

Bubbles of fun at after prom Spending night at school is fun

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The halls were filled with excitement. The smell of so many different restaurants lingered in the air. After 17 years of fun and thrills, the eighteenth year of after prom did not disappoint.

After prom's theme of "Under the Sea" was a blast, making this the first year that prom and after prom shared the same theme. Students did not have to attend the dance to participate in after prom. The night was open to any willing seniors or juniors.

"I didn't go to the dance, but I definitely didn't want to miss out on after prom!" said **Brittany Doris, 12**.

After prom provided a safe place for kids to hang out after the dance. Students rarely got bored with the dozens of activities that this event offered. New events were added too, including salsa dancing and karaoke, to go along with traditional activities such as card games, raffles, temporary tattoo parlors, and an array of

inflatables set up in the gym.

"Sumo wrestling was the best because I felt like I was a seven year old at a carnival again," said **Joey Fixler, 11**.

After prom was a hungry teenager's fantasy. If students did not feel like playing in the gym, they had the chance to enjoy a bundle of different restaurants, including Montgomery Inn ribs, subs, an ice cream parlor and coffee to keep them awake!

As if that wasn't enough, students could chill out and watch *Sponge Bob Squarepants* in the coffee house or say "cheese!" and take pictures with *Paris Hilton* or *Zoolander*.

More than \$30,000 and hundreds of volunteers were required to make this evening a success. Most of the money was

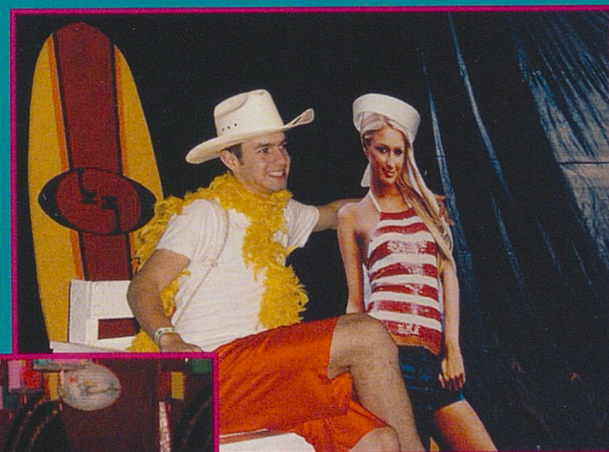
acquired through generous donations or ticket sales. Being the first school in Cincinnati to have an after prom, ours was unique and creative.

"We compare as one of the top," said **Pam McLaughlin**, Chair Coordinator of the After Prom Committee.

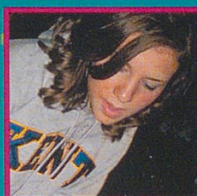
“The Montgomery Inn ribs were a great addition to after prom this year!”

-Pat Norwine, 12

That's hot. **Nathaniel Kaplan, 12**, posed for the cameras with a cardboard *Paris Hilton*. His feather boa and cowboy hat had him looking almost as fashionable as the heiress herself!



This is not your typical Asian restaurant. Students had the chance to enjoy delicious cuisine from all over. The Asian restaurant was one of many options for after prom participants.



"I was too tired from the dance to do everything at after prom, but I still had a blast!"

-Jillian Romansky, 12

Where did the money come from?

Parents \$15,000

Ticket Sales \$8,000

Business Donations \$4,000

School Groups \$2,000

Community groups \$1,000

Grand Total: \$30,000