

What the Heck to Expect from Exec



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Most students are getting adjusted to the routine of school life—but not this year’s Fall Executive board. Their goals range from creating a welcoming school environment to raising school participation and pride. Though their theme is “Just Do Moor,” the budget cuts may limit how much they can do.

• **EXEC’S TO-DO LIST**

As budget cuts continue to take from us, expectations—and criticisms—for Exec are higher than ever. Despite the scrutiny, they plan to change our school completely.

Continuing the “Give Back” tradition, students can donate ten dollars to their favorite club or organization when they buy an ASB card, which includes discounts for a staggering 150 businesses. In addition, because we rarely see our performing and athletic teams, Exec is working to incorporate them more often during events such as Quad Fridays.

Exec is also putting more focus on one aspect: publicity. In addition to the administration’s Blue & Gold Fridays, Exec plans to sell shirts to be worn on Fridays in order to promote school unity. With increased activity, Exec hopes to reach out to the school and the student body.

Of course, budget cuts are a perennial hindrance to AHS’ endeavors, as well as a blow to morale. Yet, Exec is hoping to work around this obstacle with the admins’ help.

• **WHAT’S COMING UP**

An early Homecoming has upped the pressure for clubs involved. On Oct. 14, if all goes well, the Mighty Moor Marching Band will parade to Moor Field (with police escorts) to pump up spirit; our dedicated alumni will be attending and our football team will have worked their way to winning the Almont League. With the traditional fireworks and half-time show, our Homecoming game should be quite the spectacle.

• **WASC**

Another situation to worry about is the

Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) evaluation. Exec is anxiously keeping track of recent and current school events for the committee. President Amy He says that Exec is concerned about “what we need to be careful about so that we can make sure when WASC comes, we add to the positive aspects of our student body.”

• **THE BIG PICTURE**

All of these elements end up creating “an even more positive and welcoming” atmosphere on campus, as well as reach out to students in order to build a united student body. He acknowledges that changing the attitude of AHS starts with Exec.

“I honestly hope the student body ... sees us as role models,” He said. “I want [them] to see that if they too ... are willing to get involved and work hard, [they] can have the same great experience in high school as Exec has had.”

As budget cuts keep us on edge, we watch Exec with desperation. However, with the can-do attitude of our leaders, their goals look less far-fetched than approaching reality.

FLYING FISH

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9/11: A Decade Later

Ten entire years.

I was in my second grade classroom when the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center occurred. As a seven year-old, it wasn’t hard to imagine two massive airplanes flying into two tall towers. The intensity of this tragic event didn’t really hit hard until a few weeks ago, as we paid tribute to the tenth anniversary of 9/11.

It’s almost impossible to ignore or forget the impact of September 11th, 2001. As I read the many articles published on Yahoo!’s Contributor Network, titled “Remembering 9/11,” tears started streaming down the sides of my face. The emotion of how this one day changed the lives of so many Americans was unimaginable. I couldn’t help but cry each and every time I watched a news program that featured a special story about remembering those who had unfortunately lost their lives that heartbreaking day.

A decade later, America is still in the process of recovering. It’s not easy to overcome the pain of losing loved ones, but I have hope for our country, knowing that one day we will be able to move on. As American citizens, the least we can do is pay respect and honor the men and women who did not deserve to die on that day.

Every day serves as a reminder about how fortunate it is to be an American citizen. Sure, our economy might be in a slight crisis right now (okay, who am I kidding, we are in a huge deficit), but “Remembering 9/11” is of greater importance. If there is one simple, meaningful deed that I can do for my country, it is to carry out my duties as a citizen and be strong for those who are suffering.



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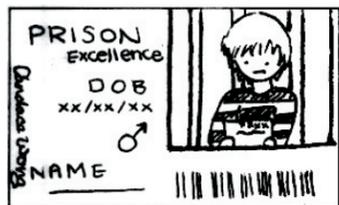
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Let’s turn our schools into prisons! According to a recent study, California spends up to five times more on prisons than on public schools. And not just in California, but all around the United States, prisons receive more state funding than our schools. Honestly, I think schools deserve just a little bit more. And if we’re not going to get the attention we deserve, we can just turn our school into a prison—with the same academic goals, of course.

Now before you think I want our kids behind bars, hear me out. If our school were a prison, we’d get three square meals a day, all of them made to fuel a grown man. Drinking water would be available to anyone who needs it. Every student would be provided with a room and bedding, and, hey, we’re stuck sitting in a classroom for

seven hours normally, so why not? We could get a bathroom in our room. A nice, clean, working toilet, all to ourselves! No more waiting in line, or having to look at a mess you really don’t want to. We will even get a roll or two of toilet paper.

Students would be let out for exercise for at least 60 minutes daily (I’m not too sure all those stairs do us any good). Our security would be considerably beefed up too. As for contact with the outside world, that might stay the same. We’ll get the occasional call from home, whenever they decide to allow us to use our phones, but if not, we’ll be in the



general area.

Whatever else comes with the package is sure to please everyone; I see no loss there. Now there’s no way the government can ignore us now—we’ll be almost as important as the prisons! And here we thought that would never happen.

Killer Video Games

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The good die young, but their accomplishments live on. In this same glory, video gamers who have gone farther than any other to conquer their consoles and put their names on the top scores list, the action being the last they ever take, are much like warriors using their last breaths to etch their victories on a nearby stone. No, it’s not melodrama; it’s real. Over the decades, the video game industry has taken the lives of valiant gamers, and in this world, we can only praise them for their altruism.

Atari’s arcade game “Berzerk” in 1981 was the first to take the lives of two young men, whose names would repeatedly appear on the top scores list. Usually, fatal heart attacks stemming from stationary habits end their quests. As the years go on, it becomes evident that the perpetrator often vies for young men, aged 13 to 35. Victims may spend weeks in an attempt to annihilate players from around the world, denying their health for the betterment of mankind. These war heroes—they’re the ones trying to take down the bosses and monsters of society so that the rest of us can sleep soundly, but at the cost of their lives.

