Ladies for the Lighthouse

Interact Club Hosts its Annual Empty Bowls Fundraiser

JESSICA AVALLONE STAFF REPORTER

On December 16th-17th, Interact Club will host the Empty Bowls fundraiser in the cafeteria during all lunch periods. The donations will benefit a local food bank, The Lighthouse. The Lighthouse reaches out to meet the needs of impoverished individuals and families in northern Allegheny and Butler County.

Vice-President of Interact Club, senior Emefa Akwayena, shared her favorite part of participating in Empty Bowls when she said, “It is a great event in the high school because it shows first-hand how students can do something as simple as buying soup to help raise money for The Lighthouse.”

Tickets were on sale last week; however, tickets can still be purchased for $5 on the days of the event. One ticket includes two bowls of soup, drink, and bread. All proceeds go straight to the food bank.

Senior and President of Interact Club, Hannah Reiling, explained why Empty Bowls was moved from a Saturday to during the week when she said, “Although the event was successful in the past, mostly community members came out to donate. We hope that by moving the event to the lunch periods it will allow for more students to get involved and become aware of the need in our community.”

Eating soup for lunch on Wednesday and Thursday is a simple way to give back to those who go without the luxury of a home-cooked meal.

Got $5? Bring it in this week during your lunch period to get a ticket! (CASH ONLY)
John Adams: Unappreciated
President #2 Shouldn’t be #2 in America’s Eyes
RILEY MOORE NEWS & FEATURES EDITOR

Americans revere names like Washington, Jefferson, and Lincoln. Each did something great, and are therefore thanked by beautiful monuments in our nation’s capital. But what about the Presidents who lead and kept the country safe until a period of change could take place? Where are their honors?

John Adams was our second President. He was part of the Federalist Party and signed the Alien and Sedition Acts. These acts were intended for war measures, and he signed them due to the public’s favoritism. This was one of the worse moments of his Presidency, and Adams’ work in the office will forever be tainted with that moment of weakness where he signed the two acts.

However, that one mistake does not outweigh the positives in John Adams’ life. He represented the British soldiers for the Boston Massacre Trial when no one else would, believing that there was a possibility the soldiers were innocent. Adams strongly supported independence and fighting against the British for liberty in the Continental Congress. He convinced Thomas Jefferson to write the Declaration of Independence. He spent years abroad in Europe attempting to bring peace between all nations and America. Adams became the first Vice President of the United States, and was rightfully voted in as the second President. During his Presidency, he prevented war and made peace with France.

A great man and great leader, John Adams is not popular in historical eyes. It makes me sad because I think he was a very bright man, a very educated man. He had brilliant ideas, and always cared deeply for America. But why doesn’t he have a monument in D.C.? Adams was just as influential as Washington and Jefferson. Being their friends, he encouraged them and influenced many of their ideas. And as a leader of a new country, Adams did very well as President. Adams deserves a monument because he is a framer of the Declaration of Independence. He spent years abroad in Europe attempting to bri...
America’s Next Top Model Says Goodbye: Season 22 Finale Closes the Curtain

EMILY MITCHUM OPINION EDITOR

Friday, December 4th, Nyle Dimarco won ANTM’s final season. That’s right. Tyra announced via Instagram that this will be the last season of the hit TV show.

“Thinking #ANTM22 should be our last cycle…Our diehard fans know we’ve expanded the definition of beauty, presented what Flawsome is, touched and boooched and boom boom boomed, shown the world how to show their neck, rocked couture/catalogue/commercial poses, have found our (and your) light, strutted countless runways, gone on tons of go-sees, added guys to the girls mix, and have traveled around the globe and back again.”

Hosted by Tyra Banks since 2002, the show has provided a look inside the modeling industry, and a new heartwarming story of self-discovery and growth for each of the girls every season. Season 21 introduced guys to the mix to compete for the top title. Models compete through weekly challenges and photo shoots to avoid elimination. The last model standing is America’s Next Top Model.

Dimarco, 26, was awarded a contract with NEXT Model Management, a spread in Nylon Magazine, and $100,000 to become the face of Zappo’s Couture relaunch in 2016. After an intense final runway against his fellow finalist, Mame Adjei, Dimarco was named victorious.

Dimarco is deaf and represents the hard of hearing community, but does not let that define him. Throughout the season Dimarco declared that his mission would be to redefine how people view the deaf.

“I want to point out that this is not only about breaking the barriers for the entire deaf community all over the world, but also about educating the world on what being deaf is truly all about - that it has a culture and a beautiful language, American Sign Language (ASL).” Dimarco said in an interview via DailyMail Online.

With the money Dimarco earned, he launched an app to help the average person learn American Sign Language to communicate with deaf friends.

This season was filled with tough competitors, and picking a favorite was difficult for everyone. I was personally a huge fan of Lacey Rogers, who tied for third place. Regardless, I am happy with the outcome of the season. Nyle has proved to be a fantastic model.

Looking back as a long-term fan of the show, it’s sad to know I won’t be able to watch it next year. I truly hope that Tyra changes her mind, or creates a new show that takes screen. She doesn’t plan on retiring any time soon.

As the show closes, we must dry our tears and remember the lesson that has inspired all of us. Tyra has taught us to smize fiercely, and love our flaws dearly. We see your beauty.

I’m Broke Now: Why Girls Wallets are Always Empty

MIA GINOCCHI STAFF REPORTER

Last weekend, I walked into Aerie to get underwear. I got three bras. How much is that worth? Twenty bucks? Wrong! Way wrong!

I spent 141 dollars in that store on three things – that includes the sale.

That got me thinking – I’m always dirt poor. Going to the mall to hang out kind of scares me now, if I’m going to be honest. It might just be because I have an addiction to shopping, but seriously, have you seen the prices in some of those stores? Just walk into a Sephora, or an American Eagle, or a Hollister (bring your flashlight). Everything there is so overpriced it hurts to look at. I got a lotion for 10 dollars. That’s waaaaay too much.

Now you can argue and say, “Well, if you’re going to complain about the prices, then don’t buy it.” Yeah, I know. I wish I had the willpower to do that.

There’s also standards. You could buy the cutest shirt you’ve ever seen for $10 bucks at Target, but better pray that nobody asks you where it’s from. It immediately becomes five times less cute, for some reason.

But the worst part is going to buy something and just as the cashier is ringing it up, you realize you don’t have enough money for it (for reasons stated above.) Then you have to do the mortifying “Sorry, I changed my mind,” and do the walk of shame out of the line.

So guys – next time you complain about buying everything for girls, well duh. It’s not like we want to spend all that money ourselves.

Past Grad Day: Wed. Dec 23

When: All lunches and periods 2-4 too.

Where: Library

Art on Your Mind?
Submit to Inkwell

What to submit: poetry, short fiction, photography

Where: room 212 or prhsinkwell@gmail.com

Due: by Dec. 23

History Club Meeting

Topic: Physics in American History

Wednesday Dec. 16
Room 29
Contact:
towens@pinerichland.org
for more details.
Capes for the Cure: Minithon Helps Conquer Cancer
ELAINA HARRIS ASSISTANT OPINION EDITOR

Monday December 7 and Monday December 14 the PR Minithon hosted Capes For the Cure in Home Economics teacher Kathy Bylinowski’s room 114. PR Minithon organizes fundraisers and other charity events all year culminating in a dance-a-thon at the end of the year, donating proceeds from the dance to the Four Diamonds Fund. The fund provides financial and emotional support to parents whose children are suffering from pediatric cancer and money for pediatric cancer research.

PR Minithon was established last year to mimic Penn State’s THON which also raises money for the Four Diamonds Fund.

Together PR Minithon members along with Key Club and NHS members and anyone else who wishes to participate decorated capes for children with pediatric cancer to wear to their doctor’s appointments. The group also made cards with supportive messages, such as “stay strong” and “you’re a super star” written on them. With help and supplies from Bylinowski club members came together to decorate the capes with paint, glitter, and stickers, along with the message FTK (For The Kids.)

By supporting the Four Diamonds Fund the PR Minithon will help the world get one step closer to finally conquering pediatric cancer.

←Pictured here: Senior Shane Parker creating a cape.

School Pictures:
Stop by the office to pick them up asap.

Second Mass Extinction Since the Dinosaurs On Way
BRANDON BELLORA STAFF REPORTER

Recently, a shocking announcement was made by president Barrack Obama. In this announcement he stated that we have around a year to stop climate change. This will happen if/when the planet’s average temperature reaches two degrees celsius higher than normal. This is approximately three degrees fahrenheit.

If the planet exceeds this limit, the planet will be permanently hotter and will never be able to cool down.

If this event happens, it will trigger many things and none positive. Firstly, this will raise the sea levels and put many major cities partially underwater on coastal areas such as Manhattan. This slight warming will also kill many animals to which we are seeing an effect of right now. This could possibly trigger a massive extinction event killing most species we know. Surprisingly, this slight warming is theorized to possibly trigger another Ice Age in a lengthy way that is hard to explain.

We as a whole have to find a way to prevent Global Warming. Global Warming could end the world as we know it.

The California Shooting: A Different Perspective
EMEFA AKWAYENA STAFF REPORTER

This past Wednesday, a tragedy struck in California, affecting people all around America. According to ABC News, this is the nation’s deadliest mass shooting since the one at Sandy Hook Elementary school, occurring three years ago, and killing 26 children and adults. This time around, the shooting happened at the Inland Regional Center, where the county health officials were having an employee banquet as a married couple declared open fire.

Over the last few years, the amount of mass shootings has increased drastically, and happens in everyday places. What is happening to our world some may ask? How can people leave their houses knowing they can be safe? When is the next time this will happen? None of these questions have definite answers. You cannot really be sure that you are safe everywhere, and you cannot predict the next time an event like this will happen. So what exactly can you do? There are two views to this situation. One can either look at all the tragedies occurring in the world as terrible, or live in complete fear, or one can take a different approach and find the elements to be thankful for in each.

In the situation of Wednesday, the FBI, Police, detectives, and the other authorities, all are factors to be thankful for. Without them, the whole story would look completely different. These individuals are willing to put their lives on the line to fight for innocent civilians, just as they are, in order to save their lives of others before their own. These men and women are ready to fight for the wellbeing of America, regardless of what it takes. That speaks volumes about our nation. It shows how quickly we are able to unite and act when our friends from the other side of the country are hurting. Once you look at the story with this perspective, it truly illustrates the love and mutual respect individuals have for people they do not even know.
Students Spotlight: Esa Glass

MIA GINOCCHI STAFF REPORTER & SOPHIA CLEGG STAFF REPORTER

What grade are you in? 9th
Favorite book? Divergent Series
Do you participate in sports? I do gymnastics.
Best friends? Gianna Chrowstowski, Mia Ginocchi, Megan Coddington, Sophia Clegg, Bella Daley
Single or dating? Dating
Favorite things to do outside of school? Hanging out with friends
Favorite movie? The Blind Side
Favorite Class? Theatre Arts
Favorite color? Blue or Purple
Favorite store? Pacsun
Favorite food? Mashed potatoes
Favorite thing about school? Seeing friends
Are you looking at any colleges? Yes, University of Cincinnati, Northwestern, and John Hopkins
Career? Medical Field
When’s your birthday? December 17

Who should RAMPAGE feature next?
Let us know!

Email: prhsrampagenews@gmail.com

Donald Trump Makes Controversial Statement Following Terrorist Attacks

JILLIAN SIEGAL FRONT PAGE EDITOR

At a rally on Monday December 7, Republican front-runner Donald Trump left the crowd in shock with a statement about banning all Muslims from travelling into the United States. This comment came in response to the attacks in San Bernardino, California, which are allegedly acts of terror affiliated with the Islamic extremist group, ISIS. The shooting killed fourteen people, and injured twenty, leaving it the deadliest terrorist attack on US soil since 9/11.

Trump stated that the United States should ban all travel of Muslims until “we know what is going on” regarding ISIS. According to Trump’s campaign manager, Corey Lewandowski, who spoke to CNN, the ban would apply to both Muslims looking to live America, as well as Muslims who would like to travel for tourism purposes.

“Until we are able to determine and understand this problem and the dangerous threat it poses, our country cannot be the victims of horrendous attacks by people that believe only in Jihad, and have no sense of reason or respect for human life,” said Trump.

Though Trump has been leading the republican polls up until this point, the comments are likely to cause a downfall in his popularity. Other republican candidates have taken this as an opportunity to pass Trump. Jeb Bush called trump “unhinged”, while Lindsey Graham called Trump “downright dangerous.”
Girls Basketball Team off to a Strong Start
ALAINA KALIN STAFF REPORTER

The girls basketball team has gotten off to a great start this season. They had their first games of the season at a tip-off tournament in Blackhawk last weekend, where they defeated Vincentian Academy, who are the Single-A 2-year running state champs. The score was 61-49. Junior, Amanda Kalin scored 21 points, which made her the top scorer of the game, followed by senior, Chelsea Rourke who helped with 18 points, who was the second top scorer in the game. In their next game, they crushed the Blackhawk Indians, who are also Quad A State champs. This game was the championship of the tournament. The final score was 79-46. The Rams won the whole tournament. Once again, the top scorers were Kalin, who scored 17, followed by Rourke, with 14. Their first section game was on Tuesday, December 8. The Rams played the Mars Planets, and beat them with a final score of 58-36.

So far the team has been looking really strong. The team has a very good chance of being at the WPIAL championship as long as they keep playing like they are now. With four starters returning this year the team is very experienced, and knows what it takes to be the best.

James Conner's Fight
ABHINAV VENKATAKRISHNAN ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

On Friday December 4th, Pitt's junior running back James Conner received news that he was diagnosed with Stage 2 Hodgkin's Lymphoma which is a cancer to the lymph nodes. Conner had to miss almost the whole season this year due to a torn MCL in the first game.

Conner first made his presence last year as a sophomore for Pitt. He finished with a staggering 1,765 yards and also totaled 26 touchdowns. He finished seventh in rushing in the FBS last year and third for rushing touchdowns out of all the running backs in the FBS last year too.

Conner is keeping a positive attitude through this difficult time. According to ESPN twitter page. Conner was quoted saying, "I choose not to fear cancer. I will play football again." Also, on James Conner twitter page, Conner said, "My teammates mean the world to me. Show much love from my brothers. I can't wait to take the field with them again as a Pitt Panther."

Conner is not going to let cancer get the best of him, as Conner is determined to fight cancer and get back on the football field.

Bowl Game or Road Game?
Pitt Faces Tough Opponent in Navy
BRYAN KURP SPORTS EDITOR

I have decided to take a short break with my “From Then to Now” series. Instead, for the next three weeks, I am going to write about my favorite part of the sports year: College Football Bowl Season!

Last Sunday, December 6th, College Football released the bowl matchups for the 2015-2016 bowl season. My favorite team, Pitt, was chosen to play in the Military Bowl against Navy on December 28th, 2015. Not only is Navy ranked 21st in the polls, but they are also playing the bowl at their own stadium in Annapolis, Maryland. This makes the Panthers’ task of beating Navy much harder.

Pitt(8-4), is heading into the game with the ACC Rookie of the Year, Qadree Ollison as well as Tyler Boyd, who is arguably the ACC’s top Wide Receiver. Pitt’s offense needs to score points early in the game because Navy strictly runs the ball and only attempted 84 passes the whole season. Another deciding factor of the game is going to be whether Pitt’s defense can stop Navy’s explosive triple-option offense.

Navy’s Quarterback, Keenan Reynolds is a Heisman dark-horse. Reynolds has run for 1,049 yards this season and for 19 touchdowns. Navy also has a dangerous Running Back, Chris Swain. Swain has run for 847 yards and 10 touchdowns.

If Pitt’s offense can score early and often and their defense can limit Navy’s triple-option offense, they might end up winning the bowl game and ending Pat Narduzzi’s first season as head coach with a win.

Ready for Rugby?
SARAH LUIKEN
ASSISTANT ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

The North Pitt United Rugby Football Club is looking to recruit excited rugby enthusiasts from all across the north Pittsburgh area. The RFC is open to both girls and boys, who will be coached by Coach Jesse Danka.

The RFC will aim to field three teams, Junior Boys (6th-8th), Varsity Boys (9th-12th), and Varsity Girls (9th-12th). Currently, the RFC has 32 Varsity Boys, 8 Junior Boys, and 3 Varsity Girls. The first Safe-Tackling Clinic on December 5, 2015 had amazing turnout, yet the RFC is looking to attract more eager rugby players for Safe-Tackling Clinics on December 12th and 19th from 8-10 pm at the Wildwood Sports Complex.

Rugby is one of the fastest growing sports in the country. However, Coach Jesse Danka said, “We are constantly battling the lack of knowledge about the sport and personal preconceived notions that people have about rugby.” Though Rugby is considerably popular abroad, the attraction in America isn’t as huge as, say, football.

So are you ready for rugby? Any Pine-Richland student even a little interested in rugby should consider joining the RFC for the sport, competition, and friendship to be met. Students can follow @NorthPittUnited on Twitter for more information.

Basketball Double-Header!
@ North Allegheny
Tues. Dec. 15
Ball Drops with jv girls: 3:30
The Mysterious Number of 13: Where it Got its Bad Reputation and Bad Luck
RYAN MURPHY MARKETING DIRECTOR

Everyone knows the unlucky connotation the number 13 withholds, and since it is our 13th edition of the Rampage, it seems most appropriate to discuss how this occurred.

According to History.com, many historical events that have caused the number 13 to be unlucky. The first has to do with ancient civilization of the Sumerians.
The Sumerians considered the number 12 to be a perfect number and since the number 13 comes directly after the luckiest and perfect number, it was considered lacking, unusual, unlucky (I know! It sounds ridiculous!).

The next situation has to do with a story in the Bible. Disciple Judas Iscariot left his legacy as the one to betray Jesus and coincidentally arrived as the thirteenth guest of The Last Supper. Many, however, do not see this as a coincidence.

Based on these past situations and many others, people have become afraid of the number 13. This condition has been diagnosed as paraskevidekatriaphobia. However, in the end the number 13 may just love Pine-Richland High School because it seemed to allow the 13th movie to be released.

How Our World Has Changed
OLIVIA CARDI STAFF REPORTER

You might be surprised by how your generations are totally different from your parents and your grandparents.
For one, iPhone were never thing.
I'm pretty sure anyone barely even touched one of those bulky cord phones when our parents were teenagers.
And I bet you your parents always make comments about how you're always 'on that dang phone'. Because they never experienced phones and our generation’s way of communication.
From what we've all experienced and seen, we barely even go outside because of social media.
And our parents can't seem to understand why.
There are tons of videos on twitter and Instagram and snap chat of parents trying to figure out how iPhones work and how to take videos on snap chat.
Text posts, Instagram captions, tweets; they all talk about how all they want to do is watch Netflix and eat pizza.
Our generation is a scary one.
But there's also 12 year olds who think its ok to text and snap chat and swear because of social media and iPhone. I'm not lying when I tell you our world is scarier than you may think.

Seniors:
Get your caps and gowns from Mrs. Morrow in the Principal’s office.
Movie Review: King Kong Delivers More than Your Average Scare

HOPE NOLAN STAFF REPORTER

King Kong is one of the most famous and iconic movie giant monsters, other than Godzilla. Since 1933 he has appeared in movies, cartoons, books, video games, theme park rides and even a stage play. I recently watched the 2005 remake of the 1933 original on TV.

The film received criticism for being three hours long. It’s an epic adventure monster film, but I think it’s more of a horror movie mixed with Jurassic World. That’s because he kills many people like one which is typical of a horror villain. It’s pretty impressive when King Kong fights and kills three t-rex’s while protecting his girl. I still wonder how King Kong became 25 feet tall to this day. How about an origin story, Hollywood? Inhabitants of the island also include giant bugs which would give anyone the creeps. There are also giant bat-like rodents. This is a must see for any Giant Monster Movie fan. Overall it’s a great movie. I give it four out of five stars.

Christmas Trees: The Story Behind the Popular Holiday Tradition

ELAINA HARRIS ASSISTANT OPINION EDITOR

If you celebrate Christmas you are bound to have some sort of Christmas tree in your home. Although Christmas trees are decorated as a means of celebrating the holiday around the world there are a lot of people who have no idea why.

Early Christmas trees would sometimes be cherry or hawthorn branches rather than the modern Fir tree. These branches would then be placed in a pot, in hopes that they would bloom by Christmas time.

According to whychristmas.com “the first documented use of a tree at Christmas and New Year celebrations is in town square of Riga, the capital of Latvia, in the year 1510.” Not much is known about this tree, other than the fact that men attended the celebration wearing black hats and burnt the tree after the ceremony.

The first person to actually bring a Christmas tree into their home is unknown. Some say it was the German preacher Martin Luther, who saw the stars shining through the tree branches and decided to bring the tree inside, as it reminded him of Jesus. Another German legend suggests that a family invited a poor boy into their home to spend the night away from the cold, and in the morning this boy became Jesus who gave them a Fir branch in thanks for their kindness. So, they brought a Fir tree into their home every Christmas in remembrance of that night.

So, this year when you decorate your Christmas tree remember the origin story of one of the most recognizable sites during the holidays.

Good News of the Week Award

Goes to:

JRTTOC!

About 20 cadets delivered nearly 50 presents to residents at St. Barnabas Retirement Home last Wednesday. Way to go!

Meme of the Week: