



QSI Students VS Hunger

By: Air

Last Friday, 69 QSI students got together and slept over at the secondary campus without eating for 30 hours. This was an initiative to raise money for hungry children around the world as part of a global campaign called 30-Hour Famine.



We have overcome our hunger!

Money was obtained through sponsors that the participants had to find themselves. The money raised is going to World Vision, a humanitarian organization dedicated to working with children, families, and their communities worldwide. Every \$30 raised gives one child food for a whole month.

Students started fasting at 1:00 p.m. Friday, November 18. They were allowed to go home to get their sleeping gear and come back at 7:00 p.m. To make participants forget about their hunger, activities were planned to last throughout the night. Each participant was assigned to a group and, together with their leaders, they came up with various games to keep themselves entertained. While some activities were mandatory, there was also a lot of free time available in between. Students and teachers would play Guitar Hero with each other on one of the gaming consoles while two other consoles were being used to play other games.

One of the activities was shoebox decorating. Students that didn't feel like watching a movie could decorate Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. These boxes contain all sorts of goods to be donated to children in the Philippines, but every single one contains some love. Now that they look a bit nicer, it is extra

obvious how much care has been actually put into them.

At midnight, boys and girls were required to go to separate rooms for sleeping. Some students chose to actually go to sleep while others chose to stay awake and play chess or solve crossword puzzles.

The next morning there was no breakfast prepared. At 11:00 a.m. everybody got woken up to head to the AV room for more free time, and some people came together in the computer lab to play games. At 6:00 p.m. everybody had to halt their activities and start cleaning up the school. There wasn't a whole lot of mess to clean up so at 6:20 p.m. the school was declared clean by the teacher supervisors. At 7:00 p.m. everybody was dismissed and went off to their home.

Not all the funds have been collected, but it is estimated that at least 7000rmb has been raised.



Students adding their love to the Operation Christmas Child boxes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

November

- 28~Basketball @UISGZ
- 30~Advisory Board Meeting
- 30~Basketball CGS@QSI
- 30-2~ACAMIS Golf

December

- 1-2~ACAMIS Golf
- 2~Winter Choir Concert
- 3~Battle of the Bands @ Coastal Rose
- 5~Basketball UISGZ@QSI
- 7~Winter Concert
- 8-9~Secondary Drama Production
- 9~PRC Basketball @UISGZ
- 9~Basketball @CDNIS
- 9-10~Table Tennis @Qingdao
- 14~Choir Concert @Atmosphere
- 14~End Quintile
- 15~Basketball SIS@QSI
- 16~End Second Term
- 16- Jan 8~Winter Break

January

- 9~School starts
- 14~Basketball AISG @ QSI
- 23-27~Chinese New Year Holiday

Your Argument is Invalid, Sir

By: Spiro

Mrs. Sedmak's US History classes got together last Wednesday and Thursday, November 16 & 17, to recreate one of the most pivotal debates in the history of America, The Constitutional Convention of 1787.

Each student was assigned a historical figure that took part in the convention, which they then had to research up to a point where they could re-enact them in the debate. This included giving their opinions on the issues in the agenda and being historically accurate as to personal beliefs of the delegates.

If you have ever been



The Federalists and Anti-federalists hotly debate the issue of slavery.

with a bunch of friends, trying to decide what kind of pizza topping to order, then you know it can be difficult to make important decisions as a group. The 38 students who participated learned this firsthand. With plenty of preparation, everyone was eager to express their points of view. The debates in both classes went smoothly; an

atmosphere of both professionalism and political rivalry was present in the AV room as the battle of wits was staged.

The majority of students had much fun participating, and Mrs. Sedmak was very happy to see that the event exceeded her expectations. "I'm very pleased that the students were prepared so well as

to keep debating for a whole hour."

Some students showed great interest and passion while debating. Mrs. Sedmak mentioned, "I felt compassionate for Gouverneur Morris (Rachel Fraistat) and his amputated arm. [She] did a great job being historically accurate and playing the part. Alexander Hamilton (Ori Leshem) was a very outspoken delegate who left his opponents befuddled."

The mock debate was a fun learning experience for all, and the students hope to keep history alive in further adventures like this one.

Something You Should Know

By: Mouth Man

The morning of Tuesday, November 22, was presentation time for students in charge of community service opportunities. Students were divided by age level and took their seats in the library, drama room, AV room and lunch room.

Presenters Ori Leshem and Madeleine Paugh discussed the **911 Turtle Rescue** in Hainan and how volunteers could apply for a fun trip during March break. Sydney Hemphill informed the audience about **Operation Smile**

and had a heart-wrenching video that brought them to a thoughtful silence. IB and Student Council urged the student body to support the QSI bands at the upcoming **Rockfest** (Dec. 3) and **Sunshine Academy**, while Mrs. Bearns provided some extra information on the intricacies of community service. Students are required to obtain a minimum of 35 hours, and Tuesday's assembly provided all in attendance with a myriad of events and service opportunities, all for good causes.



Ori shares his vision for a world where humans and sea turtles live in harmony.

A True Renaissance



They're all going on the fridge.

By: Very Marc

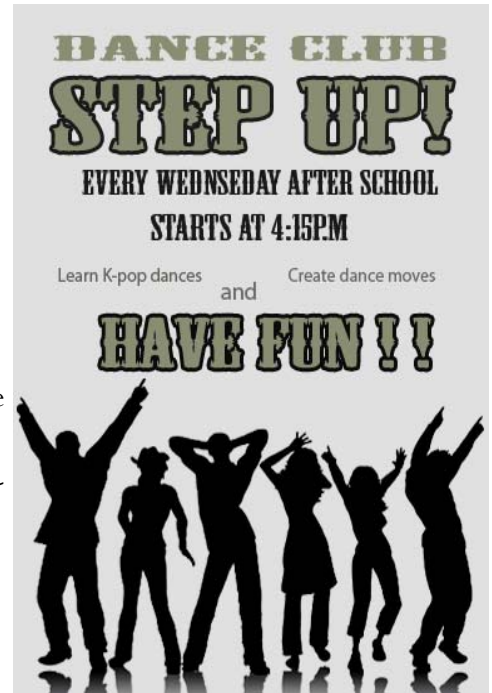
A few weeks ago, the secondary campus launched a renewed club that heavily benefits the school... the Art Club is back again! Members gather in the art classroom every Wednesday after school, from 4:20-5:45 to create and share artistic

interests. So far, the club has gotten about 15 members and is still accepting interested creative students. The club members created over seven murals and masks for the Autumn Fair and received community service hours for the help that they provided. For the past two

weeks, they have been working on scratch art to create a stained glass window in the art classroom. Ms. Erin, the secondary art teacher, is the instructor who is guiding the members into the world of creativity. She wants the club to be student led, and is hoping to elect representatives to take on the responsibility of planning and figuring out the next big project. The club is planning to do more murals around the school, help out with the elementary and middle school drama programs, and there will be a lot more community service opportunities and field trips.

"I'm always open to feedback!" said Ms. Erin.

Any interested students are welcome to join, reveal their artistic side, and experience the joy of art. Shine out!



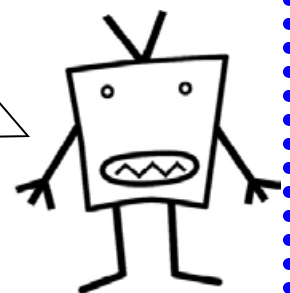
fisch & Chips



Dear Sad Dog, I can't believe that! I remember when my pet krill died, it was heartbreaking. I cried and cried or at least I think I did, it was under water though, so I can't be sure. He was my favorite pet krill, his name was Krillex. It took me some time to get over it. After a while though I realized that I could just get another best friend. At first it was hard because the new krill reminded me of Krillex, but I enjoyed the company. Another thing you can do is get yourself a cheap robot friend.

What do you think Chips?

"Are you talking to me? I think you should go on to Facebook or Myspace or Weibo to meet new two-dimensional friends. Or you could get a digital dog, which is basically immortal if you remember to charge the batteries for it. Anyway Fisch, I am feeling a little bit dizzy now, maybe I have a virus " <blue screen>



HALLWAYHOLLA

“What are you most thankful for in your life?”



“School of course!”
– Dong Hoon, Sec II

“VPNs, so I can get on Facebook!”
– Raina, Sec III



“Ma Momma...”
– Dexter, Sec III

“Money, because it makes me happy.”
– Danny, Sec IV



“My sideburns...cuz they’re awesome.”
– Brooke, Sec II

“Freedom.”
– Ms. Baker



“Everything because we should always be grateful for what we have.”
– Jessica, Sec I

QSI College Night
QSI Shekou Fenghua Campus
December 1, 2011

Thursday 6-8 p.m.
AP/IB Presentations
University Presentations
Q&A for Visitors
NHS Bake Sale

From Russia, With Love

By: Shogun

Mrs. Van Winkle grew up in Russia. She came to the United States, where she met her husband when she was 22. Here at QSI, she teaches Intensive English and Journalism II (the class that creates the yearbook).

Mrs. Van Winkle didn’t always want to be a teacher. She majored in Business and Public Relations in an international business school back in Russia and worked at several different companies. “I realized that I did not like the corporate job that much,” she claimed when asked why she changed to teaching. She had been hanging out with Mr. Van Winkle and realized that teaching was what she wanted to do. Her favorite subjects in school were writing, literature, geography, economics and history. She hated science though, but ironically she married a science teacher.

The couple moved to China after Mr. Van Winkle got a job at QSI. He took the job because they wanted to try something new. Currently, it is their second year in Shekou. “I really like it; I see a lot of things that are similar as I was growing up, because I also grew up in a communist country.



Mrs. Van Winkle gasps in horror at a minor typo in last year’s yearbook.

But I also like the blend of Asian culture.” She states that, in China, nothing really challenges her – except the language. She took Chinese classes, but gave up eventually. She claimed that no matter how hard she tries to speak it, no one understands her.

In China, every day is amusing to Mrs. Van Winkle. On her first day, she and Mr. Van Winkle went into a restaurant. However, they couldn’t read a word from the menu, so they pointed at the pictures. They first pointed at a picture that looked like cut-up meat, but the waitress shook her head and said no. They thought it was weird, but still went on and picked another one that looked like chicken. The waitress smiled and said it was good, so they ordered it. They tasted it and found it unfamiliar, and realized that it wasn’t chicken ... it was pig’s feet! As they could still see the hairs sticking out on the feet as they ate it, they

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were afraid to go out and eat for the next couple of days as a result of that first experience.

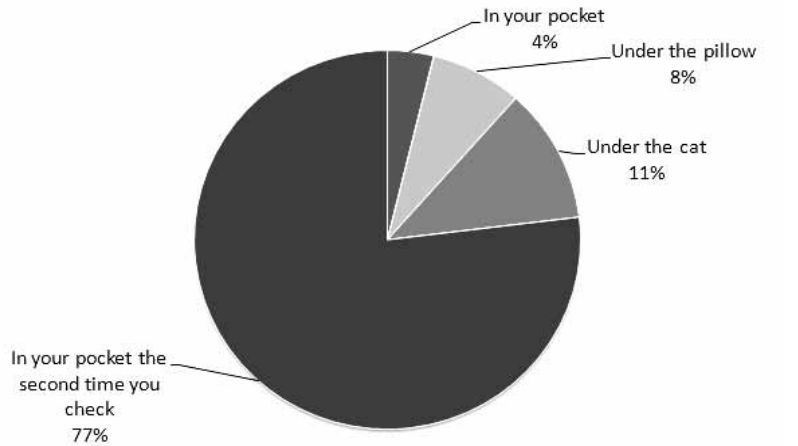
Mrs. Van Winkle enjoys mountain biking and snowboarding during weekends back home in Russia and

she also loves tennis. Reading is also one of her favorite things to do on her free time.

Mrs. Van Winkle is excited to be starting off her teaching career at QSI, a place she thinks to be a small school that contains a lot of spirit.

International Geographic

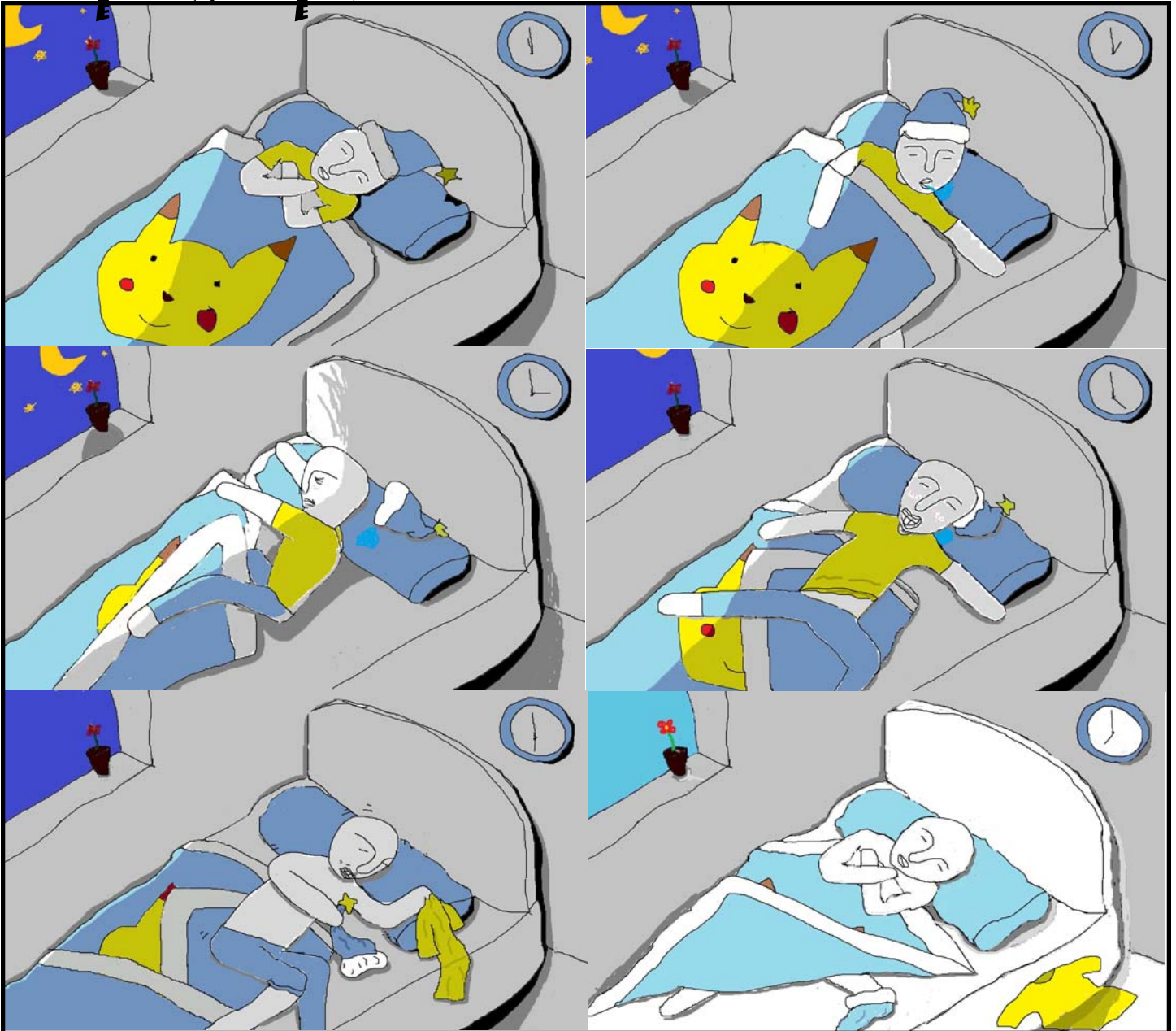
When you lose your keys/phone/wallet, it's most probably



Impromptu

By: Fire Egg

By: Spiro



Spirit, Skills and Sweat

By: Jasper

Basketball season has arrived, with all its glory. Having played three matches each, the QSI boys' and girls' teams have not been as successful as they would like to have been so far. However, hopes are still high for both teams, despite the boys' team's three-game losing streak. "Though the boys haven't won any games yet this year, our team is steadily improving and I believe that we have the potential to claim this year's championship," says the boys' captain, Stefan Riemens.

Though the boys have only played two teams so far this year, Country Garden School (CGS) and Clifford International School (CIS), they have already had some hot action with high-scoring games of 35-41 against CGS and 34-37 against CIS. Overall, "They're coming together quite well. The teamwork is finally starting to shine. They show a lot of hustle even after I run them to death! We will al-



AJ Kipfer attempts to intercept, while Stefan Riemens and Chad Eggleston box out.

ways have a chance to win as long as we keep up our attitude," says Coach Matt Argyle.

The girls, on the other hand, have had two extremely close games against both CGS and CIS, losing 24-26 and 25-26, respectively. However, in their third game of the season, they met CIS again on the court and made a comeback of 31-10, triumphantly trampling the team that had so closely



Esther Baek quickly scans the court, seeking a teammate to pass to.

beaten them by merely one point during the previous game. "The girls are strong this year. We have half returners, and half new players. There is a really positive attitude this year with the players, and also really strong leadership from the captain, Felicity Sedmak. As long as we keep going the way we have, I don't see a problem in claiming the championship," says Coach Nikki Clowers. Hopefully, that is to be the case for QSI this year - go for the gold, hoopsters!

Aquatic Awesomeness



By: Spiro

We swim like fish!

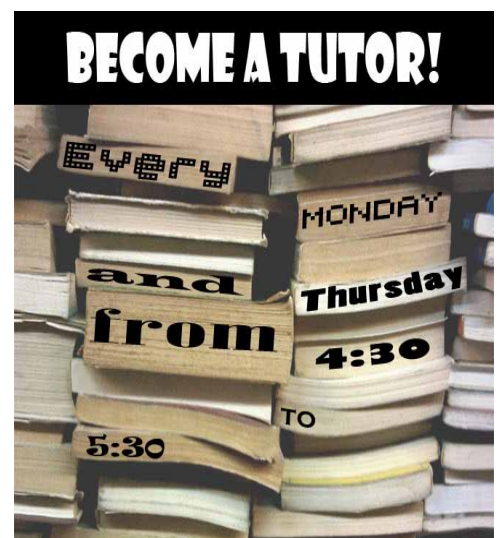
The QSI Shekou swimming team, consisting of nine talented swimmers, competed in an international swim meet in Hanoi, Vietnam, November 11-

12. The team left Thursday evening and arrived back in China Monday, November 14.

The QSI swim squad had great results at the competition, with over 30 medals won during the meet. Emma Woodhead, Lulu Buchwald, and Jacob Hilliker were



runners-up to the highest point totals in their age groups. Special recognition to Raul Salvidar, who was only 3 points behind Jacob. Congrats to all the swimmers!



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