands finished up by achieving a 10 by 10 formation and performing the songs *Macarena*, and *Let's Go Band*.

NJHS ELECTS OFFICERS, RAISES FUNDS

In a break with tradition, seventh-graders were allowed to run for office

By Adrian Welsh and Zach Aguilar

The National Junior Honor Society is based on the fundamentals of character, citizenship, leadership, and scholarship. Alexis Gonzalez is a NJHS member who demonstrated all of these traits. He was on the basketball team and a straight A student, but over the summer tragedy struck, when he developed a tumor on his leg and was not able to attend school this year.

Once news got to Slider's Cardenas Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society they decided to do what they could to help out their fellow member. So, on Monday, September 21st, the NJHS began to sell red and blue cancer bracelets for two dollars. To boost sales they offered a free frozen pop donated by Slider's Parent Teacher Organization

with each bracelet. They also sold mini Build-A-Bears for two dollars and large Build-A-Bears for ten dollars. All of the funds went to the Ronald McDonald House. This is a charity established by McDonald's Restaurants that houses families whose children are undergoing cancer treatment. To help plan the fundraiser, advisor Mrs. Torguson and other members of the NJHS advisory committee, challenged her new NJHS officers to raise the necessary funds.

Elections were also held recently, and under new rules seventh-graders are now eligible to serve as officers. The office of president must still be held by eighth grader

however, and Hugo Ramirez is doing an outstanding job in that position. Rafael Flores is Vice President, Mariza Mendoza was elected Secretary, Elizabeth Moreno is Treasurer, and Eden Klein was elected Parliamentarian.

To be able to run for office students had to be current NJHS members and submit an essay stating why they were best suited for the job. All



NJHS members then voted on the officers with the NJHS advisory committee counting the votes. The next day the new officers were announced. "Even though I was nervous while giving the speech it was well worth it," Hugo Ramirez shared. "I also congratulate all the other members who went up and gave speeches, especially the new seventh

graders," he added, "I can't wait to help our school and the community, and I look forward to a great year." One successful project was a "Grandparents Day Breakfast" held on September 11. "It was a continental breakfast in honor of grandparents who work hard and watch over their grandchildren," described NJHS member Adrian Welsh.

Students who want to become NJHS members should keep their grades above an 85. They also should behave in class because another requirement is to never be in SAC, nor have a U or N in conduct, and they need letters of recommendation from two teachers.

"EDUCATION GO GET IT WEEK" A BIG SUCCESS

By Jazmine Thornton and Sierra Duvall

"Hi, Mr. Voorhees. How are you today? Ooops! I didn't know that was you Mrs. Curlee!" The confusion was due to Mrs. Curlee dressing exactly like Mr. Voorhees on Multiples Day. The day was part of Slider's exciting "Education Go Get It Week" when students were introduced to the importance of a college education. "They need to understand now, that high school isn't the end of their education," explained counselor, Mrs. Lara. During the week each day was celebrated in a unique way. Monday was "College suites me to a T" day. Students and staff wore college tee-shirts from as far away as North Dakota, Maryland, and Oregon.

On Tuesday it was "Nerd Pride Day", students dressed up in their dorkiest attire. Around the school, imagination and effort were not in short supply as evidenced by costumes of students and faculty members alike. On Wednesday it was "Multiples Day" where Mrs. Curlee and Mr. Voorhees stood out above all. "I would have dressed like Mrs. Curlee but then I would have had to shave my beard," joked Mr. Voorhees.

Thursday was reserved for "Craze your way through College." Cans of colored hair spray, string, gel, and other hair products were the ingredients Slider students used to make their hair look...bizarre! Friday was "Dash into DA-future" where students wore their favorite college football jerseys to the first pep rally of the year. In addition to these fun activities, all ARMI classes spent the week researching colleges looking for logos, mascots, athletic teams, to decorate their doors with the research they collected.

The week was meant to inform students that dropping out of school and not going to college is not the best thing for them. "We hope this week was fun, but also serious," stated Mrs. Lara, and all Super Stallions agreed that it was a blast!



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

As we finish the first grading period and prepare for intersession, I wanted to remind all of you about the importance of reading during your leisure time.

No, I don't expect you to spend every minute you have off reading, but you can make a huge difference by setting aside



Mr. Ferguson

some time each afternoon when you would normally be doing homework to spend an hour or so catching up on your reading. Take a book

from the library or go by Barnes and Noble and find a book on a subject that interests you. There isn't any class you have at school where reading isn't an important part of the learning.

I also want to recognize each of you for the great start we've made to this school year. We are on a fantastic pace to beat all the achievements of last year. Our football teams are busy preparing for their District Championship games, while the volleyball teams are wrapping up another great season. The Stallion cross-country team just finished their district meet competition and made us all proud of their efforts. As I said last month, I am very excited seeing all of you get busy with your classes and activities.

Our NJHS chapter has set a very ambitious list of projects they want to accomplish this year. My congratulations to the new officers and best wishes for a very successful year.

We finished a great time with our "Education Go Get It Week". I was amazed when walking the halls to see the creativity and thought the students and faculty put into the activities. Understanding the importance of continuing your education beyond high school is even more important today, and it was fun watching everyone supporting the university of their choice.

Have a great intersession Stallions and be safe as you enjoy some well deserved time off. I'll look forward to seeing you again in a couple of weeks.

FOOTBALL PREPARES FOR CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

Both seventh and eighth grade teams have dominated their opponents and earned a spot in the final game.

By Warren Redix and Damian Barraza

The Stallion football teams have lived up to the expectations of the coaching staff by dominating teams in their league.

The eighth grade football team has defeated Hernando, Socorro, Sanchez, Ensor, Clarke, and Montwood with a hard core defense that has allowed only four touchdowns all season. Their most recent victory was against the Montwood

Moose on September 19. The Stallions demolished the Moose by a final score of 34-6. The

team was led by Warren Redix, who scored two touchdowns in the crushing victory. The win



guarantees a spot for the Stallions in the District Championship.

Quarterback Jacob Aguilar stated, "We are excited and working hard to win the District Championship this year."

The seventh grade has so far defeated Paso del Norte, Sybert, Sanchez, Sun Ridge, Hernando, Montwood and Clarke. They have been led by an explosive offense, racking up a total of 236 points in the regular season. The offense features quarterback Brandon Perez, running back Brett Winnegan, and receiver Adrian Carmona. Their latest win came against the Clarke Cowboys on September 24. Slider conquered them with a 32-12 win. The game ended the regular season on a high note and led the team to begin preparations for the District Championship game against Paso del Norte. After the game Adrian Carmona explained how the players felt, "We've worked



hard all season in practice and it shows, hard because now were headed to the District Championship."

Both teams know how difficult it will be to bring the championship trophy back to Slider but are excited and ready to prove that the early predictions of a great season are about to come true.

SPORTS TEAMS INTRODUCED AND STARLETS PERFORM AT PEP RALLY

By Deanna Tellez

"Education Go Get It Week" ended on an excellent note as Slider held its first Pep Rally of the year on Friday, September 4th. Students who spent the week dressing up and learning about the importance of going to college got together to show their school spirit. The Starlets gave a performance that was nothing short of outstanding with exceptional

stunts, including the heel stretch and full extension rotation.

Mrs. Labrado and Mr. Contreras did a fantastic job singing the National Anthem. "The music teachers sounded beautiful when they sang

together," said eighth grader Dayna Chairez.

Ms. Sierra then introduced the sports teams which included Cross Country, Volleyball, and Football. Everyone could feel the excitement grow as each team stood and presented themselves to the crowd. The journalism class also contributed a game where students and teachers ran across the gym with potatoes between their knees; the first ones to dump the potatoes in buckets earned prizes. "It was fun, exciting, and the potato game was hilarious," Briana Moreno stated.

Before the pep rally came to an end Mrs. Quiroz threw Stallion Pride t-shirts into the crowd. Then, she thanked the students and staff for celebrating "Education Go Get It Week" in typical Slider style.

Having all the groups together and being a part of the week's celebration made the event a success. "When people work together wonderful things get accomplished. I think it was a success and everything came together," Ms. Sierra said.



Congratulations Cross Country Stallions were well represented at the top of the Cross Country District Meet. Eighth-graders Cesar Murillo and Erin Legarreta finished fourth and second, respectively. The eighth grade girls team came in fourth and Hazel Sanchez represented the seventh grade by placing second in her division. Congratulations to all!



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