



SENIOR PROFILE: Alex Johnson

by Ariel Porter

After his 6th year at Kino, Alex is ready to graduate this May~ he says he'll miss it, but knows he'll always be able to come back and visit.



What does he plan to do in the future? He's going to attend Pima in the fall and then decide from there.

His senior project is making a cartoon book. He says it has made him realize that maybe cartooning isn't what he wants to end up doing for the rest of his life.

One of the things that has been most memorable for Alex is Kino graduations. Alex says "They're really unique and personal and I'm happy to be taking part in one of them."

Another memorable experience for Alex had been going to Casa Maria, a local soup kitchen, every Wednesday. "It's really made me realize and become more aware of poverty" he says thoughtfully.

Becky Duncan, who takes students to Casa Maria every Wednesday, says, "Alex is a real joy to have at Casa Maria. He's been coming to Casa with me regularly for about four years now, and he always goes above and beyond with his help. In fact, Brian Flagg, who runs Casa, has told him 'Remember, you can always get a free meal here!' I hope to talk Alex into coming along with me even after he graduates."

"He's a really good comedian, really really funny, I'll miss him and his good sense of humor when he leaves," says Jonathan Green-Witt, Alex's friend of 5 years. Andrew Davies, also Alex's longtime friend, says, "I remember the way he used to do the happy, jolly raunch. I'll miss him, too." We'll all miss Alex next year and are looking forward to his visits. We wish him good luck in the future.

CINCO DE MAYO on SEIS DE MAYO HERE AT KINO

by Brian Dahl

Kino will be having a lunch celebrating Cinco De Mayo, put on by Sra. Eyler and her Spanish classes. For a special treat some of the Spanish students will be dancing for the school. The cost of the lunch is \$2.

Kino is celebrating Cinco De Mayo on the 6th of May because Sra. Eyler has a dentist appointment on May 5th. And it wouldn't be right if Sra. Eyler wasn't there, since she is the person who is organizing this event.

Why are we celebrating Cinco De Mayo? Because 4,000 Mexican soldiers defeated 8,000 French soldiers on May 5, 1862. In a past year a Kino student said, "It's a celebration about when Mexico threw the French out because they weren't happy about how the French were treating them."

Clean Up Day Today

The whole school got a much needed cleaning today. Classes were cancelled in the afternoon and everyone pitched in. Homerooms first cleaned up their own areas, and then everyone branched out. There was more than enough dusting, tidying, sorting, wiping, and tossing to keep everyone busy. Notice the difference?

Hooray for the Yard Sale!

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make last weekend's yard sale such a success! Every Kino Yard Sale is truly a community-wide effort, so we can't possibly mention everyone who deserves recognition - -but we do give extra big thanks to Carrie Tucker and Diane White, who shouldered the responsibility and made sure everything ran smoothly. We made \$2,650!

**General Meeting
and Project Sharing
May 18 7 pm**

A Kino Comparison

Some of the students in Professor Berry's class on Education in Literature (Eng 396a at U of A) observed homerooms and classes at Kino last week. Prof. Berry (also known as Laura, Elliot's mother), shared their term papers in which they compared Kino with another, more conventional, school. Here is one interesting insight:

"Mr. Govern [the teacher at Tucson High who was observed] had to try to keep the noise level down in his classroom, because that is the convention at Tucson High. The teacher at Kino, on the other hand [Ann, who was teaching the high school Middle Ages History class], had no such concern. She could focus, therefore, much more closely on delivering her lesson than on delivering discipline. The tone she adopted with her students was one of gentle encouragement. She was helping them to understand concepts, and acting as a learning partner, rather than as a guide. Where Mr. Govern was figuring himself almost as a partner in subversion [by secretly serving popcorn in defiance of Tucson High rules], the teacher at Kino didn't seem to need to choose sides between the administration and the students. . . . Attention to the lecture was very strong."

"In a moment that was both comical and slightly surreal, a portly wiener dog strolled through the room during history class . . . and no one seemed to care."

Freddie, a fluffy, chubby hamster, needs a lovinghome forthe summer (May 28 - August).He loves TLC, playtime, and a clean cage once a week. He comes with all food, shavings, treats, toys, and cage PLUS \$50. No cats please! Conact Tonisha or Georgie Weaver 742-6291 ASAP.

ANTS !

by Mark Willett

The Junior High Biology class has been taking a close look at ants. First we looked for ants around the Kino campus. We split into three teams of three and surveyed inside and around the fenced area. In all, we found 4 different species of ants living in 17 colonies. We found one colony of leaf-cutter ants, 3 colonies of long-legged desert ants, and the remaining 13 colonies were little black ants and little black and red ants. The little ants are hard to identify for obvious reasons. Each colony was marked, given a number, and described. We collected a few specimens from each colony to look at under the microscope in the lab where we looked at some of their features and made some drawings.

After spring break we did a field experiment to see what our Kino ants prefer to eat. Each team chose an a colony and laid out 1 tsp. each of salt, Jell-O powder with sugar, coffee creamer and 1 oz of ham. We watched the ants to see what food they preferred and how they behaved when they found the different foods. Our results were clear — the ants preferred the ham. Only one colony was interested in any other food, which was the coffee creamer. We were surprised since we thought they would prefer the Jell-O powder with sugar. Our conclusions from this study are that; 1) Kino has a lot of ants; (2) they (not GW Bush) might rule the world, and (3) Kino ants are mostly little and carnivorous.

an ant, by Krista

Snacks for May 3-7:

Monday: quesadillas
Tuesday: cereal and milk
Wednesday: pasta and sauce
Thursday: fruit and goldfish crackers
Friday: air-popped popcorn
(All snacks seved with milk or juice)