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Puttin' On The Hits hopefully postponed for last time *Students prepare for the school's long-awaited talent show*

By DYLAN KEARNEY
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QO's annual POTH, or Puttin' on the Hits, a talent show hosting acts with musical, acting and comical performances by students and teachers, has been postponed multiple times and has raised many questions from the student body about why this is the case.

With so many events happening around QO, it can be very difficult to plan a time to host the event. The SGA works directly with the administrative staff, especially Principal Carole Working and administrator Ronnie Heller, to identify potential dates.

"A certain date depends on a plethora of factors," says senior SGA president Alexis Onsi, "from community events that may use the auditorium, like elementary school concerts, to QO events from the Art Show, and to sporting events that we would not want to overlap with."

POTH was originally cancelled due to lack of time from the week off from snow.

The second and third cancellations because the administration needed to see all the acts, but not all of them were ready.

Even though these reasons have been



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Advertisements of QOHS' spirited talent show found all over the school.

decided for the well-being of the show and other school events, the rescheduling has caused some difficulties with some of the people who were planning to perform in POTH.

"It's just frustrating because [color guard] has other things to work on," says senior Emma Levrio. "It would have been nice to have it in the winter like it usually is, and have less interference with spring training."

Levrio also expressed frustration with the need for administrative oversight. "If it is a big concern though, planning should start earlier to audition acts."

The last cancellation was done on short notice, announced the morning of the show and the day after dress rehearsals.

Junior Miriam Apeyiesi performed her act with the Africa United Club during dress rehearsals. "I was just really excit-

ed to perform," she said. "I really enjoy our act and we were prepared to share our act that we had been working on."

POTH has been a well-appreciated event at QO, hosting acts of many talented students and staff. Even with all of the cancellations, groups are still showing excitement for the event to happen.

"It could be difficult because we had to keep going back to review our POTH routine," says Levrio. "I'm always excited to watch POTH though and to see what all of the other students have been working hard on."

"I am a big fan of POTH, having attended it and organized it for all of the years I've been at QO," says Onsi. "It is truly a unique opportunity for the entire student body to come together to both laugh and cheer on each other's talents, from the musical to the comical."

Even after all of the cancellations, POTH is still scheduled to happen on Tuesday, May 17 at 7 p.m.

Anyone interested in being involved are encouraged to get in contact with Onsi or any other SGA member.

If any students want to join their class acts, they should contact their class officers: freshman Blake Matthews, sophomore Julian Culp, junior Paige Matthews, and senior Noah Chiet.

House of Delegates passes Healthy Working Families Act

By MATT LOWINGER
News Editor

Starting January 1, 2017, the Maryland House of Delegates voted to pass the Healthy Working Families Act in order to ensure sick leave for Maryland workers have a more balanced work life in terms of sick leave. The House has recognized the importance of providing sick leave after four years in deliberation.

The state bill was vetoed and since then, the Working Matters Campaign, a group pushing the bill to get passed, has been hard at work to finally pass the bill. A study suggests that workers who do not have the luxury of paid sick leave are more likely to attend work sick and more likely to delay needed medical care, which leads to prolonged illness and costly doctor's appointments. During the peak months of the H1N1 flu pandemic, eight million workers attended work ailing, and may have infected an additional seven million of their coworkers.

The Working Matters Campaign has been pushing the bill in the House with the motto "Everyone gets sick and everyone deserves time to recover without risking their economic stability." If the senate passes the bill and Governor Hogan signs it into law, all employees in Maryland would earn one hour of paid sick leave for every 30 hours worked, up to a

maximum of seven full days (or 56 hours) per year for full-time workers. Part-time workers would accrue fewer days per year, depending on the number of hours worked. In addition, employees already employed on the date the new law takes effect would begin to accrue paid sick days at that time; they would not earn time retroactively.

The law would influence employers who give other paid time off, according to Public Justice, a non-profit legal advocacy organization. Public Justice states, "As long as an employer has a paid leave policy that meets the leave time requirements of the Act, and allows that time to be used for the same purposes and under the same conditions as the Act, the employer is not required to provide any additional leave."

For example, an employer that provides 10 PTO (paid time off) days per year without categorizing it as vacation or sick leave, and doesn't prohibit employees from taking that leave if they or a family member is sick, will not have to change or alter their current paid leave plan."

One of the sectors that is most impacted by the proposed bill is the small businesses of Maryland. For any company that has fewer than 10 employees, the employers would only be required to offer unpaid, job-protected sick leave. According to Public Justice, "seventy-

five (75) percent of Maryland businesses employ fewer than 10 employees, while, "eighty-nine (89) percent of workers, however, are employed by businesses with at least 10 employees."

One of the highly deliberated questions that was stopping the bill to be passed was if the employees would be allowed to carry over unused paid sick days, or receive compensation for unused days.

according to Public Justice.

A figure that has been discussed extensively is the amount of consecutive days can be taken off by employees. The House of Delegates came to the conclusion that workers can take as much time off as they have earned. However, after three days of missing work, an employer must submit documentation displaying the earned sick and safe leave has been used for a purpose covered by the Act.

Everyone gets sick and everyone deserves time to recover without risking their economic stability.

After four years of contemplating this issue state senator Thomas V. Miller, Jr. arrived at the conclusion that workers would be allowed to transfer over seven days (up to 56 hours) of earned sick and safe time from year to year.

With this provision included, however, employers would not be required to allow workers to use more than 10 paid sick days (80 hours) per year.

The bill does not necessitate that "financial or other reimbursement to an employee for unused paid sick days upon the employee's termination, resignation, retirement or other separation,"

More than 80 percent of low-wage workers are currently not qualified to receive paid sick leave days. More than 720,000 workers in Maryland are forced to make infeasible decisions: show up to work sick, ship an affiliating child to school or daycare, or stay home and forgo much-needed income or, worse, peril job loss.

Over half of full-time Maryland workers who earn less than \$35,000 per year lack access to paid sick days. If the bill is passed, many Marylanders will not have to suffer from the monstrous unpaid sick leave.

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US women's soccer fights for equal pay, treatment

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Last July, the United States Women's National Soccer Team (USWNT) were on top of the world. Fresh off their third World Cup win -- adding yet another trophy to their already impressive cabinet that consists of four Olympic gold medals, seven CONCACAF championships, and countless more -- the team reached new heights and gained international recognition for their heroic win against Japan with a whopping final score of 5-2.

But rather than basking in their glory, many players have taken advantage of their newfound fame to address the severe wage discrimination between men and women in US soccer (and athletics as a whole) by filing a federal complaint against the US Soccer Federation (USSF) to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), the federal agency that enforces civil rights laws against workplace discrimination.

The five players who signed the complaint, forward Alex Morgan, defender Becky Sauerbrunn, midfielders Carli Lloyd and Megan Rapinoe, and goalkeeper Hope Solo, are representing the team in the fight to receive equal pay along with equal facilities and treatment, both of which have been inferior to the US Men's Team (USMNT).

However, "inferior" is one word that's impossible to ascribe to the women's team, due to their unprecedented success throughout the years. In addition to the aforementioned trophies the USWNT has won, the team also holds a 26-1-3 record for the 2015-2016 season. In January, Coach Jill Ellis and hat-trick hero Carli Lloyd were honored with FIFA Women's Coach of the Year and FIFA Women's Player of the Year, respectively. In comparison, the US Men's National Team's latest major team achievement was a third place World Cup finish in 1930.

A "complaint" is an understatement on how the players feel about the wage disparities. "We are the best in the world," says goalkeeper Hope Solo. "[We] have

three World Cup championships, four Olympic championships, [and the men's players] get paid more to just show up."

The numbers show that the USWNT players earn as little as 40% of what the men earn and are paid through very different systems. For example, the women's players have a salary of a maximum of \$72,000 per player, while the men are not paid by salary. Despite this salary, the women

of their exhibition matches, they will earn their salary of \$72,000 with no bonuses. If they win all 20 games, a player can earn up to \$99,000, 62.5% less than their male counterparts, and even less than \$100,000.

The money game becomes even more complicated in regards to World Cup bonuses. If the men were to reach third place in the World Cup, a player would earn \$52,083, for second place, \$260,417,

However, in data released by the USSF in 2016, the women were projected to bring about \$16 million in profit for the 2016 fiscal year, and budgeted over \$17 million for the 2017 fiscal year, showing an upward trend.

The men's side, however, was projected to profit about \$4 million for the 2016 fiscal year, about 75% less than the women.

Throughout the years, the USWNT has become a cash cow for the USSF.

Pay per player for each exhibition game

	Pay per game	Bonus per win
Women	\$3,600	1,350
Men	5,000	8,166

Yearly pay for 20 games

	Lose all	Win all
Women	\$72,000	\$99,000
Men	\$100,000	\$263,320

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are still denied overall equal pay.

Most of the players make their money in game bonuses that the USSF guarantees. For the men, each exhibition, or friendly, game they participate in earns them at least \$5,000. If they happen to win that game, those men will earn an additional \$8,166. That adds up to a possible total of \$13,166 for an exhibition game.

On the other hand, for each exhibition the women play, they are paid a minimum of \$3,600 for each exhibition game, and a \$1,350 add-on if they win. That adds up to a possible total of \$4,950 for an exhibition game, less than half than the men.

In total, if the men lose all of their exhibition games in a year (both the men and women are required to have at least 20 exhibition games per year), a player will earn \$100,000. If they win all 20 games, a male player will earn \$263,320, considering they only play 20 games.

For the women, if they lose all 20

and in the highly unlikely event of winning the World Cup, \$390,625.

No surprise, the disparity continues among the women's pay. For a third place finish, a USWNT player would earn \$20,000; for second place, \$32,500, and for winning the World Cup, \$75,000.

The wage gap remains when taking account Per Diem, daily allowances paid when at training camps at domestic and international venues, and sponsorship appearances. For a sponsorship appearance, a man can earn \$3,750, while a woman earns \$3,000.

For Per Diem amounts, a man earns \$62.50 per day at a domestic location, and \$75.00 per day at an international location. For the women, they earn \$50.00 per day at domestic locations, and \$75.00 per day at international location.

Critics cite many reasons for the wage inequalities. Some argue that the women bring in less revenue than the men, so they should be paid less.

"We have proven our worth over the years," said midfielder Carli Lloyd. In merchandise, ticket sales, television contracts, sponsorships, and more, the USSF has continually profited at the women's expense, exploiting their talents and hard work.

Critics also argue that the women don't attract the same audiences that men do. However, this past World Cup has proven them wrong. The World Cup Final that the US played against Japan broke the record for the most-watched men's or women's soccer match in the United States with 25.4 million viewers. Additionally, data reported by the USSF projects attendance at games for both the men's and women's national teams to range within 16,000-25,000 people, with tickets sold at roughly the same price.

In addition to the extreme wage discrimination, the USWNT also filed the complaint against the USSF for inferior and unequal

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Juniors and staff reflect on college fair experience

By SOPHIE LANE
News Editor

Every year, The Montgomery County fairgrounds hosts the college fair, an event with hundreds of college representatives to inform students and parents about their college options. At the fairgrounds, there are tents set up with pamphlets, pictures, and information that can be helpful for students entering the application process. Students who attend the fair can use it to their advantage by meeting with the representatives and making connections with them, discovering new schools they have never heard about, and getting more information on schools they have already researched and/or visited. Over 250 schools came to the college fair, from all around the world, allowing students to be exposed to many different types of universities.

John Favazzo, a new counselor at Quince Orchard, attended the fair for the first time. He was "impressed by how many schools were there, and how the college representatives were excited to talk to the students." Additionally, he believes, "It's a tremendous opportunity to be able to take time out of the school day to go and meet people from different campuses." Favazzo

encourages students in the future to attend, saying it's a "great opportunity to speak with the admissions representatives." He advises the students to "come prepared with good questions, and have done research on the schools you're interested in, then you can go to these fairs and not only pick up information from the schools, but ask detailed questions about what you care about of each school." He concludes, stating "There are so many different opportunities out there, and the college fair begins to unpack those opportunities".

Maripat Moloney-Johnston, the college and career counselor at QO, helps to run the fair every year. "I am involved in the college fair every year in the planning, and, providing the opportunity for the students from Quince Orchard to go and participate." However, it was her first year planning it. Every year she advertises it, coordinates student participation, and helps students when they are there. Johnston believes it's a "wonderful way for students who are interested in learning about different colleges and universities to gain more information, have exposure and opportunity to speak to admissions counselors, and show demonstrated interest, which is an important part of the ap-

plication process." In total, 246 students participated in the college fair this year.

Junior Paige Matthews attended the college fair this year because she "wanted to get to know the type of people at the school [she] was applying to." Matthews knows what programs she's interested in, so she came into the college fair prepared to ask specific questions for the representatives. "I went Tuesday night and I thought it would be pretty empty but it was actually pretty filled; lots of students and parent combos walking around." Matthews recommends it for future juniors because it was very "helpful and informative." Matthews had done research on what schools were going to be there, and where they were. This helped her a lot during the fair because she was able to easily locate the tents she wanted to visit. "I wish there were more schools on my list," Matthews states, even though she still benefitted and enjoyed her experience.

Quince Orchard students are highly encouraged to participate in the college fair. This year, it took place on April 20th for students, and April 19th for students and families.

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USWNT leads by example, continues to fight wage gap

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 conditions in places ranging from hotels to game and practice fields. For example, last December, the USWNT were supposed to play a game against Trinidad and Tobago as part of their World Cup Victory Tour at Aloha Stadium in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Upon arriving at the stadium and practice fields, the team discovered the artificial turf literally ripping at the seams and covered with metal grates, deeming the field unsafe for playing. Due to these poor field conditions, the players and coaching staff wanted to cancel the game to prevent any injuries. However, the day before the match, midfielder and complaint signee Megan Rapinoe tore her ACL on the training field in Hawaii by tripping on a metal grate, resulting in the team's boycott of the game.

"The training grounds

that we were given and the playing surface of the stadium were horrible," said forward Alex Morgan, "no one's really going to protect us but ourselves...injuries happen when you don't protect yourself and when you're not protected from those higher up from you."

The controversy surrounding the artificial turf fields, widely regarded as inferior and unsafe, for women's matches is not new. Before last summer's World Cup, which FIFA decided would be played on artificial turf, ESPN reported on how former USWNT player Abby Wambach led a group of players to "[file] a complaint in Canada about the artificial turf playing surface, noting the men's World Cup is played on natural grass."

Despite all of the noted disparities and more, women's soccer has undoubtedly made

leaps and bounds over the past 30 years. Ever since the introduction of Title IX in 1972, a legislation that guarantees equal athletic opportunities in educational institutions for girls, high school and college level athletics for women has greatly expanded. Currently, there are about 1,500 women's college soccer programs in the United States, while the men have around 1,300, proving the popularity of women's participation in college soccer.

Also, Title IX guarantees equality of the men's and women's programs, including equal facilities, treatment, and opportunities for scholarships. Since most members of the USWNT were highly successful college soccer players in highly prestigious programs, they were treated as equals to the men in many aspects of the game. The unequal treatment the women have experienced at the national level highlights

the irony of the situation, since one may expect more equal treatment at higher, more competitive levels.

The current USWNT players are not only fighting for themselves, but women's sports as a whole, following up on precedents set by former USWNT players who greatly expanded the sport. "We want to continue to fight," said Lloyd. "The generation of players before us fought and now it's our job to keep fighting."

Former player and two-time World Cup winner Julie Foudy applauds the players for their efforts in doing "anything that leaves the game better for the next group coming in. They're not just doing this for soccer -- national governing bodies need to look at how they're treating women."

USSF president Sunil Gulati released a statement after the complaint was



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EQUAL PLAY, EQUAL PAY: Despite winning their third World Cup, the USWNT still suffers from wage discrimination.

filed that said, "We want to compensate them fairly. We'll sit down and work through that with them when all of this settles down."

However, change doesn't seem to come quickly. "I've been on this team for a decade and a half, and I've been through numerous CBA negotiations, and honestly, not much has changed," said

Solo. "In this day and age, it's about equality. It's about equal rights. It's about equal pay...it's our responsibility for women's sports and specifically for women's soccer to do whatever it takes to push for equal pay and equal rights. And to be treated with respect."

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Make-A-Wish Club promotes spirit for 5K walk

By LAKSHMI SHYAMAKRISHNAN
News Editor

Spring has sprung, and with it came the preparation for the annual Movement for the Make-A-Wish Mid-Atlantic, as the members of the club began planning the promotion of the 5K walk. In a new series of events, known as "Wish Week," which occurred at the same time as Spring Spirit Week, students and staff alike came together to show their support for the Make-A-Wish Foundation in the midst of the hustle and bustle of school spirit.

The Make-A-Wish club, which was started in the 2013-2014 school year, began with the hopes of supporting the Mid-Atlantic chapter of the non-profit organization Make-A-Wish, which raises money to grant the wishes of children with chronic illnesses. Senior and Vice President of the club, Benjamin Cubert, has been a member since the beginning. "It's basically a movement to get the student body involved in actively helping those less fortunate than ourselves," he said, referring to the first ever 5K walk, both by the school

and by the club, held last May. The initial planning of the walk was difficult, given the red tape that prevented some tasks from being completed. Getting the road permit alone took a few months, as well as coordinating with the school and the surrounding community. Senior Samuel Holmberg recalled, "As the technical director of the club at QO, there was lots of running around and...things to prepare. But when the 5K finally came around, things fell into place and people came, and the event was very memorable."

The club faced difficulties, but in the end found that it was worth every obstacle. "We spent months gathering support from the local community in order to raise awareness and money for our cause," Cubert said. "The work we put into the club...eventually [paid] off, as we had a successful 5K walk at the end of last May."

One of the issues the club faced last year was the problem of advertising. The walk was not known to the majority of students in the school until a few weeks leading up to it, due

to the immense work that needed to be put in to set up the walk in the first place. However, the club members surpassed their goal of \$1,000 for the foundation, and planned to double their proceeds for this year's walk, which they hoped would happen with the help of Wish Week.

Holmberg was one of the main event planners of Wish Week. "[It] was an entirely new method of raising awareness for Make-A-Wish and our 5K this year," he said. "For one week, which coincided with Spirit Week, we advertised the walk, raised money in a class contest, and sold [paper] stars in the main lobby, where all proceeds went to [the] Make-A-Wish Mid-Atlantic." A type of 'Penny War' ensued among the English classes during this week, in which every individual class competed to see who could raise the most loose change. Along with this fundraiser, a paper chain-link, hung up in the school lobby, was created with students' and staff members' names, to show the school's communal spirit and support for the foundation.

Sophomore Yardley Borten, one of the most recent members of the club, was another coordinator of Wish Week, and will be taking over the position as President next year. "I am looking forward to carrying on the tradition of our annual Make-A-Wish walk, as well as spreading overall awareness for the organization," she said. "I hope to be able to not only continue the great work the club's officers have been doing, but also expand and grow our initiatives."

As successful as Wish Week was, the club members are looking forward to counting the registration papers to see the turnout for Saturday, May 14, the date of the walk. The walk will be held at Quince Orchard High School and will circle around the surrounding neighborhoods. According to Cubert, last year was "A life-changing experience: not only for the children we were helping, but for [himself] as well." To register or learn more about the event, all of the information can be found on the Quince Orchard High School homepage.

Clinton and Trump dominate recent primaries

By ANDY GOLDSTEIN
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In last week's primary elections, Republican frontrunner Donald Trump bolstered his lead over Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX), while Hillary Clinton delivered a potential death blow to the presidential hopes of the Bernie Sanders campaign. The primaries in Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, and Rhode Island were considered to be vital contests to win

for Sanders and Cruz to remain serious challengers to their opponents.

On the Democratic side, Clinton won big in Maryland, by a margin of 30 points. While the victory did not come as a surprise, the margin of the victory did, as the latest poll indicated her lead was closer to the 15-20 point range. Maryland, whose liberal base rests mostly in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, flocked to Clinton. The urban working class and suburban affluent liberals favored the former Secretary of State heavily, while Senator Sanders found support within

the rural and union-heavy areas of the state. "With your help, we are going to come back to Philadelphia for the Democratic National Convention with the most votes and the most pledged delegates," Clinton declared. "And we will unify our party to win this election and build an America where we can all rise together, an America where we lift each other up instead of tearing each other down."

The Sanders campaign had spent considerable resources and effort expanding into Pennsylva-

nia, as the state was the biggest prize of the day, wielding 189 delegates for the Democratic National Convention. Clinton won with 55% of the vote, taking 104 delegates of the aggregate. Delaware and the closely contested Connecticut also swung towards Clinton, while Sanders had his lone win of the night in Rhode Island.

The Sanders campaign laid off hundreds of staff across the country, as the Senator from Vermont focuses on California, his last potential hope to maintain momentum, and a state in which his opponent holds a three-point lead, within the margin of error, according to the latest CNN/ORC poll.

"We want to win as many delegates as we can, so we do not need workers now in states around the country," Sanders said in an interview. "We don't need people right now in Connecticut. That election is over. We don't need them in Maryland. So what we are going to do is allocate our resources to the 14 contests that remain, and that means that we are going to be cutting back on staff."

On the Republican front, Trump won a clean sweep of every single primary of the day, further validating his claims of being "the presumptive nominee," as he put it. His opponents, Cruz and Governor John Kasich of Ohio, found a foothold of resistance to The Donald in areas of the South and the Midwest, but as the primaries heated up in the Northeast, Trump's momentum has only grown, as shown

by his considerable wins in Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Connecticut and Rhode Island.

Trump now holds 991 of the necessary 1,237 delegates needed to clinch the nomination. After his sweep of the five states, Trump commented, "It's over. As far as I'm concerned, it's over." The mogul also promised he would not moderate his policies if elected into office: "You know I went to the best schools. I'm like a very smart person. I'm going to represent our country with dignity and very well. But I don't really want to change my personality. You know, it got me here."

As the primaries on both sides seem to be winding down, both frontrunners begin to look towards the general election. Republican donors and leadership are pessimistic about nominating Trump to represent them, as most polls have the billionaire losing to Clinton by a wide margin. Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC) endorsed Ted Cruz recently, openly stating, "Well, he's not Donald Trump, and that's something."

Polls indicate Trump's national favorability ratings are low: 2 to 1 view him negatively, and his perception among women and minority voters could in themselves be a death blow. His popularity may just be large enough to clinch the Republican nomination, while just small enough to ensure a loss in the general election. Unless there is a massive shift in popular opinion before November, Clinton's odds of stumping Trump seem to be very high.

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REVIEW

iPic remains as disappointing, expensive, and premium as ever

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Reclining leather seats, complimentary popcorn, fluffy pillows for comfort, and gourmet food served to you while watching an amazing movie is how the iPic movie theatre is advertised.

But this is half the reality. There are two ticket options, you are able to buy a "Premium" ticket for \$16 which allows you a leather (non-reclining) seat, a cup holder and a table for food that is not served to you. Additionally, the "Premium" peasants have to order food before the movie and don't have an option to get it delivered to their seat. The "premium" seats are also in the first two rows of theatre, and I found myself straining my neck to watch the movie.

However, the "Premium Plus" tickets for \$28 per seat allows an individual reclining seat, complimentary popcorn, included pillow and blanket, and a waiter who will bring you food throughout the movie.

Although this seems amazing, junior Jacob Cornblatt experienced the luxuries of being in the "Premium Plus" seats, and he would have to admit that there were several drawbacks of the luxuries, "I was constantly distract-

ed by the dozens of waiters blocking my view of the already small screen."

The seating for a "Premium" seating was a mild

ing the typical theatre food, but also a variety of restaurant quality foods prepared in their upscale kitchen. My anticipation

Candy alone was \$8.

Although I was frustrated in the different options for seating and high food prices, I was stunned by

luminated by a hanging arrangement of fluorescent lights. The theatre also is home to a separate bar in the corner of the lobby

top notch, but I was also impressed by the superb customer service. The several workers at the "ticket booth" were very accommodating and offered to validate parking.

I was also pleasantly surprised when at least four workers greeted me as I walked out of the theatre and asked if I had enjoyed my movie. The theatre also offers a variety of touch screen kiosks to purchase tickets. This purchase option is very helpful and is an alternative to a line at the ticket booth.

Overall, the theatre is definitely a step up from your typical community theater. But if you aren't willing to pay \$28 for the premium plus tickets, then I would recommend saving your money and visiting the Kentlands theatre.

I definitely recommend testing the iPic experience out for yourself if you are a movie lover or if you are willing to pay a full college tuition on movie tickets, food, and parking.

If you do decide to face a unique theatre experience, I recommend calling ahead to reserve tickets or ordering tickets online to avoid any waiting at the theatre. I also recommend expecting to pay for parking in the parking garage or paying for the validate service that they offer.



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PREMIUM SEATING: *The premium seats at iPic Theaters cost a fortune, but are the only seats in the theater that provide a semi-good moviegoing experience. With these seats comes free popcorn and a waiting service.*

disappointment, but I was thrilled to try the food iPic had to offer. iPic is known for not only simply provid-

disappeared into disappointment when I found that I would be spending my life savings on food.

the gorgeous lobby of the theatre. Chandeliers glistened alongside a matching "ticket booth" that was il-

complete with outdoor seating. Not only was the appearance of the theater

Life Hackz 4 #CoolTeens

By **JACOB CORNBLETT**
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Being an average teenager can be tough, so here are a few common life hacks to make your day a little easier:

- o Having trouble getting to class on time? Well, if you sit on the floor of your classroom, knock 12 times on the third to last tile from the middle right, and sing Gershwin's *Porgy and Bess*, a portal will open leading to whatever room you'd like.
- o iPhones tend to have very short battery lives, but if you bring them out to a nice movie (preferably an experimental indie romcom), they are known to loosen up to their masters and extend their battery lives.
- o Speaking of iPhones, their screens break very easily. To fix this, throw yours extraordinarily hard against the wall in order to build its immunity.
- o As teenagers, we are entitled to whatever we want, but movie theaters charge a fortune for tickets nonetheless. For a free movie ticket, all you have to do is run into a theater, yell "Éric Rohmer's film *Claire's Knee* has more quality in its themes than his other 5 Moral Tales, yet it falls short in encapsulating the existential dilemma of its protagonist!" The other theatergoers will respect your review, lift you onto their shoulders, and carry you into the movie of your choice like the king/queen you are. You deserve this.
- o Bored in class? Try summoning a spirit! All it takes is a Hallmark card, a coupon to Chick-fil-A, some hair of your enemies, an SD card, and the second season of *Seinfeld*.
- o The big football game is tonight, but you have to go to some stupid family reunion instead. Here's a plan: go to the middle school nearby and hire a 6th grader to play you for the night. Your family won't notice, and you can enjoy the game!
- o Are your friends and family starting to abandon you because you keep summoning spirits in class? Throw money at them! They will remain your friends forever!
- o Use bobby pins to squeeze out every last bit of toothpaste in a bottle.

Prom Season: Boys vs. Girls

By **DANIELLE PASEKOFF** and **WILLIAM HUSTED**
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Boys

- See if your suit from last year fits, and if not borrows your dad's
- Plan out a promposal that'll dazzle Twitter
- Figure out how to spell ~~erosage~~ ~~korsaj corsaj corsage~~
- Wait for their date to plan the entire night, and just go along with the well-thought-out plan
- Take a shower and remember deodorant, because you *will* be getting down on the dance floor
- Worry about the food more than pictures

Girls

- Start looking at dresses right after Homecoming ends
- Post your dress in the Facebook group as soon as they see it on the rack as their "potential" dress
- Tell themselves they'll work out everyday until the dance in order to fit into your dress (though it will never actually happen)
- Comb through Pinterest to find the perfect hair-nails-dress combo
- Retweet your favorite promposals to drop (too many) hints at their prospective date
- Worry about pictures more than the food



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In the Future I Wish my Locker...

By BRITTANY MILLS AND BELLA ROBERTS
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- 1. I wish my locker was full of puppies and kittens and rabbits so whenever I felt down I could it open it up and bask in the love of my locker. Maybe, if I am feeling particularly exotic, I could even include some zoo animals.
- 2. I wish my locker had a walk-in closet like Sharpay Evan - Zach Efron included.
- 3. I wish my locker had Guy Fieri in it to cook for me. Also, whenever

- I did something great he could yell "YOU ARE THE SENSATION SWEEPING THE NATION." I hope he fits.
- 4. I wish I had a locker full of extra phones so when I went to the bathroom I would have an extra one to take with me after I put one in the box.
- 5. I wish I had a laugh track in my locker, so on days no one laughed at my jokes I had a backup.
- 6. I wish I had a swimsuit in my locker for the

- days I forget mine for the pool.
- 7. I wish I had POTH in my locker so it would stop being re-scheduled.
- 8. I wish I had my mix tape in my locker to set off fire drills for the days I want to get out of class.
- 9. I wish I had Jernigan in my locker so if I ever needed a ride home I could just hop on the calculus bus.
- 10. I wish I had the meaning of life in my locker.

I'VE BEEN TO THE YEAR 1



Where will QO teachers be in 10 years?
Match and find out

- A. Ms. Yu
- B. Mrs. Garro
- C. Mrs. Haase
- D. Mr. Goshime
- E. Ms. Duke
- F. Mr. Foringer
- G. Ms. Cooley-Klein

- 1. Still here at QO telling students to put their phones away (smile on face)
- 2. Coaching figure skating
- 3. Riding my donkey
- 4. Fixing comma errors
- 5. Walking on a beach in southern Spain
- 6. Retired and attending a professional sporting event.
- 7. Scottish Dancing

Answers

- G-4
- F-6
- E-2
- D-3
- C-1
- B-5
- A-7

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QO IN THE YEAR 3000

By JACOB CORNBLATT AND JAMES LONOGAN
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There is traffic in the senior hall today, a direct result of student misbehavior. Rumors say that for their senior prank, some tech kids hacked into their municipally-assigned hoverboards and increased the speed limit, but, of course, crashed in a teacher-bot. Now, we all have to stand on our un-hacked hoverboards like idiots in the middle of the hallway, possibly causing us to be late to class.

My next class is a required one: How to Communicate with Artificial Intelligence 2 (HCAI 2). Practically, HCAI means well, but it can just be awful sometimes.

I have a sentient basketball ball next to me in HCAI. Her name is Tilda, famed in America

for being the first piece of sports equipment to be brought to life. We've become good friends throughout this semester.

The teacher-bot just arrived. Her monotonous voice will begin spurring nonsense any minute now— oh here she goes.

"Let's begin back in the days of Asimov's Law..."

I'm already bored. I think I'm going to drop this class and transfer into Writing 101. It's an elective, but I heard it's exciting. Mrs. Cooley-Klein, a teacher from pre-Robotic Age QO, brought the class into the school and teaches it to this day.

Tilda just sent me a tele-text. I'm not a huge fan of tele-texts, honestly. I wish we were in the 2010s, back

when people received messages on their phones rather than in their minds. Whatever. Let's see what Tilda has to say...

Hey! You wanna go to the football game tonight? We're playing those robots from Northwest!

Tilda wants to the game with me? This is fantastic! I begin to respond: *Of course I do! Want me to pick you up around...*

Suddenly, the teacher-bot screams, "You in the back! Are you texting? Give me your neurotransmitter now!"

Well this isn't good, as the removal of neurotransmitters can be horrible. I won't torture you with the details. Wish me luck...

A PERFECT DAY IN A PERFECT FUTURE

By BELLA ROBERTS
Editor-in-chief

As soon as you grace the other students with your presence the minute you walk through the QO doors, you are swept up into a personal chariot pushed by your own entourage of freshman. They bring you to your first period classroom, where your only assignment is eating the breakfast the teacher leaves on your desk. The school smells like rose petals and lavender, as there is no threat of radon anywhere to be seen. As you are carried to your next class, the hallways

are relatively clear of people as all the students know to walk at reasonable pace and NOT pause at the start of the stairwell. You make it to your third period class, where your teacher turns on your favorite music and you begin to have a dance party. If you are moves are fresh enough you get an A in the class. Fourth period you go for a little dip in the QO pool. Rejuvenated, you go for a quick bite from the super healthy vending

machines, which are conveniently located next to the cafeteria where students actually all sit together and eat real food. You are surrounded by lovely smiling faces of children just so happy to be at school learning what they love. Speaking of learning, when you are in class you are not pressured by any of this "common core" nonsense, but instead are encouraged to study what you think could actually benefit you in life. For example,

taxes are important to learn how to do. Bubbling in a test is not. Between classes, you walk through the gardens of beautiful flowers. You need to use the bathroom? That's alright, because the bathrooms are actually clean and instead of graffiti have poems on the walls and there are hand dryers so that paper towels never piled up on the floor. Finally, because even JERNIGAN praises you, you hop on not the Calculus bus but the Calculus limo, and go home.



VIEWPOINT

We're Puttin' OFF the Hits

By **BEN PALMER**
Viewpoints Editor

QO is full of traditions, which happen every year without fail, such as Mr. and Mrs. QO (wait...). But it seems as though one might have disappeared.

Puttin' On The Hits, better known by the acronym POTH, is QO's yearly event showcasing the talents of our four classes and individual performers as well.

POTH was originally scheduled for March 3, but, for reasons unknown, was moved back until there was a point that no one knew when or if it would happen.

Sure, things get postponed all the time, but double makes trouble

as it was postponed yet again on April 20, the day it was set to occur! Clearly something suspicious is going on. Using *The Prowler's* reputable journalism skills, the case was cracked in one hour and 65 minutes. Below is the full report; squeamish people may want to stop reading now.

Since we got a nearly nonexistent snowfall this winter (two feet is such below standard), natural causes are out of the question. Clearly, this means that a person is responsible for this, but who could it be? What kind of monster would want to cancel a talent show?

Well, let's ask the question from their perspective: What kind of

monster would schedule a talent show on March 3? This person, obsessed with March 3, clearly celebrates the holiday World Wildlife Day, or maybe just likes the number 3.

Everyone likes the number 3, though, so it's the holiday that's pertinent. Maybe the person felt disrespected that no animals would be used over the course of the show. I am sorry, I tried my best, but for some reason my sign up for a tiger trapeze act was removed.

The clues seemed to disappear there, but when in doubt, go to the source. POTH takes place in the Quince Orchard auditorium. In the auditorium, there are two spotlights, and two

sets of stairs to the stage.

If one looks around closely, one will see the number 2 everywhere. Every standardized test requires a number 2 pencil. There are 11 levels of regular Latin, which meets in Room 222. Not to mention... "Quince Orchard" is two words!

Now, some people might start crying "Illuminati confirmed xDD!" All I have to say to that is to take your unintelligent conspiracy theories to the trash can because we only deal in facts here.

However, the number 2 and its significance is not simply confined to the school itself. The plot to eliminate POTH is a statewide, if not national,

if not global case.

I decided to go to Nothing Bundt Cakes because this case was a piece of cake, and within the shop I got a 2-cake Bundtlet Tower. Something was fishy, so I next paid a visit to PetSmart to buy fish. My fish had two stripes! The number 2 was so prevalent, but I didn't know where it was taking me.

So, using my journalistic genius, I went around interviewing. "The last time I saw a POTH was in a gas station in southern Nebraska," said Euripides Pantz, a homeless man I met across the street. "It didn't really add up, I thought to myself."

Add up...it all made sense! The number two is

always added with itself (to make seven, for those who don't know), and a new store is being made right now across the street called Mathnasium. The owner clearly likes wildlife, since the store's right next to 1-800-Flowers and McDonald's.

I stormed into Mathnasium and arrested the perpetrator, Polly Hedron, but was forced to release her due to not reading her Miranda Rights and also for not actually being a police officer (I've sent my application 86 times with no word back).

I can't guarantee that we can get a set date for POTH now, but if it's ever postponed again, the Prowler will crack the case once again.

SNAP OUT OF IT!

Students participate in app that's taking social media by storm

By **BRITTANY MILLS** and **WILL HUSTED**
Double-Truck Managing Editors



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PICTURE THIS: Teachers and students in the QO community try out some new filters that Snapchat has to offer (From left: Joshua Schuman, Sam Katzker, Jennifer Yang).

In an age of constant communication, one app has taken over the lives of teens and set itself apart. If you look on a kid's phone, you will almost always find Snapchat.

An app that allows users to send pictures that expire after a few seconds seems simple, but it has changed the way teens view communication and has introduced new ways of adapting to the ever-changing digital world.

Snapchat is one of the most casual means of communication, but that simplicity goes further

than you think. Responding with pictures of your daily life is not exactly a conversation but more like an unspoken document of your experiences that allows others to get a peek into your life.

In recent years, Snapchat has set itself apart from other social media outlets and created new features to keep their users. Snapchat differs from traditional social media outlets such as Facebook or Twitter because the intention of the app is not to build a community but

a messaging system.

With this intention at its core, Snapchat emphasizes communication rather than collaboration. This means that people view the app less as social media but more of a means of communication, almost like more casual texting.

New features, such as being able to draw on the picture you have taken, geotags, direct messaging, and Snapchat Stories, have been steps the app has taken to stay popular among their users. Geotags give users a sense

of community in their local cities and schools as more and more areas gain them. The artistic designs give personality to the Snapchat and also shows your friends if you are in a different area. Snapchat Stories allow users to post their Snapchats rather than sending it to individual people. This provides a more collaborative aspect and allows people to display events from their day they think worthy of sharing to their friends.

Snapchat streaks have been introduced that serve no purpose

other than keeping users from deleting the app. By displaying how many days you have snapped a person consecutively, the users feel obligated to keep the streaks (or face social humiliation). This creates a strong reliance to the app that other communication forms do not foster.

However, the most recent addition to the app has been the most successful: filters that allow people to change their faces into various animations. While the idea sounds trivial, the feature has been a success.

Whether it's your face vomiting rainbows or face swapping, people are entertained at seeing their faces in different ways and enjoy the lunacy.

Although casual, Snapchat has managed to stay alive as a not just a teen sensation, but a generation defining app. The attraction for a generation growing up in a world full of screens is immense. The app takes advantage of teens' short attention spans and desires to share experiences with others in a creative and fun way.



Tennis swings their way into the playoffs

By **LOGAN FEINGOLD**
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This year's boys' tennis team is hitting the courts in order to prepare for another successful season.

The team entered the season back in Division II after a season long stay in Division I, and looked to prove their worth amongst Division II foes. After winning Division II the last time they were in the division two years ago, the team entered the season looking to get back on top of the division.

The team has been using this relegation as motivation to get even better. Senior Sam Kirsch noted how the team has been "practicing like underdogs" in order to stay hungry for wins. This mentality allows the team to fight for wins against county tennis titans like Churchill and Whitman. That mindset is incredibly important in tennis, since matches are grueling, require lots of stamina, and often last over two hours.

As of April 22, the team's record is 3-5, with painful losses to Blair and Sherwood. In Montgomery County, four singles players ranked 1-4 and three doubles duos ranked 1-3 face off against each other. Whichever side wins gets the point for their team. The loss to Blair was an excruciating 4-3 loss. Although 3-5 is a losing record, the team is looking forward to the second half of their schedule as they face easier opponents, meaning the team still has a good chance of finishing with a winning record. A



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GAME, SET, MATCH: Andrew Textoris continues to work hard and win the set against Blair.

matchup with rival Poolesville looms as the team tries to capture the division title. The team notched a solid 5-2 victory over Blake on April 21.

Senior team leaders and single players Joe Cooke and Andrew Textoris won tough matches against Blair, with Cooke winning another tough match versus Sherwood. Junior Spencer Tabit was impressed that these players "played top com-

petition from Division I and [have] been able to win sets." As team leaders, it is important for upperclassmen to be an example for younger players in order to ensure the next generation of QO tennis will be as successful as this generation. Kirsch understands how senior singles players "have the responsibility to set the tone for the team as leaders," and how the team leaders can in-

spire others to follow their example in practice and workouts in order to improve the team. The seniors' examples have rubbed off on underclassmen, as freshman Zach Pearlman has been training a lot more for tennis due to being on the team, and believes he is getting better and improving.

In practice, coach Chris Barber has had players tell their teammates an inspirational quote of the day in order to motivate the team to practice harder and succeed in matches. Tabit believes Barber's intensity at practices has helped because it allows the team to "practice how we play [in matches]." Pearlman also agreed with Tabit's assessment, noting that "We've practiced putting opponents away with and harder shots and just intensity when we play." Putaway shots are necessary against top tennis teams, as players need to take advantage of the few chances they get to hit winners against top competition. The team's hard work throughout the season will likely pay dividends as the season draws to a close.

Looking at his past four years, Kirsch's favorite memories were winning Division II two years ago and facing tough opponents last year in Division I. Although the team will not win Division II this year, their hard work will propel them to a solid finish. The team should win more games over the last half of the season and finish the season strong. Come out and support the Cougars as they look to finish the season strong!

Baseball steps up to the plate to finish strong

By **PATRICK PAOLINI**
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With the bases firmly in place, the grass freshly cut, and the dirt soft and smooth, the Quince Orchard varsity baseball team has stepped up to the plate swinging. The team's season opener was on March 22 against Sherwood at home. Though the boys started out slow with Sherwood putting up a one run lead early; the boys would hold Sherwood to just one run until later in the game when they went up 2-0.

Senior Jack Ropelewski said, "It was a good game; however, we just could not get our bats going." The final score would remain 2-0 and the boys would take their first loss of the season. However, this loss would not be taken lightly. The boys recovered from the loss and proceeded to take on Seneca Valley the next day. With the memory of their first loss fresh in their minds, the boys stepped up and destroyed their opponents 10-2.

The Cougars' offensive turnaround was thanks to senior Nick Wong, who went four for four on that day, including two doubles and three runs scored. Wong also pitched six innings, striking out seven batters and only giving up two runs, Wong said, "I just simply went out there and had fun with it."

With the Cougars' spirit now higher than ever, the boys would go on to win their next two games against

Rockville (5-2) and Blair (7-2). Now with three wins under their belt, the team faced off against Damascus on April 4. In the first inning, the Cougars' bats came alive: the team scored nine runs while keeping the visiting opponent at zero. The Cougars were back at it again in the third inning, scoring six runs to make a total of fifteen, as the final score would be 15-0, with all the runs being distributed between most of the players. The boys again would dominate their next game against Wootton by a score of 12-2. With those two wins the boys advanced to a record of 5-1.

However, the team would take their second loss of the season, on April 12, against school rival Northwest. The jaguars went up early by scoring five in the second inning while keeping the cougars at zero. However, the cougars quickly responded by scoring four in the third while only giving up two. Then again the cougars would put up two more runs to put a lot of pressure on their opponents, however, the jaguars responded by putting up one more run in the sixth to make the final score of 6-8.

"We had one bad inning that cost us the game. We also had a bad sequence of four or five errors that put us in a hole which was tough to overcome," said senior Brian Edell

Coming off the loss to Northwest the boys team faced Springbrook on April 14 and came up with a dominating 13-3 win, scoring eight of their thirteen runs in the sixth

inning. Two days later the team won against Einstein (5-2). With the two wins and one loss the boys team advanced to a record of 7-2 with eight games to go. The cougars played Clarksburg on April 18 and won in the late innings by a score of 6-4. Though down 4-1 by the end of the third; the Cougars bats came alive in the fourth inning, scoring a total of five runs to go atop the coyotes by two runs. This would evidently be the final score for both teams.

The cougar's faced their toughest challenge yet when they played Gaithersburg on April 20. The Trojans were 12-0 going into the game against our Cougars, but our team gave them a run for their money. The Trojans went

"I simply went out there and had fun with it."

- Nick Wong

up by three in the first inning; however, the Cougars quickly responded by equaling them in the second. Then the Cougar boys took the lead in the third by going up 5-3. However, the Trojans would respond with a dominating 5-1 run in the fourth inning. Both teams would hold each other to no runs for the remainder of the game. With the win against Clarksburg and the loss against Gaithersburg, the Cougars advance to a record of 8-3.



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STRIKE THREE: Griffin Man pitches against Sherwood.

The next day the Cougar's faced Kennedy; in a showing of pure power, the Cougars beat the Cavaliers 18-1. The game was pretty even until the fourth inning when the Cougars dominated by scoring 11 runs to make a total of 18.

Due to the Prowler's deadline the boys have a record of 9-3 with six more games to go. The team looks optimistic in their opportunity to finish the season strong and begin playoffs ready to fight for the state title.



Softball teams crush opposition : NFL Draft Preview

By HUNTER BOOTHE
Section Editor

We're approaching the mid-way point in softball season, and Quince Orchard's varsity softball and corollary softball teams are peaking at the right time leading up to the stretch run.

The Quince Orchard varsity softball team has put together an impressive resume thus far. The squad is currently 10-2, 6-1 in the conference, and in the middle of a six-game winning streak. The Cougars have been dominant at times this year, winning games by 12, 13, and even twice by 18 runs. However, against tougher competition, wins haven't always come as easily. That is what makes this team so impressive. The Cougars have found ways to win blowouts and nail biters at the same rate, showing tremendous versatility.

Take, for example, a recent two-game stretch against Einstein and Clarksburg. In the Einstein game, the Cougars blew past the Titans right from the beginning, scoring 13 runs in the first inning alone. Junior pitcher and second baseman Katie Lee led the way with eight strikeouts in five innings of pitching, and four Cougars contributed at least three runs batted in.

Against Clarksburg, however, success wasn't as immediate. Their bats weren't yielding explosive plays, and the squad was down 2 to 0 at the beginning of the 4th inning. They needed a total team effort to

squeeze out a victory, and that's exactly what they got. Every single member of the team reached base and every member of the team either recorded an assist or a putout. The Cougars are a well-rounded team that can win in several different ways, and that's what makes them dangerous to opponents.

In a season filled with so many victories, it may be difficult to pinpoint a single highlight. Yet for senior captain and shortstop Regina Wingate, the answer is clear. "Our game against Blair [stands out]", she stated, "Quince Orchard softball hadn't beaten Blair in about ten years, so everyone was so proud of each other when we won."

Junior pitcher/infielder Nicole Beisner reiterated Wingate's sentiment, pointing to the Blair victory in addition to a win against Clarksburg as highlights for their historical significance. "We haven't beaten [those teams] in a while and it's really nice to see us improve as a team," Beisner stated.

Although they are led by three senior captains, the Cougars are a junior laden team. A whopping ten of the squad's fourteen players are juniors. One may see this and label them as an inexperienced group, but in reality it's just the opposite.

"One of the biggest reasons for the team's success would have to be our experience," Beisner said, "there's a lot of girls from last year, so we know how to work together on the field and do our best together." With their bevy of experience

together, the team has developed great chemistry. Wingate explains: "The team is composed of such a great group of people. Everyone is so close and we all get along really well."

With such a tight knit group, along with depth and talent, there's no wonder why the Cougars have been so successful thus far.

The Quince Orchard Allied softball team is enjoying a stellar season of its own this spring. The team is currently 4-0 (as of April 25), holding victories over Gaithersburg, Richard Montgomery, Clarksburg, and Damascus.

The squad has scored an average of 19 runs per game, with their biggest offensive explosion coming against Gaithersburg, when they produced 30 runs. The Cougars are locked in a first place battle with the Sherwood Warriors, with both schools sporting an undefeated record. Both schools also finished tied for first place in the division with Richard Montgomery last year, at 6-1.

Senior Ryan Tang claims that the team hopes to "win championships" this season, and that their collective strengths include good sportsmanship and positive attitudes. Tang stated that the Cougars are most looking forward to their game against their nearby rivals, the Northwest Jaguars.

The team will play its next game against Seneca Valley on April 29 at 3:00, right here at QO! Make sure to come out and support your fellow Cougars in their quest for perfection.

By SAM KIRSCH
Editor In-Chief

The biggest event of the spring occurs on Thursday, April 28. No, not the weekly episodes of Scandal or The Blacklist, nor Impractical Jokers; the annual NFL Draft begins tonight at 8 PM ET as the Los Angeles Rams kick off the most exciting weekend in sports.

While this year's draft class lacks in the number of star-studded names when compared to recent years, it recu-

The 2016 NFL Draft should be filled to the brim with excitement.

perates in uncertainty, with no pick set and no player deemed as the next superstar. However, a few things do seem to be set in stone. The aforementioned Los Angeles Rams are looking to give their regained fan base something to cheer for, and after giving a boatload of picks to the Tennessee Titans for the resounded number one overall pick, the Rams are an essential lock to take one of the two premier quarterbacks in North Dakota State's Carson Wentz and California's Jared Goff.

The second pick, which was originally 'won' by the Cleveland Browns, was traded to the Philadelphia Eagles, a team in dire need to re-excite a bumbling crowd and finally give a championship to the city of brotherly love. The remaining picks

in the first round, #3 through #32, respectively, have failed to be brought into a consensus by notorious draft gurus like Mel Kiper and Todd McShay. At the moment, Rams and Eagles are followed by the Chargers, Cowboys, and Jaguars so an exciting top five picks is to be expected. Also, Wentz and Goff are expected to be joined by Ole Miss big man Laremy Tunsil, Florida State defensive back Jalen Ramsey and Ohio State premier outside pass rusher Joey Bosa.

Quince Orchard's hometown

team, the Washington Redskins, are looking to follow an impressive 2015 season in which the team won the NFC East championship with a long playoff run, and, after signing a top cornerback in former Carolina Panther Josh Norman, the team has double digit wins in its sights.

If overzealous owner Daniel Snyder can resign team decisions to General Manager Scott McCloughan, the man that single-handedly brought the San Francisco 49ers and Seattle Seahawks to the Super Bowl, then the Redskins will surely be set to achieve their goals and give their fans something to cheer about.

With hardly anything set in stone, the 2016 NFL Draft, and the upcoming season, should be filled to the brim with excitement.

Girls, Boys lacrosse prepare to make long playoff run

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It's spring time, which means lacrosse season is here! The 2015-2016 lacrosse season recently kicked off, and both the boys and girls varsity teams are seeking a state championship. Though both teams are cluttered with underclassmen, they are doing exceptionally well.

The girls team is led by captain senior Francesca D'Cruz, and coached by Jennifer Holliday Mohr.

Megan McDanald, a senior, also has a big role on the team, and with a big role comes even bigger expectations. "My goal for the season is to play to the best of our ability and to always try to beat our opponent which hopefully gets us far in playoffs." McDanald stated.

When asked about toughest competitors, McDanald said "Wootton or Sherwood."

To prepare for these often intimidating matchups, the team began to train in the offseason, with a regiment of consistent workouts and team bonding activities consummating in the summer.

Another key piece to the team is sophomore Mallory Rosen. "We had a slow start,

but we are starting to gain momentum after wins." Rosen said. Rosen also had praise for the team captain. "Fran D'Cruz has gone above and beyond to make sure everyone is enjoying the season." she said. "She's always showing people ways to improve their skills and lifting people up if they're having a bad day."

The QO varsity girls lacrosse team stands at a record of 4-3 as of April 26, with impressive wins against Seneca Valley and Gaithersburg being offset with competitive losses against Northwest and Whitman. With playoffs right around the corner, the girls are looking to finish strong and hopefully make a big playoff run.

However, it's not just the girls looking for a playoff push. The young QO varsity boys lacrosse team is also looking for a successful postseason run.

The team has a record of 5-3, and is coached by Coach Gonzalez. The team is led by senior captains Adrian Culp, Eisleigh Kim, and JT Rommel.

"We are playing very well, despite being a very young team. We are now meshing together as a unit well." stated Culp, who had high praise for the team.

Culp also stated his goals for the team. "Ideally, we make it all the way and win states." Culp has lead his team with his "experience throughout the team." This profound experi-



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LET'S GO TEAM!: Boys' lacrosse huddles up to get ready for a tough game against Whitman.

ence and necessary leadership has enabled the team to clutch out wins against rivals like Northwest, and crush weaker opponents like Seneca Valley and Clarksburg.

Another key piece to the team is junior Drew Levine, as he is part of the unit that aims to replace the 17 departed players that were cornerstones to last year's powerhouse of a team.

Levine said, "Any team is our biggest competitor. Each game is important." Levine also stated that the team together has been through "months of off-season workouts, fall and winter league games, along with club tournaments" in order to prepare for the upcoming season.

The biggest challenge there is "is ourselves," Levine said, "If we can ignore distractions and

limit mistakes we can be as good as anyone."

Captains and underclassmen alike hope to push the Cougars far with their high IQ of the game and persistent work ethic.

Check out both the boys and girls varsity lacrosse teams, as both are very talented and are hoping for a late postseason surge!



Volleyball teams aim to extend win streaks

Both teams look to ride their lengthy streaks to the postseason

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Coed and boys volleyball continue to dig for victories. Both teams have started off extremely well and are setting themselves up for a successful run into the playoffs.

The coed team consists of only two returning players, junior Desiree Dietz and senior Herrick Hartman, but the team is making huge strides as a unit. The Cougars started off on the right foot, winning eight consecutive games. Despite having many new players, the team is continuing to improve as they work together as well as individually.

"[The team has] progressed through [teaching] the new players the basics of everything from the rules to technique," stated junior setter Jesse Van Valkenburgh. She explained that everyone works very well with one another and tries hard to be there for each other.

The team also builds trust by communicating and supporting each other on the court. "Teamwork is one of the key parts of the game," said junior Jonah Ho. The players must know who will receive the ball and who will set for them to earn themselves a point. Communication is very important skill on offense as well as defense. Encouragement and positivity is also a very influential factor

to keep the players' confidence up and keep the energy high.

Since volleyball is one of the few coed sports, there are occasionally set positions depending on gender. For example, males typically play as blockers or setters because they tend to be taller. QO has the athleticism, which is a very important characteristic to being a winning team.

"We push each other during practices and games against all our opponents, but also encourage each other when one of us makes a mistake."

-Andrew Yuan

The team strategizes for each game, hoping to find the gaps to get some kills. "To win games we try to look for holes in the other team's defense and aim for them," said Van Valkenburgh. "If one of our hitters is having a really good hitting day, I make sure to set them most so that they continue to get kills." The Cougars also have specific defensive strategy depending on the opposing team's strength. QO has two main defensive formations, the swing and the perimeter. The formation depends on if the opposing team has strong or weak hitters.

The team's goal for the

near future is to keep the winning streak alive and get ready for the playoffs. They are also aiming to win counties and receive a high rank for playoffs.

Boys volleyball also continues to dominate this season, becoming a threat to other schools. The boys are currently undefeated and have high hopes to win counties as

to practice with a lot of energy and enthusiasm" in order to motivate his teammates to do their best. He and captain Vishnu Balajee lead the team by keeping their teammates on task during practice as well as by being a motivating leader on the court. Sallah is the starting middle hitter and is responsible for finding the gaps to spike the ball. He explained that the team has good chemistry and good communication on the court.

Since there are currently six seniors, the boys have developed and grown together over the past three years. The Cougars are a cohesive group and work well with each other to get the points they need to win the game. According to Yuan, "We knew coming into this year that we could make a deep run into playoffs." Varsity only lost one senior last year and continues to build leading into playoffs.

The Cougars are a very versatile team in adjusting their strategy depending on their opponent. For example, if they play a team with strong hitters, the defense emphasize on their blocks. Strategy helps win games and it is working very well for the boys team.

Looking ahead, playoffs are approaching very shortly and it is expected that both volleyball teams will do great in the playoff season. Stay tuned for the final kills in the playoffs!

Redskins sign Norman, Cousins

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Following a successful season in which the Redskins won a putrid NFC East division, General Manager Scot McCloughan had several moves to make in order to continue the Skins' climb up the NFL totem pole.

Kirk Cousins' 2015 season was a tale of two halves, as his first six games of the season were mediocre at best. His 52.63 quarterback rating in these first six games ranked among the worst in the NFL, and similarly his interception ratio was subpar. His play was criticized by fans and analysts alike, and many fans believed that the team was destined for another bottom five finish. However, Cousins caught fire in the last ten games of the season, throwing 23 touchdowns to only three interceptions. His exceptional play coincided with the Redskins' 7-3 run to end the season, and he was able to lead the Redskins to the playoffs for the first time in three seasons. Over the course of the season, his value skyrocketed, leading to serious contract negotiations taking place in the offseason. While the Redskins and Cousins were unable to agree to a long-term deal, Washington used the franchise tag to regain Cousins' rights for another season.

Another pivotal move made by the Redskins this offseason was the signing of All-Pro cornerback Josh Norman. Norman and the team agreed to a five-year, \$75 million deal, making him the highest paid corner in the NFL. This move will help cover a major weakness in the secondary, as Washington ranked 25th in pass defense last season.

Notorious for his late season battle with New York Giants receiver Odell Beckham, Norman will now be tasked with stopping Beckham and another elite receiver in the Cowboys' Dez Bryant twice per year in the NFC East.

Despite numerous additional transactions, including the resigning of defensive end Junior Galette, linebacker Will Compton, running back Chris Thompson and cornerback Will Blackmon, the 'Skins are still struggling with depth. As a result, the Redskins hope to add immediate contributors through the draft. The team still has plenty of question marks. However, if they are successful in drafting contributors, they have a real shot at repeating as NFC East champions.

senior Gregory D'Elia recording a jump of six feet, and junior Kenneth Williams and senior Dylan Bikim both recording a jump of five feet and ten inches.

"We have worked very hard this season trying to win as many tough meets as possible this year, in dashes, high jump, and even pole vault and long jump," said junior Philippe Castillo.

You can see the team in action in their next meet as they face many high schools throughout the county on May 11 at Northwest.



Spring Sports Records (as of 4/28)

BOYS VOLLEYBALL: 9-0

ALLIED SOFTBALL: 4-0

COED VOLLEYBALL: 8-1

GIRLS SOFTBALL: 11-2

BASEBALL: 10-3

GIRLS LACROSSE: 4-4

BOYS LACROSSE: 6-6

BOYS TENNIS: 4-6

Track and field strives for states

By **DAVID STRICKMAN**
Sports Editor

Track and field is trying to run their way to states yet again, not only as a team, but also as individuals. During this long and exciting season, track and field has already had seven meets, but before we get into the meets, we have to talk about where it all starts: practice.

The team's practice takes place right after school. After a team meeting for the first ten minutes of practice, the squad has a warm-up for 20 minutes, and then finishes with almost two hours of specific workouts for each athlete, depending on what events the athletes participate in.

The team has lost a lot of competitive athletes and leaders from last season. "We have lost many leaders like Lauren Calvin, Justin Sorra, Ben Thoms, and Keegan Van Wert from the last couple of seasons, but we have gained many individual leaders this season like Matthew Owens, Chris Thoms, Maya Jacobson, Julia Sloan, Dylan Bikim, and Liam Walsh who have pushed their teammates to perform the best that they can," said head coach Seann Pelkey, who has been coaching at Quince Orchard for sixteen years.

In the first meet of the season, QO played against Poolesville and Watkins Mill. QO crushed both teams in the men's 800 meter dash, with six QO athletes reaching the top six on the chart, as seniors Liam Walsh, Alex Wonnacott, and Christian McCann, juniors Matthew

Owens and Yonatan Babore, and sophomore Ethan Mara all finished within 2:20. On the women's side, the top four in the 3200 meter dash were all from QO as well with junior Maya Jacobson and sophomores Isabelle Sanjonia, Margaret Lilyestrom, and Elizabeth Cassell all finishing within 13:50.

On April 12, QO faced Clarksburg and Seneca Valley for their fourth meet of the year. Many Cougars ended the meet strongly, with first place awarded to them in their specific events. Owens finished first in the 800 meter dash out of seventeen competitors with a time of 2:09; nine other Cougars followed him throughout the seventeen runners. Walsh competed in the 1600 meter dash and eventually came in first place out of 23 sprinters with a time of 4:38. The women's side absolutely crushed the 1600 meter dash as four Cougars finished in the top four out of seventeen girls. Sanjonia and freshmen Justice Luko, Natalie Nyborg, and Jamie Grossberg all finished only three seconds apart from one another with times between 5:50 and 5:53.

Not only do members on the track and field team run in meets, but they also compete in sprinting events like the high jump. "We have three boys and four girls who have competed in the high jump on our team this year," said Pelkey. Three QO athletes finished in the top four in the High Jump competition on April 12 with



Wizards could have used some of the Caps' magic *Caps will represent DC sports, while Wizards season comes to an end*

By **DAVID SUGGS**
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As the final buzzer sounded in the Detroit Pistons' convincing 112-99 victory over the Wizards, coach Randy Wittman scurried to the locker room, undoubtedly understanding the magnitude of this playoff failure. Meanwhile, the Washington Capitals, having already secured the best regular season record in franchise history, prepared for a game against the upstart St. Louis Blues, a game they would win 5-1. This display came to be expected from a team that has seemed to buck the trend of disappointment that many Caps fans have come to know over the past ten years.

For the Capitals, playoff successes have been few and far between ever since their last appearance in the Stanley Cup Finals in 1998. Last season's ending was especially brutal for the Caps, as the New York Rangers overcame a 3-1 series deficit to defeat the Caps in seven games.

With an older core and a more competitive conference than ever, it was widely believed that the Capitals' Stanley Cup window was closed. However, this season started off in stunning fashion, as the Caps only lost six games in the first two months of the season, highlighted by a victory over the defending Stanley Cup champions, the Chicago Blackhawks. Despite experts' claims that the Capitals were going to fall back down to Earth, the team reeled off numerous impressive victories and entered the all-star break with the best record in the NHL. By the end of the season, Alex Ovechkin was able to get his seventh 50-goal season, placing him behind only Wayne Gretzky and Mike Bossy for the most 50-goal seasons in NHL history. Additionally, goalie Braden Holtby tied the record for most wins in a single season. The dominance of the Caps is perfectly summed up in this jarring statistic: the Capitals clinched the President's Trophy, awarded to the team with the best record in the league, with

seven games remaining during the season.

While the Capitals enjoyed the best season in franchise history, the Wizards, fresh off of one of the most successful seasons in recent memory, looked to win 50 games for the first time since the glory days of the 1979 Bullets. The 2015 season was highlighted by the rapid development of John Wall and clutch performances from Paul Pierce. Despite losing Pierce, with a young core of John Wall (25), Bradley Beal (22) and Otto Porter (22), it looked as if the Wizards were going to take another step on their quest to reach the upper echelons of NBA success. However, the team stumbled out of the gate and was never able to recover, as recurring injuries to Beal stunted his growth during the season. Disgruntled fans waited for the team to find its footing and implored owner Ted Leonsis to fire GM Ernie Grunfeld and head coach Randy Wittman, but no changes were made. Grunfeld tried to make a last-ditch effort to improve the team, trading

the Wizards' first-round pick to the Suns for the much maligned Markieff Morris, but the move did not work out and the team was not able to make the playoffs.

For the Capitals, the success of the regular season is nothing more than an afterthought, as memories of their last Presidents' Trophy remind players that regular season accomplishments are meaningless in the playoffs. In their Presidents' Trophy-winning season in 2009, the Capitals lost to the eight-seed Montreal Canadiens. Forward Nicklas Backstrom reaffirmed these beliefs in an interview with the Washington Post, saying, "It's good to have home-ice advantage through the playoffs, but at the same time, it doesn't even mean anything because we lost last time in the first round when we won the Presidents' Trophy." Ultimately, the success of the Caps' season will be determined by their ability to get to the Stanley Cup Finals. If the Capitals win the Stanley Cup, it will be the first time a Washington-based sports team

has won a championship since the Washington Redskins won the Super Bowl in 1991. At the time of writing, the Capitals are up 3-1 in their first round series against the Flyers, so hopefully they will be able to exercise some playoff demons en route to hockey glory.

For the Wizards, the season was an unmitigated disaster, one that cost head coach Randy Wittman his job. At the time of writing, the Wizards are searching for a head coach to cultivate the team's youth. With reported interest in former OKC coach, Scott Brooks, it looks as if the Wizards hopes for "KD2DC" have not completely deteriorated. However, with the team likely losing its first-round pick this season and Bradley Beal becoming a restricted free agent, it stands to be seen whether this season is simply an unfortunate consequence of being a young team in today's NBA or a sight of the future. Whatever the case may be, it is imperative that the Wizards improve during the offseason or we may be discussing the same story again next season.

ATHLETE OF THE MONTH QUESTIONNAIRE

BASEBALL Sean Cole '17



Junior Sean Cole has started the year off strong, leading the team in batting average. He looks to keep it high as he continues the season.

BOYS LACROSSE Joe McGowan '17



Junior Joe McGowan has worked to become a leader on the team. He has earned a lot of respect from his team as he defends their goal.

SOFTBALL Regina Wingate '16



Four-year varsity player and captain Regina Wingate is a valuable player for the softball team. Her experience, talent, and spirit is irreplaceable.

GIRLS LACROSSE Lauren Kelly '17

Junior Lauren Kelley is the team's low attack. She plays a huge role in getting shots on goal. Their high-scoring offense makes the lacrosse team lethal.



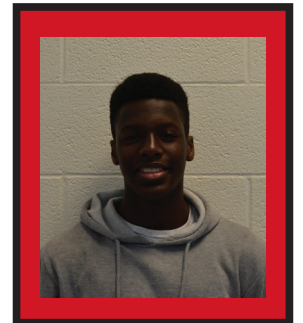
BOYS TENNIS Alex Myers '16

Senior Alex Myers is a four-year member of the tennis team. He is one of QO's top performers. He has laser focus in practice and games to better his play.



BOYS VOLLEYBALL Saul Sallah '16

Senior Saul Sallah is a weapon on the volleyball team. His height and athletic ability really give him a great advantage over the other team.



THE PROWLER ASKED THESE ATHLETES THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS...

	Sean Cole	Lauren Kelly	Joe McGowan	Alex Myers	Regina Wingate	Saul Sallah
What are you getting your mother for Mother's Day?	My presence	Uh, flowers?	A movie replica Darth Vader mask or tickets to the Drake & Future concert	Not my report card	My college decision	Three framed pictures of my face at different angles
What would you name your horse in the Kentucky Derby?	Daddy	Elena Dietz	Vinegar Strokes	Thrice	Mater	Obama because he hasn't lost a race
Favorite QO Senior?	Brian Edell	Megley McDonald	JT Rommel	Mr. Arora	Sophia	Ben Gross
What are your plans for this summer?	Baseball	Netflix	Going on a couples getaway with Joe Beville	Working at Bonefish with Elena	Applying sunscreen	Work, work, and more work
What class/teacher are you going to miss the most?	Mr. Truman	Definitely Jernigan	Goshime. Never had him but I'm gonna miss him.	Yearbook with the squad	My mans Mr. Wu	Mr. Jernigan because his roasting skills inspire me
Favorite memory of this school year?	Passing AP Psychology	Brittany's 5 course meals in class	Winning Homecoming Prince with Bmills, every little boy's dream	Math class with Lainey and Elena	Yeab	Being in my happy state and playing goat simulator with Ben