



MOOR VIEWPOINTS

HOMECOMING 2015
YAY OR NAY



“It was a wonderful sight to be able to see everyone’s hard work and ideas built into [the parade float] which we got first place for. But I honestly wished ASB was more organized; I told a few people within ASB that our club was entering the banner contest but no one took the initiative to actually write that down so we weren’t able to participate within that category.”
-Carmen Le, senior



“The best part of the dance was the area where there were frames and cutouts; it’s where my friends and I spent most our time aside from actually dancing. I think what ASB can improve on was introducing the Homecoming court. It felt really short, so perhaps the court could play a game or do something else.”
-Anthony Hu, freshman



“I had a lot of fun at Homecoming and would like to go again next year. The game was very exciting and I thought it was nice that they were handing out pom poms at the door. All week was full of spirit and pride for our school and it was really exciting.”
-Brianna Godinez, freshman



“At the football game, the field felt full of energy. When the audience joined in with the cheering, it felt like there was absolutely no way we would lose. During halftime, it was really fun being able to perform as well as see all the different performances.”
-Ruby Zhang, junior



“The [carnival] was definitely more lively than I expected! ASB providing clubs with pom poms really helped boost everyone’s spirit. The only thing that I think ASB could have done better was put the ticket booth’s closer to the entrance.”
-Joseph Ney-Jun, senior



“I think the best part [about the dance] was when ASB crowned the Homecoming king and queen. Then everyone began to slow dance and it was like a scene from a movie.”
-Nathan Giang, sophomore

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CAN YOU DIG IT?



Homecoming 2015:
The Best for Last

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When asked why I should be voted student body president during ASB elections last April, I responded with “I plan on making club involvement, student participation and school events bigger and better than ever before.” This statement eventually became the motto I repeated over and over as the school year, and my term as ASB president, began. The pressure that came along with fulfilling this statement then became my motivation to persevere throughout the the strenuous months ASB was planning Homecoming. On Homecoming night though — the moment I had worked and waited three long months for — my motto was no longer a vision; it became a reality.

Among the overwhelming crowd of blue and gold spirit, I can very well say Homecoming was bigger and better than ever before. The feeling of joy that resonated from our student body that night was different than any kind of school spirit I have ever seen from AHS. From the constant cheering and waving of the blue and gold pom poms in the stands to the hard work our clubs put into representing themselves in the parade, this year’s Homecoming was by far the most successful and involved Homecoming in AHS history.

From an ASB perspective, the most magical moment of that night was running off the field once half-time was over. As we carried the Emerald City backdrop boards and our yellow brick road, the rush of relief in seeing our hard work come to life signified that the stress that came with making this one night happen was finally over.

The enormous amount of pride and spirit felt during Homecoming this year is ultimately what makes high school so memorable and special. The festivities of Homecoming brought out in all of us a magical feeling of unity as we came together for one purpose: to celebrate Alhambra High School. That level of student participation, club morale and AHS spirit is something I hope can carry on to future years and not die out. After all, making our high school experiences bigger and better is not a one-way street. Let’s continue to evolve AHS culture to encompass more involvement and liveliness. Homecoming 2015, I dug it.



MOOR | Should the U.S. minimum wage be raised?
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In a heavily populated state such as California, Southern California Public Radio estimates that one would need an annual income of \$68,640 to afford an average apartment in the Los Angeles County. Yet the Californian minimum wage is \$9, far below the living wage in LA County. The rapid growth and expansion of our current economy indicates that the minimum wage must be raised in order to ensure the welfare of the millions of working class Americans.

Many individuals fear that a rise in the minimum wage will lead to job losses. However, according to the Silicon Beat, the average CEO earns 204 times more than his workers, meaning that a cut in CEO income would allow for the allocation of funds towards increased worker pay. As for small business owners, a study by Small Business Majority shows that, on average, three out of five small business owners support a raise in the minimum wage and believe that it will actually stimulate the economy and create more job opportunities. Alternatively, the government needs to adjust the minimum wage to automatically fit the current cost of living. This action would alleviate the stress on working class Americans by ensuring that they are able to maintain a strong sense of consumerism.

Ultimately, by reestablishing the minimum wage as the living wage, consumer spending will see significant increases, thereby stimulating economic efficacy. In essence, a prosperous working class is a prosperous economy, and a prosperous economy is a better America.

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Raising the minimum wage seems like the obvious answer — a simple and direct solution to support the millions of American families struggling to pay rent and put food on the table. Although the \$9 minimum wage in California is not enough to support a family, raising the minimum wage can cause economic setbacks and do more harm than good.

According to the Congressional Budget Office, many small businesses can barely afford to pay their workers the current minimum wage. Forcing these businesses to pay entry-level workers a high price would lead them to reduce hiring, benefits, and hours. Raising the national minimum wage to \$10.10 would cause around 500,000 Americans to lose their jobs. With the unemployment rate already at 6.3 percent in our state, we cannot afford to put more Californians out of work.

Only 2.5 percent of all workers make the minimum wage, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Within that group, 31 percent are teenagers and 55 percent are 25-years-old or younger, breaking the popular notion that the majority of minimum wage workers are poor adults. Additionally, many minimum wage workers are well above the poverty level. Is it really necessary to raise the price floor when it is already sufficient enough for an American to get by with? Although raising the national minimum wage could possibly promote a better standard of living for a small minority of Americans, it would cause too much pressure on small businesses and in turn, it is not crucial.