

Quantum of Solace Review

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The newest edition to the James Bond legacy will be released November 14 this year. The plot is a continuation of *Casino Royale*, which hoped to give the infamous 007 some background to justify his attitude and womanizing. Bond's love, Vesper, betrayed him in a plot twist at the end of *Casino Royale*. *Quantum of Solace* picks up with Bond trying to bring those responsible to justice. His challenge is to keep from seeking personal revenge. This kind of continuation makes *Quantum Solace*, in a sense, the first sequel to a Bond movie.

The biggest question is, however, does Daniel Craig, the Blond Bond, bring to the table the same quality character made famous by Sean Connery in 1962-1971, Roger Moore in 1973-1985 and even more recently Pierce Brosnan? Many doubt that Craig falls into the same category. Perhaps the Bond movies do not pack the punch that they used to, but the action could make it worth seeing.

Get'cha Get'cha Head in the Game

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"We're fast and aggressive. In order for us to be competitive we have to be tougher than anyone else," says boys' Varsity basketball coach Michael O'Guinn. He and others are excited to launch a fresh boy's basketball season. Tryouts were in early November, and this team is looking sharp.

"We're changing the culture of the program," say O'Guinn. Big challenges lie ahead, however. Last year's record was less than favorable. The game plan is to put the past behind and showcase their experienced talent.

Senior Dillon Moeller said, "My challenge is consistency. Some days are really good, but some days I don't know what I'm doing." But Moeller is optimistic. "The best part is coming together to win on Friday nights." While last year was labeled as a rebuilding season, he expects this year to move further ahead and be a great step forward.

This year's team is heavily composed of juniors and sophomores. While this may be a disadvantage in the short term, this will greatly help seasons in the future. This year is a great opportunity for the younger players.

"We focus practice on individual skill development, knowledge of the game, and competing, wanting to win," says O'Guinn.

"The worst part is the running," Moeller admits.

This new program comes with new coaching and fresh expectations. "In everything we do we're going to act as a family all year," O'Guinn explains. "We anticipate every game. We're going to play every game like it's a championship."

For Moeller and the other seniors, it's their last chance to make their mark, so it's now or never. As long as they are all in it together, it will not be an opportunity lost.

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Going for the Gold

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Curling, or shuffleboard on ice, was made an Olympic sport for the 1998 winter games in Nagano, Japan. Highly competitive, curling fever has reached North Canyon. Last year, a group of new North Canyon sophomores, all from colder regions of the United States, came together with a vision: make curling a reality for North Canyon students. They faced many obstacles, mainly the fact that Phoenix has no curling facilities, and outdoor curling is not an option at any time during the year. Equally as challenging was finding a curling coach—they seem to be in short supply in the warmest state in the country.

The North Canyon curling team has now been established. They play at the Ice Den and have become renowned statewide. Being the only competitors, they have won every single Arizona tournament, making their record 9-0. Coach John Frost is proud of their achievement, and says, "I am so proud of their achievements. Maybe by next year more Arizona curling teams will have been created and we can actually beat someone."

The team has not stopped there. The XXI Olympic Winter Games will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, February 12-28, 2010. The US curling team trials will be held in Broomfield, Colorado and our record curling team has qualified to attend and compete.

“It’s the most exciting moment of my life,” say junior Noah Fence. Good luck to the North Canyon curlers!

A Grad Night to Remember

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Graduation will soon be upon North Canyon. Senioritis is setting in. It is becoming easier to sleep in class, but it is especially unadvised this time of year. While so many seniors are dozing off, they must be dreaming of that famous and all-important walk across the stage to receive their diploma, followed by a fun and wild Grad Night. This year, in light of a tough economy and small budget, Grad Night may be a different kind of event than usual.

Last year’s Grad Night was held at Fiddlesticks, but the unseasonable rain and cold closed many of the activities. “It would have been good if the games worked and we weren’t stuck inside,” says senior Patrick D’Hooostelaere who attended as a senior’s guest. Odds are that there will not be the same issues this year, but if hell freezes over again, the location does not provide much to offer. Buffalo Ridge Park, just north of North Canyon, will be available to seniors and their guests for \$30 each.

Student government realizes that this is a drastic measure to keep costs low, but the activities planned will make up for it. A bounce house will be set up in the parking lot and the baseball and basketball courts will be lit up all night for student use. A cakewalk will be available and the Equestrian Club will bring their horses and give rides as a fundraiser.

Grad Night is like the One Hour Reunion. How will you start off your post-secondary life? Come party it up at the park!