

cuda crazy

Pep rally days, getting out of class, swarms of teal, black, and gray, students with painted faces, school spirit everywhere. This year there was a new addition to the traditional Reef pep rally. Barry the Barracuda, our school's very own mascot.

Senior student Paul Thompson asked Mrs. Martinez, the activities director, if he could be the man inside Barry. He was "very excited" when he fit the costume. "I didn't realize it would be so hot! That's the worst part."

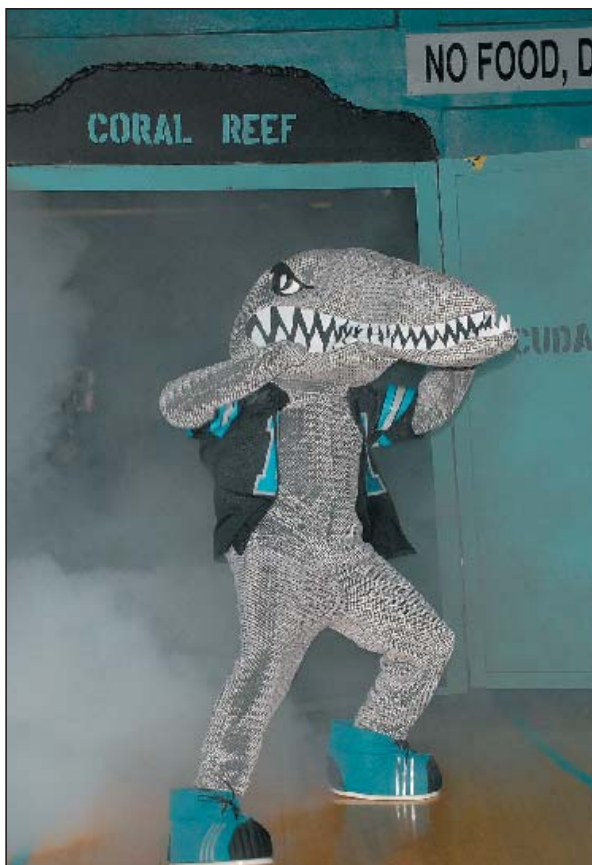
As each pep rally progressed, working inside Barry became easier for Paul. "It's hot! People think is fun and easy but it's work. First pep rally [this year] I dropped ten pounds of water weight," Paul said. Not only is it hot in there, it's also very difficult for Paul to see.

Paul gets very school spirited for pep rallies. "If I'm not hyped, Barry's not hyped." Paul's excitement and energy for being Reef's mascot is unique. When he graduates he plans to hand Barry down. Hopefully someone will be up for the challenge.

—Emilie Arroyo

SOMETHING FISHY

Barry the Barracuda storms into the school gym. Being our newest addition to pep rallies, he certainly stirs up the crowd. Who's inside you might wonder? Senior Paul Thompson is the man hyping up the crowd and getting the students pepped.



FOOTBALL TEAM



STEPHANIE REDO, JOSHA BEGGS, TIFFANY MLAKOVICH



BAND, CHEERLEADERS



CUDIETTES

blacking out the tank pep rallies



Days before a pep rally, the school announcements constantly reminds students to remember to wear black, in order to "black out the tank." It's quite a sight to see the entire school gymnasium stuffed with swarms of students in black.

"It was Mrs. Leal's idea," Mrs. Martinez, the activities director, said. At a Reef basketball game they tried out the idea of blacking out the tank. "It worked so well and was so cool," Mrs. Martinez said. The

DANCING WITH THE STARS

Students Anna Brotons and Ellyott Colon are dancing along with the Cudettes. "We usually end up choreographing dances the week of the pep rally. The officers make up the dances and we hope everyone will like them," Anna said.

idea of all students wearing black drifted into pep rallies, black becoming the dominating color to wear. Blacking out the tank was not hard, but it made a big impact. Students could wear a black shirt and spice up their look with Cuda colors, eye shadow and jewelry, or gray, black, white, and teal face paint.

Blacking out the tank shows an entire school spirit, not individual graduating class pride. "It unites the school and shows you're going the extra mile to show school spirit," Mrs. Martinez said.

—Emilie Arroyo



HALF TIME

The Cheerleaders huddle before their routine in order to pep themselves up.



'CUDA SPIRIT

Joel Perez and Steven Rodriguez support blacking out the tank by making up their faces with school colors and wearing their black shirts.



HYPE IT UP

Cap 'N' Crunk, the energetic pep rally emcee winds up the crowd. "'08 always cheers loudest," Jamal said. As a sophomore and junior he saw kids at pep rallies getting the crowd excited and pumped. Now Jamal Bonaparte, commonly known for his nickname "Cap 'N' Crunk" is a crowd favorite at pep rallies, getting classes to shout for their graduating year, announcing the performers, and settling down the senior's chant, "Go home freshmen! Go home!"