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Carole vs. Carole: A tale of two principals

Longtime QO principal Working retires after 11 years on job

By JENNA SHATZMAN
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After 11 years of walking the halls in her famous red pant suits, Carole Working has parted ways from Quince Orchard High School. She has left Gaithersburg for paradise, joining her husband in Italy after missing other opportunities to travel with him in the past. "In my life my family has been traveling around me, and on this particular occasion the opportunity is so nice, that I am actually going to go with them," said Working. Now, she is looking forward to clearing her head after having "QO tunnel vision for so long."

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-Carole Working

Working's dedication to QO is a large part of what has driven the school to be as successful as it is today. Through the good and bad, Working understood what she says is the most important aspect of Quince Orchard: its community. Throughout her years at QO, Working made sure to uphold the traditions that remain important to the community, such as the Red Army. "I love it because there's an old fashioned piece of school spirit to it, but every year it is always new," Working said. However, it was also important to her to keep the school up to date with what is important for students to know now.

Academically, Working's most proud accomplishment is getting QO back to being one of the top schools in Maryland. She accredits this not only to herself, but to "what the teachers and the staff in this building have done together, and all of the hard work that the kids have done."

Not only does this accomplish-

ment demonstrate the hard work that the school has put into its academics, but it, as Working acknowledges, "proves that life in the modern world works." Working felt pride to be part of a school "where the melting pot exists, where everybody is, and everybody participates, and everybody is successful." She added its hard to come y such a place where everyone not only gets along, but thrives by working together.

While Working left a mark on QO, the school most certainly left its mark on her too. "I probably have more red suits, more red dresses, more red shoes than anyone else in the building. QO has definitely changed the way I dress," said Working. Besides the impact that



QO has had on her clothing, Working explains that as she heads onto the future, she will no longer have students to make sure that she "has [her] street creds." She wondered, "Who is going to keep me up to date on things that high school students know but people of a certain age don't anymore?"

Working's love of red and all things QO makes it hard for her to leave. "There are so many staff members here that I have worked with over time in such a positive way that it is so hard to leave those working relationships behind," said Working, "and it is so hard to leave those students whose energy fuels this building in such a positive way," she said.

And when asked if she'll be back to walk the halls of Quince Orchard, visit the Red Army and see a few more football games, Working said, "Of course."

Retired principal serves as interim as search continues for replacement

By FLYNN SNYDER & ALEXA ELLIOTT
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In late March, longtime QO principal Carole Working retired from her position after 12 years, it was a homecoming of sorts for the person chosen to temporarily fill the position. Carole Goodman, who was one of the original staff at Quince Orchard when it opened in 1988, has come out of retirement and has been acting as interim principal while the school undergoes its search for a permanent replacement for Mrs. Working.

"It was kind of like coming back home," said Goodman. "The students in general are just really nice." Before retiring, Goodman worked



as a principal at the elementary, middle, and high school levels for 18 years. Aside from being a member of the original staff, Goodman's QO roots are also strong, as she had previously worked with the school's resource officer, Officer Joe Lowery, and social studies teacher Penny Keune. While the school searches for its next principal, Goodman says she is here to be as helpful as possible. "My role is to do what I can to help people get to the end of the year ...I'm just a figurehead at this point," said Goodman.

Goodman says that even though she has spent some time in retirement, getting back in to the role of the job has been easy. As for a permanent replacement for Mrs. Working, the school is hoping to gain perspective from both staff and the community alike. A few weeks ago, students shared their thoughts about what they would

like to see in a new principal. Their responses help developed interview questions in candidate interviews.

Brian Scriven, Director of School Support and Improvement for MCPS, has been leading the search for QO's new principal. Scriven created a panel of 22 people including QO faculty/staff, students, and community members: Scriven says the goal was to have a "strong" and "diverse" interview panel.

According to Scriven, four to five candidates were interviewed for the position in late April. Once the candidates finished their interviews with the panel, the pool was narrowed down to just two members, who will then be interviewed by MCPS Superintendent Jack Smith, who ultimately makes the final decision.

There are five openings this year for high school principals in MCPS, which is rare according to Scriven, but both he and Goodman say that QO should not have a problem filling the void.

"Anyone coming in here is coming into a great situation," says Goodman. However she was quick to point out that she has no input into the selection process.

Students from all different classes have been weighing in on what they would like to see in a new principal at QO.

"The new principal should be passionate about the school like Mrs. Working was," said junior Will Walsh. "I think it would be cool for new, creative and fun ideas. Tradition can get stale sometimes."

While some students are looking forward to possible new traditions, others say they would like to see classic QO traditions thrive under a new principal.

"I would definitely like to see a continuation of QO traditions and the same spirit that [Mrs. Working] had. She also came to games and had a red pant suit," said sophomore Sam Mercer.

Goodman says QO students should prepare for change.

"Things will change, and that's something people need to brace for where there's new leadership," said Goodman. She also points out that change can be refreshing.

As for advice for the new principal, Goodman says she hopes that they will do a lot of listening when they come to QO and be ready to do their "homework."

Both Goodman and Working will be at the graduation ceremony for the class of 2018 on May 30.

The new principal should be announced within the next week and is expected to start in that role officially on July 1.

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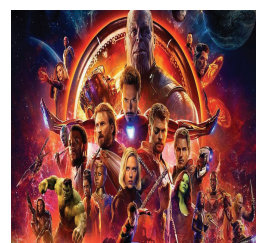


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Anything Goes went without a hitch

By **CINDY LIU**
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To put on a play is no easy feat, but the drama club worked for months in order to get ready for this year's musical, *Anything Goes*.

Preparations for the show started right after students came back from winter break. As the cast practiced lines and warmed their voice for audition, the crew was busy setting up the stage and getting the cast members ready. After the auditions have finalized, the drama club members were be at school until 5 PM every day to rehearse and practice.

There are five sections in the crew: construction, paint, costume, makeup and mics. Junior Sara Tapia, head of the costume crew, said, "We will be searching the Vault, [a] big vault of different costumes from all eras and decades, or buying online and altering." Members



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of the crew alternated every day in the months leading up to Tech Week. The week before the first performance, Tech Week is where the most action takes place. "We would stay till

10 or 11 at night," said Tapia. During that time, everything was finalized, the cast ran through the whole script, and the crew put the final touches on their work. The first performance

is naturally the most nerve-racking, as it is the moment of truth. "I don't think you can *not* get nervous before the night of performance," said junior Lilia Karapetyan, who played Mrs. Evangeline Harcourt. However, despite all the worry, it was a "surprisingly smooth production," said Karapetyan. "It is different every year, but this time there were no really bad situations."

While the members of drama club do not have a say in the choice of play, many seem content with theatre director Nicholas Saadipour's choice. "It was perfect for the capabilities with the people we have," said Karapetyan. "It's interesting: during my time in theater, we've never done a plot like this before," added Tapia.

Overall, the musical was a great success. Three and a half months' work really paid off for the cast and crew.

NEWS FLASHES

"Fire" in Auditorium : Trump v. Bezos



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By **BRANDON FREEDMAN**
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After a hectic week of "fire watch," what better way to conclude it than to have an actual fire at QO? After the fire alarm went off last Wednesday around 9:42 a.m., students and staff were forced to evacuate the building due to an electrical fire in the auditorium. Students and faculty at first were unsure whether or not the fire alarm was real, as the school had been on "fire watch" for the past week and thought it might have been a drill or false alarm. Within minutes, firefighters, ambulances, and police officers swarmed the school and were able to safely extinguish the fire and students could conclude their day.



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Recently the richest man in America, Jeff Bezos, and the most powerful man in America, Donald Trump, have gotten into a little feud. Trump has claimed that Bezos, who is notorious for his ownership of Amazon and The Washington Post, has printed false headlines and stories regarding Trump's accountability and credibility. Trump also has accused Bezos of using The Washington Post as a way to promote Amazon and to lobby for personal interests and beliefs. With all the accusations piling up on Bezos, he maintains that the acquisition of The Washington Post was strictly for financial gains and not to promote a personal agenda. Additionally, The Washington Post adds disclaimers in stories regarding Bezos or any of his holdings.

Malala's return

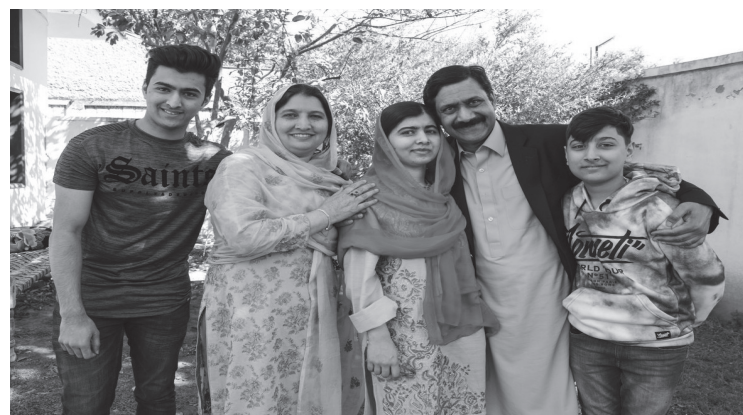


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By **BRANDON FREEDMAN**
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Malala Yousafzai has made a triumphant return home to Pakistan for the first time since 2012 due to security concerns. In 2012, Yousafzai was shot in the head by the Taliban while protesting for women's rights. Yousafzai had gained a lot of attention the year before for writing a secret diary about life under Taliban rule and the harsh living conditions. Yousafzai won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2014 for her courage, strength, and commitment to end the oppression of women and young children in the Middle East.

The new SMOB



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The SMOB (Student Member of the Board of Education) election was a close race this year as Ananya Tadikonda won with 51 percent of the votes, a sharp contrast to Matt Post's 62.7 percent. Her opponent, Nimah Nayel, who received 49 percent of the votes, congratulated Tadikonda on Twitter, saying, "This has been an AMAZING experience, and I can't wait to see what we'll ALL accomplish next year, because when it comes to growth and improvement, we need to stay united." For her role as SMOB, Tadikonda will receive a \$5,000 college scholarship, an honors-level social studies credit, and hours that count toward the 75 service learning hours students must perform in order to graduate.



VIEWPOINT

As AP tests approach, fee deadlines do as well

By JENNA SHATZMAN
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It's that time of the year again, when you get an email from College Board every day reminding you to pay your hundreds of dollars worth of fees for your AP tests.

If you have a sibling, like me, it's even worse. Depending on how many AP classes you and your siblings are taking, fees can add up to close to a thousand dollars. This may be an insignificant amount compared to the costs of taking the class in college, but you are paying for the tests whether you pass them or not, and whether you will receive college credit, or not. Many of the top colleges in the country, including Dartmouth, Brown, and Columbia, are even starting to decline AP credits.

At QO they constantly push us to take AP tests, but this

is justifiable. Although some colleges no longer accept AP credits, many colleges still look for students who have shown to push themselves throughout high school and take the most challenging courses. Students including myself sign up for a plethora of AP classes for this reason, not bearing in mind the economic burden to come later in the year.

QO itself places even more pressure on students to take these expensive AP exams by requiring teachers to give exams that resemble the real AP test. These tests, instead of going toward college, go toward the student's quarter grade. It is up to the student to decide whether the test impacting their grade is worth saving the money.

To further the economic burden, students often take their most amount of AP classes junior and senior year, when

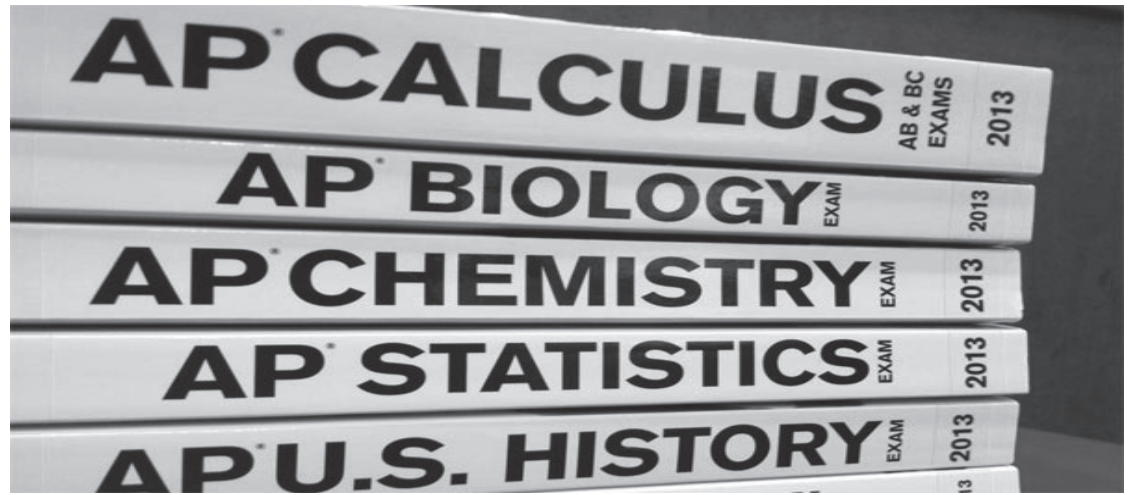


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they are also committing to college and often paying tens of thousands in tuition. This is on top of the money many students spend on test prep, application fees, and testing itself.

Although the costs of AP tests are only a fraction of college tuition, they are yet another

economic burden on a student and their family's shoulders.

Currently, Quince Orchard only takes \$9 of this year's \$94 fee. The rest goes to The College Board. Luckily QO is not a school that increases its AP fee to cover further administration costs; however,

schools are allowed to do so. As the fee is implemented nationwide, it is going to be difficult for students to do anything in the near future to reduce costs. So make sure you study up and get a good night's sleep before your tests to make sure these steep fees pay off!

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Unusual union of British royal and actress approaches

By **AYESHA SHAHZAD**
Managing Editor

The union of British royal Prince Harry and Meghan Markle is set for May 19. More than 600 guests are reportedly expected to attend, and the venue is as grand as it gets: the ceremony will take place in St. George's Chapel at Windsor Castle, and according to Harper's Bazaar, there will be two receptions. One will consist of the same guests that attend the ceremony and will be held in St. George's Hall, and the other will be a more private after-party at a venue in close proximity to the castle and hosted by Prince Charles, Harry's father. Despite all of this, there are a few points which will set this royal wedding apart from the past ones in a big way.

Prince Harry is the grandson of Queen Elizabeth and the son of Charles and Diana, the Prince and Princess of Wales. He is fifth in line of succession for the British throne; Meghan Markle is an American actress and humanitarian, and is known for her role as Rachel Zanes on legal drama *Suits*. Markle also

has no royal blood, is a divorcee, and is biracial. Harry has a past of his own which is arguably more controversial; he has a long list of ex-girlfriends, and was known as a royal rebel in his younger years as he was constantly being sighted in clubs and making tabloid covers. American journalist Paula Froelich tweeted,



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"Here's the thing no one has said about Meghan Markle and Prince Harry: he's the one marrying up—not her."

Thus, the matrimony of the two stands out amongst other unions involving the royal family. For this reason, one would expect the wedding itself to be unprecedented and totally distinctive, yet still every bit as enchanted and extraordinary as the past royal weddings.

Many are wondering what Markle's title will be after the marriage, given her lack of royal status. The answer is unclear, but it is likely that they will be dubbed Duke and Duchess, similar to Harry's older brother William and his wife Kate.

The British reaction to this unification is quite mixed. Some claim to simply not care; others are clearly insulted by the prince's decision to marry an American. British magazine *Tatler* recently published an article about the couple, writing, "Some British men, meanwhile, like some American women for one very specific reason." They then insinuated that American women are "easy" in a more explicit way. British comedian John Oliver, on

the other hand, is not looking forward to the union merely because he is not a fan of the monarchy. When making an appearance on *The Late Show With Stephen Colbert*, Oliver implied that the best thing for Markle to do would be to pull out of the marriage now. "They're an emotionally stunted group of fundamentally flawed people doing a very silly pseudo-job. That's what she's marrying into. So I hope she likes it. It's going to be weird for her," Oliver said.



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Princess Elizabeth II & Prince Philip and Princess Diana & Prince Charles pictured on their wedding days.

Great turnout at March for Our Lives rally

By **AYESHA SHAHZAD**
Managing Editor

"Welcome to the revolution." These were the words said by Cameron Kasky, 17-year-old Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School student, school shooting survivor, and the first speaker at the March for Our Lives rally in D.C. on March 24.

An estimated 800,000 people participated at that location, exceeding the number for the Women's March of 2017, and many more took part in sister marches across the globe. The march was one of the biggest youth-led protests in history, and it is sure to be remembered for years to come. QO junior Jack Stagliano was one of many student participants

and recalls it being incredibly crowded. "I think it is interesting that the youth are leading this movement because it is something that we haven't seen since Vietnam," said Stagliano.

The "revolution" is in response to gun violence in America; the recent mass shooting at the aforementioned high school in Parkland, Florida inspired the march. The shooting, which took place on February 14, resulted in the deaths of 17 members of the Stoneman Douglas community, staff and students alike.

Cameron Kasky was one of many notable speakers at the march; alongside him were fellow Parkland students David Hogg and Emma Gonzalez; 11-year-

old political activist Naomi Wadler; the granddaughter of Martin Luther King, Jr., Yolanda King; and many others. Some found Wadler's speech to be especially noteworthy, given that she seemed to be the only one to bring up a possible inconsistency in the general reaction to mass shootings based on the race of the victims. "I am here today to acknowledge and represent the African American girls whose stories don't make the front page of every national newspaper," she said.

Senior Amelia Becher also attended the march and recalls Gonzalez's speech being particularly captivating. "She gave a really powerful speech where she talked for only two minutes,"

said Becher. "For the rest of the time, she was silent to represent the amount of time the shooter spent in the school." Becher was not the only one enthralled by Gonzalez; since the horrific incident in Parkland took place, Gonzalez has acquired a large Twitter following of over 1.5 million, greater than that of the NRA, and has received considerable

attention from media outlets.

Despite the impressive turnout at the march and visible support of the movement, there is also some opposition, and the Parkland survivors have been enduring the worst of it. Recently, Fox News host and conservative figure Laura Ingraham took to Twitter to "harass" David Hogg, as many people saw it. "David Hogg Rejected By Four Colleges To Which He Applied and whines about it," wrote Ingraham via @IngrahamAngle on Twitter.

Whether or not you agree with the sentiment of the movement, its impact is palpable. "It feels like things are really happening... when you have us [the youth] taking a stand, it is pretty hard to ignore," said Becher.



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The infinite wait is (kind of) over

The beginning of the end of Marvel's The Avengers lives up to the hype.

By **TORI BERRY**
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Iron Man, Captain America, Thor, Black Widow, Hulk, Scarlet Witch, Vision, War Machine, Falcon, Loki, Winter Soldier, Star-Lord, Gamora, Drax, Rocket, Groot, Mantis, Nebula, Spider-Man, Doctor Strange, Wong, Heimdall, Black Panther, Okoye, Shuri. All of these characters come from different worlds, but each of their individual paths have led to one record-breaking complex crossroad, the *Infinity War*, and in the middle of it all looms the Mad Titan Thanos.

For the past decade, the Marvel Cinematic Universe has been releasing movie after exhilarating movie, all building up to an event so infinitely anticipated that it shattered the international box office record for largest opening weekend worldwide. The latest chapter in the Avengers series raced past *The Fate of the Furious*, the previous international record holder, with an opening weekend of \$630 million - surpassing *the Furious* by almost \$100 million. It's almost redundant to point out that this cinematic masterpiece also lapped *Star Wars: The Force Awakens*, the previous US record holder, by about \$2 million. Marvel fans expected a lot of such a movie - even wondering if it could be the best Marvel movie ever - but it exceeded everybody's expectations.

After watching *Avengers: Infinity War*, it's just impossible to say that any of these numbers surprise me in the



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INFINITE PRAISE: As of April 30, *Infinity War* has received ratings of 86% on *Rotten Tomatoes*, 9.1/10 on *IMDb*, and 5/5 on *Common Sense Media*.

least. I couldn't help but sit in a two-and-a-half-hour-long trance admiring the seamless blend of characters, stories, and goals, all falling into place as if it were a puzzle unlike any other.

But this puzzle is unique in that each contributing piece is as beautiful

as the big picture itself - the colors, the character entrances, the CGI, the one-liners, the running gags, the consistency, even the font of the location names. The movie was so intricate that you may even miss some of the details, such as the wannabe Blue Man, Tobias Fünke, from

Arrested Development who appears to the left of Gamora in Knowhere. Those who are familiar with the show can agree that this Easter egg seems odd given how dissimilar *Arrested Development* is to the *Avengers* series, but it turns out that the directors behind *Infinity War*, Anthony and Joe Russo, also put together multiple episodes of the comedy show.

Despite all of these admirable qualities, some still complain about a lack of face time with many characters. I urge those to give credit to whom credit is due: writers Stephen McFeely and Christopher Markus. The price of such a large and multiplex collaboration of stories was a crowded cast, as could have been foreseen by anyone. But McFeely and Markus managed to distribute the screen time as fairly as possible by giving the most lines to the bigger roles and the funniest lines to the smaller.

Another, more fun, side effect of the size of this movie's cast was all of the introductions between characters from different worlds. A personal favorite of mine was Thor meeting the Guardians of the Galaxy, with his immediate reaction being: "Who the hell are you guys?"

All 180 minutes, all the jokes, all the action, all the emotion - it was all worth the wait. And now they've left us waiting again, but nobody is complaining about that. Marvel fans have been supporting this legendary franchise for years on end and they haven't failed us yet. I think I speak for all who have seen the movie so far when I say: buy yourself a movie ticket.

Emphasize mental health awareness in schools



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By **NIKKI AHMADI**
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While people may not think that suffering from a mental illness is something that could happen to them or someone they know, it is quite prevalent. Mental health is something that affects approximately one in five children between ages thirteen and eighteen in the U.S. according to the National Alliance on Mental Illness. Possible illnesses can range in young children: anxiety disorders, eating disorders, mood disorders, etc. The negative repercussions that can occur from lack of education or ignorance to this are devastating. There should be a greater emphasis on education of mental health in schools.

It may be argued that mental illnesses are not real and that while humans endure times of difficulty, mental illnesses cannot be categorized as real diseases. According to psychiatrist Thomas Szasz, physical altercations can be considered diseases and that mental disorders are meta-

phorical. Another argument to not putting focus on mental health in schools might be that dedicating time to it would take away learning from "more important" subjects.

Teaching kids about the effects of mental illness has many benefits though. Teaching children about the existence of certain mental illnesses and their warning signs can help them identify illness in either themselves or loved ones. This could potentially save them or people important to them from the repercussions of an untreated mental disorder. Implications that result from leaving mental illness untreated. It can also allow students to sympathize or empathize more with peers that may be suffering.

Schools use health classes to touch on the topic of mental illness, but without continuing to emphasize its importance, it can be easily brushed off or forgotten by students. Counties in the U.S. need to give more time to educating students on the matter by holding assemblies where health professionals are brought in to talk and answer questions regarding mental health.

Lack of sleep causes danger in high school

By **ASHLEIGH GORDON**
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You wake up to the blasting sound of your alarm, force yourself out of bed, and get ready for another day at school. The sky, still a deep shade of blue, is just beginning to brighten up with a peak of sun starting to appear over the horizon. You wonder how nice an extra hour of sleep would feel.

Studies have shown that as you get older, the quality of your sleep decreases. With 50% of high schools starting before eight in the morning, and homework that keeps them up for hours into the night, it is extremely hard for these teenagers to get the needed hours of sleep. According to sleep experts, most adolescents need about nine hours of sleep per night. Today, nearly 70% get under eight, and 40% end up with under six.

In Jackson Hole, Wyoming, a study was completed where Jackson Hole High School delayed made the decision to delay their start times by 80 minutes, from 7:35 a.m. to 8:55 a.m. Throughout the school year, the later start time resulted in a rise in GPAs and, a drop in tardiness and car crashes involving student drivers dropping 70%.

Nearly all humans experience a delay of sleep timing in the brain once they reach high school age. In teens, the secretion of melatonin, the sleep hormone, does not begin until 10:45 p.m. Medical researchers have found that sleep patterns of younger children enable them to rise early and be ready for learning much earlier than adolescents.

Later school times for high school students are needed to not only save the mental and physical health of students, but because it is what makes the most sense due to the biology of teenage brains.

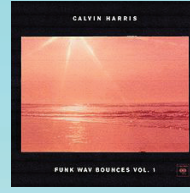


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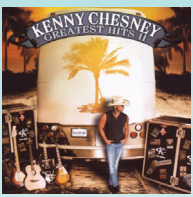
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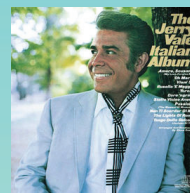
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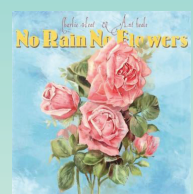
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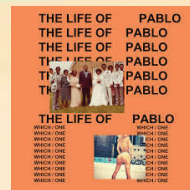
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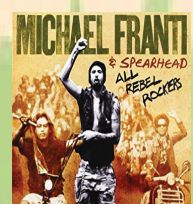
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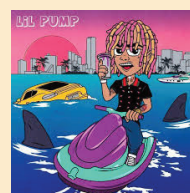
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SUMMER MUSIC

Here are some of the best music festivals happening this summer!

By MADISON MILLS and KAITLYN PRICE
Managing Editors

Lollapalooza: Chicago, IL

Featuring artists such as The Weeknd, Bruno Mars, Post Malone, Khalid, and more

Firefly: Dover, DE

Featuring artists such as Eminem, Kendrick Lamar, Arctic Monkeys, The Killers, and more

Bonnaroo: Grant Stage Park, TN

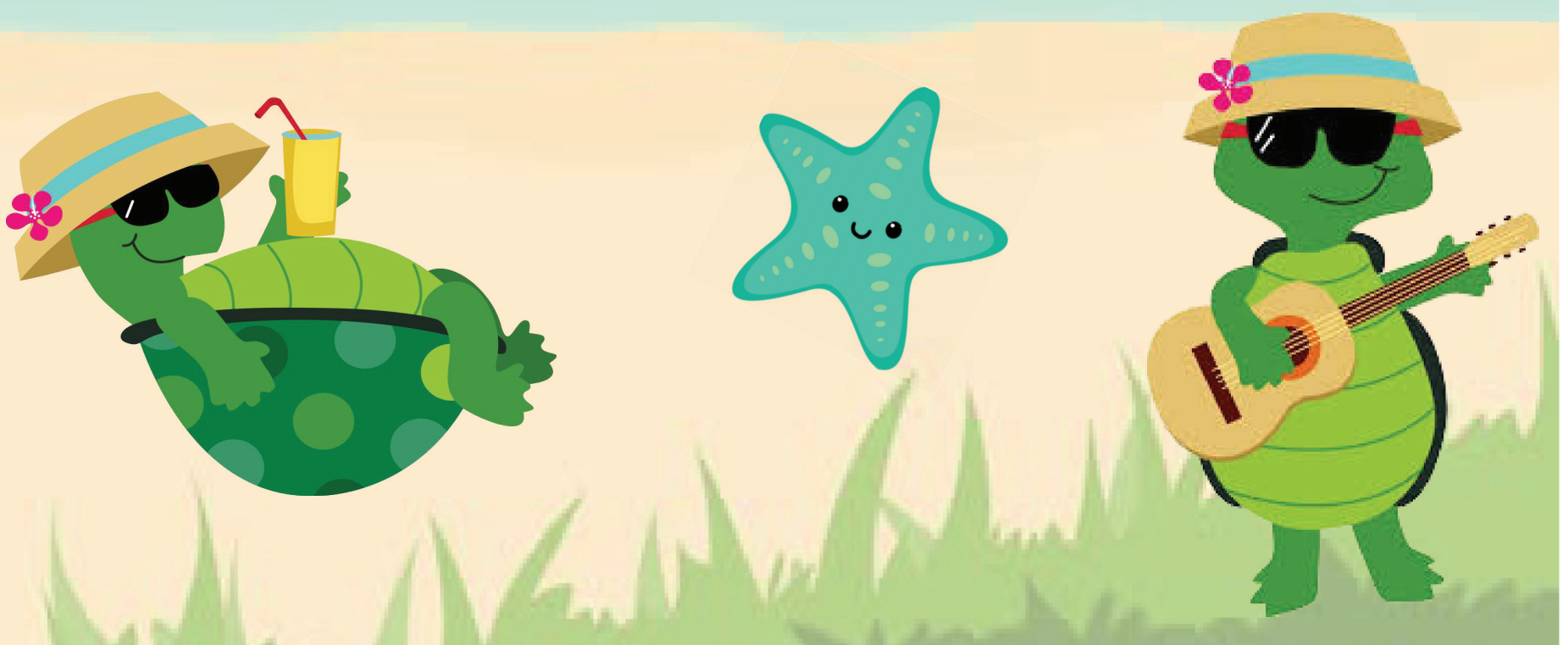
Featuring artists such as Future, Muse, Sheryl Crow, Paramore, and more

Governors Ball: NYC, NY

Featuring artists such as Shawn Mendes, Travis Scott, Halsey, Lil Uzi Vert, and more

Moonrise Festival: Baltimore, MD

Featuring artists such as Diplo, DJ Snake, Marshmello, Galantis, and more



Club Corner: the life of Quince Orchard's stage crew

Surviving Hell Week and late nights, crew commits to the show

By **CLAIRE SULLIVAN**
Staff Writer

Student stage crew—it's the backbone of Quince Orchard plays, the behind the scenes of how art and technology is tied together to put on amazing shows, such as the recent musical *Anything Goes*. Working overtime and taking in consideration of every detail, the stage crew has to communicate and perfect their work to add to the magic of the show.

Many students involved with stage crew walk in not knowing how to work a screwdriver, and nevertheless become a part of the creation of vast sets, such as a giant boat that covers the stage in *Anything Goes*.

Any grade level is welcome to join crew and be part of the family, no experience required. "I joined crew not knowing anything," said freshman Cat Gacek. "I knew I wanted to get involved, and when I did I was very glad. I learned cool skills along the way."

If you don't have anything going on and want to be a part of a tight group of students (who occasionally have their goofing off periods), joining stage crew would be very beneficial. "While we get stuff done, we always have jokes and laughs. There are

so many inside jokes between us, and crew is really somewhere to meet good people," said senior Erin Lanham, Student Director.

In addition of having fun within stage crew, students also often have get-togethers and help each other out outside of crew. "We grab food together, have fun events like pasta parties, hang out and just have

a good time. Crew is a good community of cool people," said sophomore Maddie Carter.

After the final school bell rings, the student crew members have free time to grab food, socialize or play games before gathering in the auditorium to talk about the schedule for the day. "We work as a giant machine. We all are a bunch of

different parts and work together as one gear," said Lanham.

Once everyone is finished catching up, they branch off into their different areas and work on their special jobs. Some have their talent in painting and artistic builds, while others have a knack for the technical aspects, such as mics, lighting and sound.

A week before the opening

night, the drama club and crew have Tech Week (better known as Hell Week), where student actors and crew members stay extra late, often getting home around 11 PM, in order to perfect the show. Tech Week is when they combine the acting and technical aspects of the show, and rehearse the play every night until it runs smoothly. The busy week is often difficult because students have to balance working late on the show with homework. "It's stressful because we are putting all aspects of the show together: hair, set makeup, lighting, acting. We rehearse the show over and over again to make sure everything is perfect," said Lanham.

Though crew can be a lot of work, members say it's worth it because of the people you are surrounded with and the experience you gather throughout the crew season. "I met so many of my friends in crew," said junior Kenichi Shay. "It's a ton of work, but seeing your dedication in the end result feels amazing." The opportunity, experience and knowledge gathered from crew is one of the many reasons why many students enjoy crew. "Don't be afraid to join crew," said Shay. "Join clubs you have interests in, and see how it really pays off in the end."



PHOTO BY CARA O'CONNOR

WE ARE FAMILY: *The stage crew community has their fun with inside jokes as work gets done.*



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Senior Gotcha!

By **NICKI THOMAS**
Managing Editor

Imagine walking out of your front door, and next thing you know you're soaking wet—this is what the seniors signed up for.

Senior Gotcha is played as a classwide game. Teams of two were assigned a target, who was unaware of who was coming for them. Within the allotted time, each team needed to shoot their target with a water gun or hit them with a water balloon. If this task was completed and captured on video, the team could advance to the next round, where they would have been given a new target team. By paying just the \$10 fee to enter, participants had the chance to unknowingly be shot with a water gun, but you also had the chance to win all the entry fees, totaling around \$400. The lucky winners will divide the money between themselves.

"Senior Gotcha" was promoted by the SGA, which helped it to gain a wide fol-

lowing with the seniors of QO.

While school, work, and moving vehicles were safe spaces, any other location was fair game.

Senior Jenna Gold was participating in the event with her partner, senior Bella Zindash; they were excited about the opportunity for an exciting class-wide game. "I joined because I thought it would be a fun experience for me and my class before we graduate," said Gold. "I would like to see this become a tradition for the QO seniors because I really enjoyed being able to participate."

In order to get their target team out, Gold and Zindash staked out their house and waited until they came outside. When they left the house, Gold and Zindash ambushed them and sprayed them with water guns.

While Gold and Zindash were unable to proceed to the next round, they still both enjoyed the experience.

The game began on Friday, April 6, and it continues until the last team is standing.

Ensayo: ¿Es bueno entretener a los hijos con un tablet?

Por **M. RAFAELLA VERA, DEYLI GOMEZ, EDWIN ORELLANA, & WILLIAM CORDOVA**
Estudiantes de Español 5

Hoy en día, cada vez son más frecuentes las preocupaciones de los padres debido al uso excesivo de dispositivos electrónicos por los niños. En principio es notorio el uso de tablets en los últimos años por todos, especialmente por los niños. De alguna manera los dispositivos electrónicos son buenas herramientas para aprender, sin embargo, nada es bueno en exceso. Cuando los niños son muy pequeños deberían aprender al interactuar con padres o con compañeros. Es por esas razones que los padres no deberían entretener a sus hijos con tablets.

A pesar de que el uso de tablets a temprana edad tenga riesgos, pero así como negativos, también tiene algunos impactos positivos. No es malo que desde pequeños empiecen a familiarizarse con este tipo de dispositivos, siempre y cuando no hagan un uso inadecuado de este. Un ejemplo puede ser que su desarrollo es estimulado al escuchar nuevos sonidos y aprender más palabras, también se les puede enseñar los colores, animales o países. "Estos dispositivos necesariamente van a formar parte de su vida

futura, tal como escolar, social y laboral", señalan fuentes de la Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona.

Según las investigaciones realizadas el 60 % de los padres no supervisa el uso de la tecnología de sus hijos. Y al 75 % de los niños se les permite la tecnología en sus habitaciones. También hay que tomar en cuenta que el 75 % de los niños de 9 y 10 años son privados de sueño en la medida en que sus calificaciones se ven afectadas negativamente, según estudios del Boston College en 2012. Así que recomiendan la supervisión adulta y no darles el celular a niños menores de 2 años: limitar el uso a una hora diaria. Además la interacción digital en niños de 3 a 5 años, y de 6 a 17 años no debe superar dos horas diarias.

De hecho una encuesta de TELAM ubica al "chat" como la actividad que ocupa el 80% del

tiempo de navegación. Conforme a las investigaciones realizadas los niños tienden a tener problemas al socializar con otros niños, de hecho esto también conlleva a afectar el desarrollo del niño. Algunos efectos del uso temprano de tablets en niños son afecciones mentales, trastornos del sueño y retraso en el desarrollo. Es por eso que a los niños no se les debe entretener con tablets a temprana edad. Los niños menores a 10 años deberían tener acceso nulo a la tecnología (teléfonos celulares, tablets, computadoras y consolas de juegos).

Podemos llegar a entender que la mayoría de los padres no supervisan lo que los niños hacen con sus aparatos electrónicos. Por ese motivo sugerimos a los padres que estén más atentos al uso de los aparatos electrónicos de los niños. También es importante preguntarse qué hacen los chicos cuando están en Internet.



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Jantzen's Journal: Caps and Wizards still have chance to win it all

LOCAL SPORTS

By **JANTZEN FOCHT**
Staff Writer

Well, it's been another year of strong play for the Wizards and Capitals in the regular season. Again, both teams showed they have the capability to compete against the best teams in the world, yet what truly matters is what they can do from the end of April on.

The Capitals, lead by captain Alexander Ovechkin, went 49-26-7 in the regular season, while in the NBA, the Wizards, led by point guard John Wall, finished at a decent 43-39.

In the first round of the NHL playoffs, the Capitals squared off against the Columbus Blue Jackets and their extremely talented goalie, Sergei Bobrovsky. Honestly, after the first two games of the series, I was down and out on the Capitals. I've seen this happen too many freaking times to count, I thought to myself. It's this typical less-than-stellar play that always gets them knocked out of the playoffs early.

Yet right when they looked their weakest, right when it looked like they were on the brink of choking again, they actually started playing better; in fact, they started playing very, very well. With superb play from Braden Holtby, Evgeny Kuznetsov, and Ovechkin, the Caps won all of their next 4 games, allowing them to advance on to the next round. There, they will face of against the reigning Stanley Cup Champions, the Pittsburgh Penguins.

Admittedly, while the Caps have had their fair share of playoff dismay at the hands of the Penguins, the Caps have been hot lately, and the Penguins have been having some trouble with their goaltending lately. However, they will look to counter their poor defense with their white hot offense, led by Sidney Crosby.

Meanwhile in the NBA playoffs, the Wizards recently lost game 5 to the Toronto Raptors, and are now down in the series, 3 games to 2, meaning the Wiz-

ards must win the next game if they are to survive. While things currently look a little doom-and-gloom at the moment, I still have a firm belief that they still are truly the better team in this series.

With a strong backcourt in Wall and Bradley Beal, the Wizards can easily match that of the Raptors' guard play. The problem with the Wizards, though, is that while Beal and Wall provide the team with the athleticism and court vision to spread the floor and go on the attack, the Wizards

must shoot the ball better from deep if they want to keep playing this year. Shooting at a mediocre rate of 37% in the playoffs so far have not improved their chances, and they must improve upon that heading into game 6.

Overall, for both Washington sports teams, if they are to survive and keep their chances of bringing a championship home to the Delmarva area, they must stay focused, keep their eyes on the prize, and most importantly, not choke.



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STAYIN' ALIVE: With the pure talent of Ovechkin and Wall, the Caps and Wiz both have a chance to go deep this year.

Boys and girls lacrosse look to get hot for rest of 2018

LACROSSE

By **JANTZEN FOCHT**
Staff Writer

Overall, in the landscape of Quince Orchard lacrosse, both the boys and girls teams have gotten off to pretty decent starts. On one hand, the boys lax team has gotten off to a relatively good start, winning 7 of 12 games, while the girls on the other hand have gotten out to a similar start, boasting a mediocre 5-4 record.

Meanwhile, in the same region for

the boys, Richard Montgomery has gotten off to a fast start, winning 9 of their 10 games.

The boys team, coached by David Gonzalez, came into the season with many inexperienced players on the varsity roster this year, which is one of the reasons why recently, the team has placed an importance on communication between the veterans and newer players of the team.

In their recent games, junior Johnny Hodges said that one of the things he can contribute to the team is his "veteran leadership" due in part to the experience he has accumulated over the

years.

Hodges also said that they are too far out from the playoffs to be making conclusions right now, based on the limited amount of games played. "Right now, we are just continuing to stress fundamentals and limit the amount of turnovers we create" Hodges also added that they just have to "#trust-theprocess" keep grinding and moving forward.

On the other side of things, the girls have come out relatively steady and are looking to keep improving. Coached by Carlyn Stephanelli, the girls roster also includes a mix of young talent and vet-

eran experience.

Freshman Emma Christensen has been one of the biggest surprises to the team thus far, stemming from the fact that this is her first year playing high-level high school lacrosse.

In order to improve upon their season so far, Christensen said, "We need to keep working hard and gain confidence in one another." She also feels that even though her varsity playing experience is limited compared to some of the others on the team, she can "continue to support the other players and try my best on the field." She added, "As the season progresses, we will build a greater connection between one another."

Overall, if both teams are to end the year successfully, they must continue to work hard and communicate with one another. Not doing so will result in both teams walking the line between success and mediocrity, subsequently leaving them with a shaky seeding heading into the postseason.

"Right now we are just continuing to stress fundamentals and limit the amount of turnovers we create."

-Johnny Hodges



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WIDE OPEN: Junior Brandon Kelly stands at the crease all by himself, ready to add a point in favor of the Cougars.



Teamwork makes dream work with the girls softball team

GIRLS SOFTBALL

By GABI EYRICH
Managing Editor

With teamwork and determination, the members of the girls varsity softball team have evolved into not only powerful individual players, but a strong, cohesive team. With a current record of 6 wins and 6 losses, the girls have had several ups and downs throughout the season, but hope to rise on top by their first playoff game.

"Each player contributes a different skill and strength to our team," said junior Jordan Ferris. "If we all had the same strengths, we wouldn't work well together as a team."

The players have had long, intense practices to work on their skills, communication, team bonding, and hitting. Each practice, they repeat their hitting and drills in order to perform better when playing a game.

"The thing we needed to focus on most this season is our batting skills," Ferris added. "Because of practicing hard, we have improved on our bunting and base running during the games."

Senior Elizabeth Gomez said, "During practice, we review our mistakes from previous games. This helps us reflect on ways we can improve for our upcoming games."

Recently playing against their undefeated rival, Northwest High School, the girls came up short with a final score of 1-11.

"Although we didn't play Northwest with our full potential, we have had several other solid wins against challenging schools," said Gomez.

Teamwork is important and creates an efficient team when the girls hit the field, but their friendships and communication last not only on the field, but off as well.

"Being on this team has created new relationships, and even friendships," said Gomez. "We have had team bonding, such as sleepovers and dinners, that have made us much

closer teammates," says Gomez. Several players believe their coach is a valuable asset to the team, and provides the support and motivation to persevere through each tough game.

Coach Kelley has inspired the team to become stronger and pushes their abilities to their highest potential.

"Coach Kelly truly knows the right thing to say at the right time,"

said Ferris. "She really keeps our team confident and believes in our success."

Ultimately, the girls softball team always puts their best foot forward each game, and hopes to conclude their season with improvement. Make sure to come out to their next home game on May 7 at 3:45pm against Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School, and support these hard-working players!



HIGH FIVE: Playing with supportive and motivating teammates makes the whole team a more cohesive unit.

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Boys Baseball plans to succeed and advance during playoffs

BASEBALL

By GABI EYRICH
Managing Editor

Trading in their winter hats for a baseball cap, the boys varsity baseball team has hit the field with passion and enthusiasm. With a record of 7 wins and 5 losses as of April 26th, 2018, the boys believe that their season hasn't been a complete "home run." However they have trained and prepared hard for each and every game.

"There are a few games that were really close, ones that we should have won," said junior Bryan Gurcan. "We need to work on our consistency throughout each inning, which will help us through a lot of hard games and will make us a stronger team."

Ever since the beginning of the season, the majority of the players have been attending winter workouts in order to stay in shape. During the current spring season, working hard in practices has become a daily routine.

"It is important for us to train and practice off season as well, because our increased strength is revealed in our games," said Gurcan. "The extra work we put in the winter is always worth it when the season comes."

Junior Eric Wong added, "We have worked so hard to prepare for a successful season and improve our skills."

The players meet for several hours a week to practice their current strengths and improve discovered weaknesses.

"The team has focused on our batting accuracy and ability, as well as our throwing technique and strength," said Wong.

With hard work ethic and a strong team communication, the players believe they will approach playoffs with confidence.

"The team has improved mentally as our approaches for hitting, fielding, pitching, and just about everything has grown dramatically," said senior Ethan Frank.

Along with a great team comes a supportive, encouraging coach, PE teacher Jason Gasaway, who has trained the players to become much better individually, as well as a team. Frank shares, "Coach always knows how to keep us calm, or fire us up when needed," said Frank. "He can really manage

a ball club at an exceptional level."

Wong added, "With the motivation and encouraging words from Gasaway before each game, we have become a much stronger team as a whole."

The boys have played teams all across the county, with several games each week. They have faced challenging opponents, yet always seem to rise to the circumstances and play their hardest throughout every game.

"Our team has excelled in our communication and teamwork, and we are

excited to see what we can achieve in the future," said senior Nick Mallus.

"For playoffs, as long as each aspect of our game goes well, and we are consistent at the plate, we will be in great shape," said Frank. "Our goal for the rest of the season is to improve from our rocky start and reach our highest potential."

With the season quickly approaching an end, the team hopes to exceed in playoffs and finish their last few games with their strongest playing yet.



PEP TALK: Coach Gasaway gives personal advice to player Nick Mallus on the field.

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VIEWPOINT

When it comes to attention, there's no one quite like Lavar

BASKETBALL

BY ZACH LEVEY

Journalism Student

Lavar Ball may be the definition of a "helicopter parent" when it comes to his sons' basketball careers. Lavar Ball is the father to: Las Angeles Lakers point guard Lonzo Ball, Liangelo and Lamelo Ball that play overseas in Lithuania.

Lavar always has something crazy and outlandish to say no matter what the topic is. Although Lavar only averaged 2.2 points per game in his days playing at Washington State, he believes that "I would kill Michael Jordan one-on-one."

"I would kill Michael Jordan one-on-one."

-Lavar Ball

Lavar's latest plan is to create his own basketball league in which players can go straight from high school to become professional athletes. This idea has a lot of controversy behind it but the majority of people, including me, think that this league is a terrific idea.

The league will pay all athletes a minimum of \$3,000 and a maximum of \$10,000 a month depending on the skill set and talent of the player. I think this is a great idea because it gives young athletes a chance to do what they love and they will be getting paid a real salary for it. Also, the



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STAY IN YO' LANE: Lavar Ball always has something special to say, especially on the topic of his son, Lonzo Ball.

majority of athletes have grown up in poverty and poor environments. With this new league, athletes will be able to give back to their family and community immediately after high school.

People opposed to this league be-

lieve that these athletes will have no future due to lack of education. These players are skipping college and if they have a career-ending injury, they will have nothing but a high school education to fall back on.

It is clear that the pros outweigh the cons and therefore, this league should be enacted ASAP in order to help take the weight off of FBI investigations on the NCAA and to help more young athletes in America.

Co-ed volleyball hopes to win it all this year

VOLLEYBALL

By JANTZEN FOCHT

Staff Writer

The co-ed volleyball team has gotten off to a fast start this year, winning 6 of their 8 games. What makes this development even more interesting is that they've done this with none of the boys ever playing co-ed volleyball before.

Four of the 6 boys, even more intriguing, has never even played organized volleyball before. Yet the team, coached by Sarah Watson, seems to play like a championship caliber team; what is the reasoning behind their success?

As someone who had never played organized volleyball before, senior Brayden Allemong is one of the boys who is still learning volleyball. While this is the first year he has participated in this sport, he feels he can still contribute a fair amount to this team. "I feel I can bring athleticism to the team, as well as hard work and determination, as I work to keep learning the game," Allemong said. He also added that he will "continue to get better every practice and every game."

"[Over the season], we will develop more chemistry, considering many of us have never played this sport before."

-Brayden Allemong

Sophomore Sarah Donnelly believes that one of the reasons they have played so well is because their "ability to work



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DE-FENSE! The Cougar co-ed volleyball team is always looking for a way to keep their opponents off of the scoreboard.

together as a team." Donnelly, who has played volleyball for 5 years, will look forward to helping out the inexperienced players on the team.

Allemong also says that because of their limited experience, the team "needs as much practice and game experience as [they] can get in order to keep learning." He also noted that as they play more games, they will "develop

more chemistry, considering many of us have never played this sport, let alone together."

Donnelly and Allemong tend to agree with one another that in order to prepare for the playoffs, they need to "stay on the grind in practice and make sure they are always working to get better," said Donnelly.

In order to ensure their best chances

at going deep into the playoffs, the team has stressed the importance of communication and hard work. Those two key aspects, they believe, will help their chances of making a deep run into the playoffs, especially with a team that wasn't designed to do so heading into the season. If they were to make a deep run, however, it would definitely be one of the greatest stories of the year.



ATHLETE OF THE MONTH QUESTIONNAIRE

BOYS LACROSSE



Bennett Cohn '18
Senior Bennett Cohn is playing another varsity season of lacrosse with his biggest role yet. His stick skills and phenomenal passing help him succeed when the team needs him the most.

OUTDOOR TRACK



Maeve Smith '20
She's just a sophomore, but it doesn't matter! Maeve Smith is a speed demon, but also does extremely well in the classroom. Her potential is off the charts, and she'll never give up at any moment.

BOYS BASEBALL



Mark Schwendinger '18
He's not just a rapper! What if we told you, Lil Şchwenny is also a baseball star! His batting average is as low as his bass in his freestyles and any pitch given to him is an automatic dinger.

GIRLS LACROSSE



Jordyn Mensh '19
Junior Jordyn Mensh is one of the team's most heavily relied on players. She is very vocal and makes sure every teammate of hers is in the right place at all times.

CO-ED VOLLEYBALL



Brayden Allemong '18
Senior Brayden Allemong doesn't just have a cannon for an arm, he is the serve master. 96% of the time it'll end out with an ace being served.

GIRLS SOFTBALL



Jordan Ferris '19
Junior Jordan Ferris puts it all on the line for her squad. Being on varsity, she knows what it takes to be one of the best, and nothing will stop her from becoming one.

	Bennett Cohn	Maeve Smith	Mark Schwendinger	Jordyn Mensh	Brayden Allemong	Jordan Ferris
What are your vacation plans?	<i>Dewey Beach</i>	<i>Camp counselor</i>	<i>The "Lands"</i>	<i>Beach</i>	<i>Marriot timeshare</i>	<i>Camp</i>
Favorite ice cream flavor?	<i>Vanilla</i>	<i>Cookie dough</i>	<i>Coffee with gummy bears</i>	<i>Phish Food</i>	<i>Strawberry</i>	<i>Mint chocolate chip</i>
What teacher will you miss the most over break?	<i>Mr. Damavandi</i>	<i>Mr. Lynch</i>	<i>Gasaway</i>	<i>Ms. "Coach" V</i>	<i>Mr. Saadipour</i>	<i>Mr. Davis</i>

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