

THE EXECUTIVE REVIEW: Did They Really Do Moor?

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Another school year is ending, and Executive is about to wrap up their work. In the fall, Exec promised to “Just do Moor!” and they have definitely put in the effort. Yet, there remains the question: Have our student leaders met their goals and how have they impacted AHS?

With the obstacles in their way, Exec has done well with what they do have. Budget cuts are still taking their toll, but that did not stop Exec from coordinating memorable events, such as Homecoming and even Quad Friday events, like AMP Radio’s visit. Even when regulations threatened to dampen

fun—case in point: the banning of Food Fairs—ASB works to solve the problems. Overall, planning fun events for the school was a solid strength.

Exec has taken the spotlight in much of what has happened at AHS this past year. Most notably, they were under pressure when the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) team came to evaluate AHS. With all the frenzy and preparation, Exec had to project a positive image of our school—after all, they should represent the best of us.

However, our only complaint is that Exec mem-

bers are not always on their best behavior throughout the rest of the school year. Remember when “Party in the USA” played during the

government to allow that to happen, however harmless it seemed. It’s understandable that Exec members are human and high school stu-

represent our school well, especially if they want to serve as role models to the student body.

Another goal was to unite the student body and provide a more welcoming atmosphere. Exec’s idea to sell AHS hoodies, though simple, really sparked a sense of community on campus by offering a chance for those who aren’t involved in clubs to feel connected. Other attempts to create unity included school events and setting examples as student leaders, but their efforts would have been amplified with proper communication throughout the school.

Exec members do what they can to advertise events and fundraisers, but it’s up to everyone else—students and faculty—to also get others involved.

Though not without mishaps, Exec has tried to reach their goals of improving our school. However, the reality is that as the student body, creating a better community at AHS isn’t possible without our support.

The ’11-’12 school year wasn’t a bad one. Assuming that the world isn’t ending, let’s make next year even better. Attend events. Encourage others to get involved: in clubs, student government, classes. With Exec’s leadership, it’s entirely possible to make AHS a name you’re proud to embroider on your sweater.



9/11 memorial? Not exactly appropriate, and it was not responsible of our student

leaders, like the rest of us, but having that position means taking on a responsibility to

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High School is Where the Heart is

This time last year, senioritis had already hit me hard. I could smell the freshly cut lawns and independence of college campuses, and I thought senior year couldn’t pass quickly enough.

Then, senior year did pass—much too quickly. It’s less than two months before graduation, and I’ve experienced so many “lasts” that I just want to savor what’s left of high school before moving on to new beginnings. Unfortunately, I have only begun to appreciate these past four years right before they’ll end.

I know that many students at AHS probably can’t wait to leave, just like I couldn’t wait. High school is tedious enough without the increasingly stricter dress codes, nonstop tardy sweeps and monotonous cafeteria lunches—not to mention the countless, pointless bomb threats. But to be fair, we have a lot of which to be proud. And I’m going to miss a lot of them.

My confidence in both my academic and personal strengths has been built by the meaningful relationships I’ve had with teachers, and for the most part, administrators are who are willing to listen and help students. Of course, I can’t forget my peers, because although AHS has its share of disrespectful or ignorant students, it also has motivated, intelligent and essentially good people. Despite the unpleasant aspects of high school life, AHS will always remind me of how I became who I am today: a stronger, better person than the freshman who walked through those gates four years ago.

It’s human nature to only realize what you have when it’s almost over. So even though I’m eagerly anticipating college life, I’m still happy being a high school senior. College can wait just a while longer.



Frozen College Futures

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The words “frozen,” “enrollment” and “2013” send a chill up my spine. They have likewise struck

fear in the hearts of 2013 graduates like myself. Who could blame us? The plan to freeze California State University’s (CSU) enrollment for the 2013 spring semester due to budget cuts could potentially ruin our chances of going to college.

The CSU system is a major contributor to California’s education system. It takes pride in being the “largest, most diverse and affordable” university system in the country. Somewhat true to their claim, they are the largest public university in the state of California and the cost per semester at a CSU is almost half the cost of a UC school. They have also been known to be less strict on acceptance requirements: their SAT requirement is lower and a GPA of at least a 3.0 is well qualified for admission while anything above a 2.0 is negotiable. These qualities attract thousands of college-hopefuls to CSU campuses, giving them the deserved chance to further their education. However, starting spring semester 2013, CSU officials plan to freeze enrollment on most of their campuses and waitlist the following fall semester’s applicants in an attempt to reduce enrollment due to crippling budget cuts. This news may very well have crushed the dreams of those thousands of hopefuls, especially the unprepared class of 2013.

Losing the chance to attend these colleges is a big deal to many Californian high school graduates. Being one of the most highly populated states, California needs all the colleges it can support, but with current budget cuts,

fewer and fewer students have been able to score a rare seat in what limited classes there are. With CSU’s decision to freeze enrollment, there are likely to be even fewer opportunities for high school graduates. Though it seems like an alternative would be to go to an out-of-state college, out-of-state fees are heavy and attending a college in another state is a weighty decision for students who’d prefer to attend a college at home.

In a sense, this situation was highly predictable. Cuts to California’s public education funding have been getting deeper and deeper. However, the predicament is not entirely hopeless; CSU awaits the outcome of a proposed tax initiative on the November ballot. The outrage of thousands of students being denied access to the largest public university system in California is likely to pressure voters into passing the tax proposal. The outcome of the proposal will determine whether the public education system will receive a \$200 million cut, which would subsequently lead to the freezing of the spring 2013 CSU enrollment.

Despite the predictability of the situation, it is unfair to target public education. It has become increasingly difficult for the future leaders and makers of America to further their education in order to prepare for their chance to contribute their great potential to society due to lack of funding for schools.

Although the state is in a deficit right now and needs to reduce government spending, the public education system should be the last to be cut. In fact, it should be the last viable option even considered to withhold funding from; yet currently, the education system’s budget is commonly the first target of any tax proposal. The creators of the deficit should be responsible for bringing America out of the ditch it is in; but as of right now, their children are the ones bearing the burdens.

Porn Dates for Prom Stars

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Prom is the culmination of high school, the most romantic night of a teenager’s life. And it certainly seems to be heading in that direction, for Mike Stone anyway, who got a double-date with porn stars Emy Reyes and Megan Piper.

Unfortunately for him, the superintendent, Patty Philips, said no porn stars are allowed to attend Prom, and, frankly, that may have been the best decision.

However, bringing two porn stars doesn’t really affect Prom as long as clothes stay on; it’s the idea that someone can do what they want without consequences.

To get Reyes and Piper to join him at Prom, Stone was perfectly content raising the money to pay \$400 each for the girls’ airfare. For most realistic high schoolers, that \$800 would have been a nice investment into our college funds. Dropping all that money for one night and paying for prom tickets? Not reasonable.

Even if he does have enough money, bringing porn stars is slightly inconsiderate towards the school. Maybe the girls aren’t porn stars by choice, but judgment is inevitable. Bringing them to Prom implies that the school is okay with the porn star’s behavior.

On top of that, Stone did not even bother telling his parents right away. With a large plan like that, it’s always wiser to have parents’ support.

The whole thing smells like someone trying to show off how much power and money they have. That’s not respectable. Period.

Anyway, a ruined Prom is not the end of the world. You have your whole life ahead of you, Stone. That’s something to look forward to.