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Dexter Drama Club,

My name is Kennedy Lint, and for my senior year, I'm running as an incumbent Improv Captain for our improv troupe, Off-Q! In my 5 years with the DDC, I've participated in 15 shows: mostly as an actor, but occasionally as a member of soft techs like publicity, props, and costumes. In my sophomore year, I served as our Sergeant at Arms. I've been improvising for three years, and for the last two, I participated in every show and workshop Off-Q had to offer.

As this year comes to an end, I cannot fathom that this is the conclusion of the incredible experience I've had leading our troupe. Throughout the season, I adored seeing nervous first-timers grow into quintessential regulars, structuring meetings and explaining new topics. I treasured watching a group take on a game I've just explained, then giving them feedback and watching as they apply it the next time around, and the next. Outside of meetings, I enjoyed making posters, programs and taking any reason to email my disproportionately vast emailing list. I delighted in photographing my improvisers (and sharing my favorite moments on our Instagram with some rib-tickling hashtags). In short, Off-Q is much more than improv to me. It's my passion project.

In my time as captain last year, I established and maintained a successful Instagram account, designed new club merch, created an organized system to cast our shows, and, with my co-captain, drastically increased attendance in both meetings and shows. Emily & I led our club through (soon to be) 5 shows, including Race to the Punchline, Stories by the Fire, Death of Winter, Off-Q's Family Vacation, and our Senior Roundup. I kept all of my promises to my club, except for one: troupe outings!

Although David, Emily, and I did our best to secure a "family-friendly" show with David's troupe, struggles with coordination rendered us unsuccessful. Next year, I hope to absolve myself by removing my "improv show or bust" mindset and instead planning several typical bonding events with a couple of shows sprinkled in. These bonding events would range from post-meeting meals to evenings at Pinball Pete's. If the "family-friendly" drought occurs again, I plan to substitute the experience with *Who's Line is it Anyways?* and *Middleditch and Swartz* viewing parties.

I am running for Improv Captain again because I feel that this position truly suits me. When I ran for this position last year, I couldn't have imagined the hold it has on me now: my skills in leadership, communication, and organization shine here, and I have a deep sense of belonging in this supportive & hilarious group. I love my troupe and I hope to serve them again in the 2023-2024 school year.

Lotsa love,

Kennedy