Happy Homecoming! Floats and Parade

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| Last Friday topped off our Happiest Homecoming on Earth with Kimball’sfirst ever Homecoming Parade! Everyone showed off their jaguar prideat Downtown Tracy by wearing their extreme orange and blue schoolcolors as the parade marched past. The parade kicked off with themarching band who set the proper tone for the audience with theirwell-rehearsed music. Behind them came the various and diverse clubsat Kimball, such as the Polynesian club who represent the differentPolynesian cultures, BSU showing off their stepping moves, CSF withthe head advisor Mrs. Berendt driving in her pimped out car withorange and blue streamers representing Kimball, and one of the newestadditions to Kimball: the color guard. Finally it was the big revealof the floats that captivated everyone’s attention as each class floatwas associated with the each class of the homecoming court.Each of the floats were designed entirely by the students of Kimballwith some help from faculty members and family members. The seniorfloat, which was the centerpiece of the parade, featured a large JoeyJaguar with a wire frame and made entirely out of papier-mâché. Theseniors had even managed to get their float sponsored by Home Depotand OSH. Countless man hours went into preparing for the parade, fromcoordinating dance moves to making papier-mâché flowers out of coffeefilters for decoration to crafting the complex statues and pieces thatdecorated the numerous floats. Many students had to work tediouslybefore and after school to ensure that everything was ready for theparade.Julaby Dalman, a sophomore at Kimball, who was among the crowd thatwatched the parade, was ecstatic that the students’ efforts paid off.“It’s hard to imagine that it was just some students that created it,”admitted Dalman after the parade. “I think for our first ever paradeit went amazing!”Hannah Clark, a junior who participated in the parade as the HawaiianPrincess for the Polynesian club, had similar opinions. “It was verygood and interesting,” Clark explained. “People stopped and watched usas we came by. I would definitely go to the next one.”But the parade was not flawless as one would expect. “It was too quietat first,” stated Clark when asked how well did the parade initially.“We need more advertisement and more music to attract people.” EvenDalman, who loved the parade and found it enjoyable, still found itlacking in some aspects. “I would like to see more clubs in the paradeand more students in there being a part of something and beinginvolved.”Despite these criticisms, the Jaguars at Kimball have managed to pulloff a fantastical homecoming parade and have set the bar for futurehomecoming parades to top. |