CADETS STAND STRONG

ROTC Rocks the North Allegheny Drill Competition

ISABELLE KRATZ ASSISTANT EDITOR IN CHIEF

ROTC competes annually in the Drill Competition hosted by North Allegheny, and after a less than satisfactory competition last year, senior T.J. Nicotra was excited by the increased efforts he and his fellow JROTC members showed at this year's competition.

“We've done pretty well in the past, but this is the best we've ever done,” said Nicotra. The JROTC Drill Competition team is made up by volunteer basis, and 30 of the 70 members wanted to compete at their second competition of the year.

The team received 11 trophies for categories such as Advanced Armed and Advanced Unarmed, Colorguard, and more. They took first place in six of the eight competitions, and first place overall. All of their teams except for one received a first place; the one team came in fourth, just two points behind first place.

JROTC’s first competition this year was in Erie, where they received third overall. Their competition team is made up of 12-15 teams, with teams of anywhere from four to nine people.

Nicotra said his favorite part about the competition was the drill sequences because, “All the drill sequences are exciting and I love to see the cohesion of the units and the beauty of the neat and intricate lines.”

Nicotra has been involved in JROTC all of his four years at PR and participated in has participated in 10 Drill Competitions.

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Rampage Staff Celebrates & Reflects Upon 25th Issue

Students Share Their Thoughts on the Progression of the Newspaper

RYAN MURPHY MARKETING DIRCTOR

This week the high school newspaper happily celebrates its 25th issue. The progression of the paper and its staff writers has been an ongoing process since the first day of the school year. Many students and staffers shared what was most important in the development of the Rampage through its 25 issues and what improvements still need to be made.

“I noticed that as months went by, the paper seemed to be getting longer,” said junior Savannah Null. “I guess this shows that the staff can handle writing and printing more stories, which is awesome.”

“The Rampage is fantastic because it has sections just like an actual newspaper. You can flip right to what you want to read. However, my one suggestion is for them to stop printing all these ads,” said freshman Will Studt.

Lastly, Rampage staff writer freshman Brandon Bellora reflected upon his experience when writing for the paper for 25 release dates when he said, “I love writing for the paper because you can write about anything. Also, writing 25 issues worth of stories definitely makes you a better writer.”

What do you think the Rampage should improve on for issues to come? Write to us at prhsrampagenews@gmail.com.
America’s Favorite Show: *Fuller House Makes its Debut on Netflix*

EMEFA AKWAYENA
STAFF REPORTER

*Full House* was a popular family show that first aired on September 22, 1987. Many people could relate to the story lines and characters and it was a hit for young 80s and 90s babies. You could always count on an episode to leave with laughter or on a tear-jerking ending. No matter which comedic episode you watched, it would incorporate some kind of life lesson.

Growing up watching *Full House* impacted 80s and 90s children, as it seemed that most people watched the show. Everyone had their favorite on the show, whether it was mature and young DJ, sassy yet spunky Stephanie, or never-aging Uncle Jesse, there was bound to be a character with whom you could connect.

Maybe that is the reason individuals were so excited when Netflix decided to bring back a different version of *Full House* called *Fuller House*. The modified version of *Full House* was created and produced by Jeff Franklin for Netflix. The show stars family favorites: DJ and Stephanie Tanner and Kimmy Gibbler. The show revolves around now DJ Tanner-Fuller and her family. Her character is a parallel to Danny Tanner from *Full House*, as DJ is a widowed mother to three boys: Jackson, Max, and Tommy, just as Danny was a widow with three girls. With the hassle of having to be a single mom of three boys, DJ’s sister Stephanie and childhood best friend Kimmy Gibbler come to live with her and assist her as she raises her family.

Just as viewers did not know what the show would be like, the cast too did not know how its audience would perceive the show. John Stamos, who plays Uncle Jesse, stated, “I was so nervous about doing this again, because it’s so beloved, and I didn’t want to disappoint people. I thought it turned out well and people seemed to like it. I read a couple nice reviews, but then there were these crazy ones.”

Senior Marissa Hurd is a big fan of both *Full House* and *Fuller House*. Her favorite characters in *Full House* were DJ, Stephanie and Michelle which almost matches up perfectly with her new favorite character from *Fuller House*: DJ and Stephanie. When asked about what she thought of *Fuller House* she stated, “I thought it was so good. I was so happy there was a sequel to my favorite show. It did a great job of putting the girls in the spots of Danny, Jesse, and Joey, and they saw everything they did for those girls.”

Despite any criticism received, *Fuller House* has already been renewed for a second season. I asked Hurd if she will be watching season two. She replied saying, “I’m so excited. I definitely will watch it the minute it gets released like I did for season one. I am excited to find out if DJ is team Steve or Team Matt.”

Emperor’s New Clothes: *Music of the Week Review*

RILEY MOORE NEWS & FEATURES EDITOR

Recently, I discovered something amazing. It’s a little band called “Panic! At the Disco.” Never hearing of them before my friend showed me, I just assumed they were just another pop-punk band like Fall-Out Boy, Green Day and so many other bands that already followed the same genre of music.

But that’s not true. When I listen to “Panic!”’s songs, they seem to speak to me. The band was formed in the middle of the first decade in the 21st century, and now in the year of 2016, it only has one member. His name is Brendan Urie. Still choosing to release songs under the name “Panic! At the Disco” for its popularity, Urie released three singles in 2015 all by himself in preparation for his new album *Death of a Bachelor*, which came out on January 15th of this year.

My favorite single is “Emperor's New Clothes” and in October, Urie made a music video for it. AND IT IS AMAZING!!!!!!!!

Beginning with Urie in a place that looks like heaven, he escapes from chains and then is dropped into hell. And throughout the video, Urie becomes a demon. As weird as it sounds, the music video is so cool! I love “Panic! At the Disco” thanks to this song, so the music video better have been outstanding. And it was. Urie is so talented and I certainly hope that if all of the music videos for the rest of the new album look like the one for “Emperor's New Clothes.”

What’s some of your favorite music? Let us know at prhsrampagenews@gmail.com!
St. Richard’s Runs to Raise Money for Kids in Guatemala

ISABELLE KRAZT ASSISTANT EDITOR IN CHIEF

Mark your calendar for April 2nd at 9 a.m. because you should be running (or walking) at North Park Swimming Pool to help kids who cannot afford basic necessities.

St. Richard’s Church always has mission trips to go down to Patzun, Guatemala to help the children at the orphanage. Some of the kids do not receive necessities like food, clothing, and more importantly, money needed for surgeries or medical supplies. St. Richard’s usually has breakfasts after the 8 and 10 o’clock masses on certain Sundays, but with CCD and other religious education programs, they needed another way to raise money with fewer opportunities to raise money through breakfasts.

Senior AnnaMaria Cerminara came up with the idea to raise money called, “Run Across Guatemala 5k Run/Walk.” On April 2nd you can go to North Park Swimming Pool and check in at 8:15am, bring payment by check at the race on Saturday, or you can sign up at http://runacrossguatemala.wix.com/Guatemala5k and pay using credit card.

There are two options:
- #1 Sign up for a 5k run for $25 or #2: Sign up for a 1k walk for $15, and for just signing up, you’ll receive a t-shirt.

Parenting Practice: Child Development Project Proves the Obstacles of Parenthood

JILLIAN SIEGAL FRONT PAGE EDITOR

What is the first thing that comes to mind when you think of a newborn baby? Probably something along the lines of “adorable,” “precious,” and “innocent,” right? Most teenagers would view parenting as effortless, thinking that having a child is limited to playing peek-a-boo and watching cartoons. However, this misconception was quickly damaged during the course of the project that Child Development students endured this quarter. For the assignment, every student enrolled in the class had to choose a weekend to take home a doll baby. Though, unlike most toy dolls, this baby needed changed, burped, rocked, and fed. Meant to act as a real newborn, the doll took no mercy on its sleeping “parent.” The baby would wake up in the middle of the night crying, needing immediate care from his/her parent.

“It was nerve-wracking and difficult in the beginning, but once the second day rolled around I got the hang of it,” said sophomore Julie Sabol.

Students were allowed to have one babysitter, but other than this, the doll had to be in the care of the student for the whole of the weekend. Students had to take the baby with them everywhere they went. Unfortunately for sophomore cheerleader Maddy Ozer, the boy’s basketball WPIAL Championship game happened to fall on the same weekend that she was also caring for her baby boy, Liam. Maddy held and cared for Liam the entire game while also cheering from the sidelines.

“My parents constantly told me that bringing Liam to the game was a bad idea, but I chose to ignore them. At the event, it was hard to focus on the game when I had a baby but luckily my teammates helped me out a ton. Without them I would have struggled to take care of him,” said Ozer.

The project proved a difficult task for most students, though it had a greater reward in the end. Students were able to learn that babies are not all rainbows and sunshine, and parenting is not painless.

“I never realized how hard it is to be a parent before I had this experience,” said sophomore Noelle Fajt.

“In the end, I’m glad I had the opportunity to be involved in this experience. It taught me how much your life changes when a baby is in the picture,” said Ozer.

Modern Macbeth: Students Make a Modern Version of A Shakespeare Classic

RILEY MOORE NEWS & FEATURES EDITOR

On Friday, March 4, Mr. Dolphin’s Honors English 12 students recreated Macbeth, a classic play by William Shakespeare and performed it in front of almost 100 students in the LGI room. While fellow English teacher Mr. Oliverio requires his students to perform the original text of the play, Mr. Dolphin decided to alter the concept a bit.

Dolphin’s version of Macbeth was recreated with modern text, based upon how his students interpreted the old language. He said, “The kids wrote their own scripts so it made more sense. They made the production to show their understanding of the text. All on their own, these students created a production with costumes, props, stage managers, directors, actors, and original scripts. I didn’t help them, and I am very proud of their efforts,” said Dolphin.

Senior Kiel Hillock played the lead role of Macbeth and the three directors were seniors Jared Landis, Nicole Martin, and Zach Steck. The students spent three weeks preparing, and Dolphin plans to put on another production like this one on next year with new students.
Girls Basketball Wins State Playoff Game

First time the Rams win a state playoff game since 1998

ARIANO GOITZ STAFF REPORTER

The girls’ basketball team beat Warren County High School in their first round of states. This is the first time they won a state game in Quad-A. However, the last time they won a state game was in Triple A eighteen years ago. The team won 61-39 against the Erie team. They played in Erie on Friday March 5th at 6:00 p.m.

Warren High School was ranked 1st in their northwest Quad A section. The Rams were ranked 3rd in WPIAL after losing to the ultimate WPIAL champion, Norwin, in the semifinals. The game was never close. The Lady Rams took the lead right away winning 14-2 at the end of the first quarter. At the half, they were up 20-7.

As usual, Amanda Kalin was outstanding at the point guard position. She had eighteen points from both 3s and layups. Senior Chelsea Rourke paced the Lady Rams scoring 3s, layups, and grabbing rebounds right and left. She ultimately had twenty-two points. The rest of the team played great as well and all thirteen girls played and contributed.

The Lady Rams head coach, Tom Reighard said, “The win was due to the team’s excellent effort and chemistry.”

Kickoff Weekend:

Spring Sports are in Session

BRENDA HEIN STAFF REPORTER

Welcome to spring! Baseball and lacrosse start their seasons this week. As the legendary basketball season ends, these sports are ready to take the field and win more WPIAL championships.

Baseball is going to be a real “hit” this year as players have high expectations.

Freshman JD Armstrong said, “The team is coming together really well and we are clicking on every level.”

Hopefully the baseball team can live up to these expectations. The big thing going around is about freshman Troy LaNeve’s commitment to Vanderbilt for baseball. He will definitely be a big threat for the team.

Lacrosse kicked off their season with a 3-2 at the end of the first quarter.

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From Then to Now:

The History of the Term “March Madness”

BRYAN KURP SPORTS EDITOR

Many college basketball fans know of the term “March Madness” and usually associate it with the tournaments at the end of the season. One factoid these fans may not know is that this term originated in high school basketball.

“March Madness” was originated in Illinois. The annual tournament of high school boys’ basketball teams, sponsored by the Illinois High School Association, grew from a small invitational affair in 1908 to a statewide institution with over 900 schools competing by the late 1930’s.

According to ihss.org, Henry V. Porter, assistant executive secretary of the Illinois High School Association, was so impressed by the phenomenon that he wrote an essay to commemorate it. Entitled “March Madness,” it first appeared in the Illinois Interscholastic, the IHSA’s magazine, in 1939.

According to slate.com, the NCAA trademarked the term “March Madness” in 2000. The origin of "Big Dance", which is a synonym for the NCAA tournament is seemingly lost to history.

Starting this week, “March Madness” begins. The NCAA Tournament will begin tomorrow with the “First Four” to decide which teams will compete in the round of 64 teams.

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DECLAN ALLWEIN ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

The little bundle of joy Alexis Kildoo who will be 16 at the end of the month knows how to make any tired or grumpy teenager in the school smile with joy. Alexis knows how to make anyone fill with happiness with one of her famous hugs and kisses.

Alexis loves to spend her time watching wrestling or her favorite movie, Jurassic World. Alexis also loves to wrestle other people. She says when she grows up she wants to be a wrestler and be just like her favorite wrestler, John Cena. She says, “Fifi,” will be her wrestler name when she becomes famous.

Alexis’s favorite animal is a baby elephant although a t-rex is a close runner up. And also, her all time favorite foods are chicken and chocolate milk.

If you ever see Alexis in the hall make sure to give her a big hug or high five and I promise you she’ll put a smile on your face.

Authorcommonly write their novels with the purpose of expressing vibrant language, rather than forcing an exciting plot. Books such as On the Road and The Catcher in the Rye contain colorful dialogue, but sacrifice a gripping story to display the mental challenges and social struggles between characters.

Movie-adaptations of our favorite novels often lack this emotion, sufficed only through words on print. When On the Road was put to screen, viewers immediately noticed how dull the movie was. Jack Kerouac’s novel is famously and explicitly known for its emotional, relatable dialogue. The movie feels empty, lacking the components that made the famous novel feel alive. Instead of a memorable story, On the Road presented a boring, lifeless adventure of Sal Paradise’s travels on the empty American roads. For this very reason, J.D. Salinger refused to adapt The Catcher in the Rye into a play or film. In fact, he preserved the rights of the book in his will to ensure we will never see Holden Caulfield in theaters, despite Stephen Spielbergs’s interest.

Other novels, such as The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn and The Adventures of Tom Sawyer, are too long and cannot fit the immense amount of content within an hour and thirty minutes, resulting in horribly summarized films like 2014’s Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn. Other directors take the liberty in changing the plot, limiting the adventure compiled in the original text. This concept rarely fixes anything; World War Z is enough proof.

With this knowledge, we must ask the question: Should we discontinue the production of book-based movies? Despite the unsuccessful majority, no. Several books have adapted well, such as Harry Potter, Life of Pi, and recently The Martian. Directors are improving upon past mistakes, learning how to avoid these occurring problems. Certainly, we will see several more book-based movies in the future and can only hope for the best in the meantime.

Until then, I’ll just continue to rewind the To Kill A Mockingbird movie. Fortunately, Hollywood didn’t ruin that one.

You think the biggest thing happening at the Oscar’s involved Leo finally winning, or Lady Gaga’s statement singing? Think again. Try the beautiful baby bump being bedazzled by Chrissy Teigen and Emily Blunt! Oh, how about the sparkling silver and glistening gold dresses rocked by Daisy Ridley, Margot Robbie, and Kate Winslet.

The Oscar’s showed off the more basic blacks worn by Kerry Washington, Julianne Moore, Jennifer Garner, Kelly Rippa, and Sofia Vergara. No, we didn’t forget all the elegant eggshell and whimsical white dresses modeled by Olivia Wilde, Sophie Turner, and Lady Gaga. The bling beat out all competition as displayed by Saoirse Ronan, Naomi Watts, Alicia Vikander, and Maria Menounos.

Looking for breathtaking bolds? Take a peek at Mindy Kaling, Patricia Arquette, Olivia Munn, Brie Larson, Rachel McAdams, Tina Fey, Reese Witherspoon, and Charlize Theron.

Or, you could look at the detailed design or loose lace loved by Jennifer Lawrence, Amy Poehler, Cate Blanchett, Charolette Rampling, Rooney Mara, Isla Fisher, Priyanka Chopra, and Giuliana Rancic.

No matter who you were looking at, the Oscar’s were a sight to behold!
Take Me to Berlin
German Students Travel to Germany
EMILY MITCHUM OPINION EDITOR

This Friday, a group of students will set off to immerse themselves in German culture and history. They will fly in two separate groups, one landing in Amsterdam, the other in Paris.

Each day in Berlin, a new theme will arise. The themes reflect different aspects of Berlin the students will learn about that day. One day will be history, the next art, and then food. The students will stay in Berlin for nine days and return at the end of Spring Break.

The students were required to submit videos of themselves speaking German. They then had to post them online to be evaluated for class placements based off of level of fluency.

Junior Michael Veltre said, “I’m so excited for the trip! I can’t wait.”

Frau Poetain, Frau Bellissimo, and Herr Baysinger will lead the students in this immersion, as the school’s three German teachers. If you’re one of the students traveling to Berlin, send your pictures to prhsrampagenews@gmail.com to be featured when you return.

Check out the international page in two weeks for a recap on the trip!

Irish at Heart: St. Patrick’s Day History
JESSICA AVALONE STAFF REPORTER

The holiday consumed by the color green is celebrated every March 17th in order to celebrate the saint’s religious feast day. It began in the Catholic Church and was observed as a religious holiday for over 1,000 years.

According to History.com, “The first parade held to honor St. Patrick’s Day took place not in Ireland but in the United States. On March 17, 1762, Irish soldiers serving in the English military marched through New York City.”

Nowadays more than 100 parades are held across the United States, New York and Boston being home to the largest celebrations.

By the turn of the 19th century, many Irishmen immigrated to America in an attempt to escape the Great Potato Famine in 1845. With an influx of Irish coming to America, St. Patrick’s Day popularity increased as the American Irish celebrated the holiday with passion from their roots.

Currently, there are many other countries that participate in the ‘green day’ festivities. For instance, Japan, Singapore, Russia, Australia, and Canada recognize St. Patrick’s Day as a national holiday besides the United States.

Senior Alexandra Spallek speaks on behalf of the other countries celebrating the Irish tradition. Spallek states, “I never would have thought that St. Patrick’s Day would be celebrated anywhere besides Ireland and the Melting Pot. It’s cool how other cultures can now accept previous traditions.”

Up until 1995 the pubs in Ireland where closed on March 17th in order to honor the religious holiday. However, the government finally caught on to the tourism that it would bring Ireland and decided to showcase their history to the rest of the world. The result includes a whole lot of green and of course, their notorious beer.

Lady found dead in an Elevator: How it all happened
ALAINA KALIN STAFF REPORTER

On Sunday March 6, two Chinese maintenance workers faced charges for the death of woman trapped in an elevator for a month.

The elevator got stuck between the 10th and 11th floor on January 30th. Service men cut off the power cord, and told the residents to use the other elevator. When the service men returned to fix the power cord last week, they opened the elevator and found the woman’s body. According to the Tribune Review a resident at the hotel said, “Her hands were distorted... there were scratches on the wall, it was horrible.” The Tribune also stated that residents could not hear any strange noises coming from the elevator. The victim lived by herself in the building. Authorities say she probably starved to death.

The government said the servicemen should have opened the door to make sure no one was inside. The servicemen men said they banged on the door to make sure nobody was in the elevator, and they got no answer. Authorities are still investigating in the case to see if she starved to death, or if it was involuntary manslaughter.