What began as a $500 grant in child and hunger has turned into a feeding program that helps feed one of the most food insecure counties in Nebraska; Nemaha County (County 44). The product of a partnership between Peru State College, the Food Bank of Lincoln and Catholic Social Services of Southeast Nebraska, Feeding 44 is a rural mobile food distribution whose main focus is to help ease food need in Nemaha County. It does this by hosting a food distribution every second Friday of the month. The initiative that started in May of 2013, serving less than 30 people, has grown immensely by serving 155 people as of August 2013.

Rachel Henry, a junior Sport and Exercise Science major and Business Administration-Management minor from Auburn, is the founder of Feeding 44 had this to say about the program:

Q: Where did the idea for Feeding 44 come from?

“The idea for Feeding 44 started as a grant just in child and hunger that one of my instructors encouraged me to apply for. So basically I wrote it thinking that I would donate the money to the backpack program and hold like a food drive and make some fliers and use that $500 that way. But then the development director of the food bank in Lincoln contacted Dr. Hanson about how they need another mobile distribution site, to bring their food trunk down and deliver. We decided to have that in Peru.”

Q: What keeps you going and doing this every month?

“It’s something I started just because somebody told me to do it. So like ‘this will be good for you,’ this will look good on your resume.’ But, every month when I do it, I realize the need and I realize, you know, that my job is to serve people and serve the campus, the community and so basically that’s why I keep doing it.”

Q: What is it like to manage the program?

“It was stressful getting started because it’s never been done before here. I was basically new to, you know, getting a location, getting my volunteers, making sure there wasn’t any scheduling conflicts and so on. Now it kind of runs its own course. It’s smooth every time and basically I just try really hard to recruit in advance for my volunteers. Management can be tough because there a lot of hoops you have to jump through with the school. But once you get the hang of it, it’s easy and I enjoy it.”

Feeding 44 will remain at Peru State College in conjunction with Peru State’s Institute for Community Engagement (ICE), after Rachel Henry graduates. Dr. Julie Taylor-Costello, director of ICE and advisor to Feeding 44 said, “The ultimate dream for Feeding 44 is that it’s a continual partnership with Peru State College working with the Lincoln Food Bank. That we have a food distribution every month and that we have more students taking advantage of the program and coming to get food, and maybe even down the road, offering a food pantry on campus, specifically for students that may be aren’t on a meal plan or that are on a meal plan but need food over the weekend or something like that. I mean we would love to see this grow so that we can not only serve Nemaha Country, but we could serve our students as well.”

ICE would like to keep the role of coordinator for Feeding 44 a student run position. Currently the program is looking for a student to replace Rachel Henry, as coordinator of Feeding 44 after she graduates. The student would receive training for a few months before they started their new position. If you are interested in doing this, do not hesitate to contact Rachel Henry or Dr. Julie Taylor-Costello for more information.
Students save lives by donating blood

Devin Hart
AD MANAGER

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Jessica Merrill  
COPY EDITOR

Last month, Peru State welcomed the largest freshman class in its history on to campus. The class this year has 266 total students, which is a 28 percent increase from last year’s freshman group.

Incoming freshman students celebrated the beginning of the school year with New Student Weekend festivities, which began on Thursday August 15, and ended that Sunday afternoon.

Activities throughout New Student Weekend included Play Fair, an event with a series of high activity ice breaker games; C.L. Lindsay, a man who discussed college students and the law; and the annual Gooey Grub with the banana slide, which due to the high enrollment numbers, Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, Michaela Willis went down. There was also a Black Light Game Night, a Casino Night, a Mentalist, and motivational speaker Christopher Gutierrez. The weekend wrapped up with speaker Jon Vroman, who spoke about “Living College Life in the Front Row” and a Club/Business Fair and ice cream social for students to attend and take a look at what resources we have on our campus and in our local community.

In addition to this being our largest freshman class, over 12 percent of the class is here on the Board of Trustees scholarship, which is a high academic achievement scholarship offered by the Nebraska State College System for students. The Board of Trustees scholarship is awarded to Nebraska high school residents and graduates, requires a minimum of a 25 ACT score and a recommendation letter, and applicants must be enrolling for the first time at a post-secondary institution.

In 2009, Peru State implemented a “One Rate Any State” program, which allows all students across the country to attend our college for the same tuition rate as in-state students. As a result of this program, out of state enrollment grew over 2 percent this year.

On campus, we have a total of 1,008 students enrolled for classes and overall enrollment including graduate and online students is at 1,926.

Homecoming set for November 2

Jacob Buss  
STAFF WRITER

“Color Me Bobcat” is this year’s homecoming theme which will take place from October 28th through November 2. There are two reasons this theme was chosen. We all see the colors of the leaves change on campus during the fall months, which falls right into homecoming. Also, we have so much diversity and different things on our campus, something that really should be celebrated on campus.

This theme opens up so many possibilities; there is not a feel like we have to have any one kind of event continually happening, so it’s going to allow for events including service projects, things with creativity, and of course, events that get students engaged on campus. This year the grand marshal for the parade will be the 1990 championship football team.

According to Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs, Michaela Willis, there is a chance that the Oak Bowl will not be completed in time for this year’s homecoming and may have to be moved to a different location. Even if the Oak Bowl is completed in time for homecoming, the official reopening will not be until next fall.

According to Ellen Larsen, Student Senate President, the parade will still be held in Peru regardless of where the game will be held. Any club that would be interested in having an entry in this year’s parade should keep a watch on their e-mail for details. Wherever the football game is held, Bobcat pride shall show through at homecoming, and a good time is sure to be had.
Student Senate Update

Jessica Merrill
STAFF WRITER

Student Senate for the 2013-2014 has officially been set with a total of 18 students. On Friday, September 13, Senate had their annual orientation, which consisted of team building activities, sessions over setting goals and rules, information over Senate’s constitution and by-laws and training over Roberts Rules, which is a recognized guide to running meetings and conferences followed by Student Senate.

Members of Student Senate include Ellen Larsen, student body President, a senior Special Education major, and Lexi Nee-mann, student body Vice-President, a junior Psychology major. Senators-at-Large include Natasha Bradley, sophomore Biology major, Darien Rasmussen, freshman Math Education major, Ama Bikoko, sophomore Biochemistry and Psychology major, Melissa Pollard, sophomore Art Education Major, Chloe Langford, junior Early Childhood Special Education major, Levi Krakow, senior Social Science major, Brooke Earnest, senior Criminal Justice Counseling major, and Alyssa Welna, freshman Elementary Education major. Representing the Non-traditional students is senior Johansen, a Biological Science major, and junior Criminal Justice major, Jake Hedden will be representing the Commuter students, and junior Business Administration Marketing major Jessica Merrill will act as the Student Trustee to the Board of Trustees. Residence Hall representatives will include President of the Residence Hall Association, Carrie Lierz, a junior Biochemical Science major, Delzell Hall Representative Tristan Nelson, a freshman Business Administration Management major, and Morgan Hall Representative Aggie Query, a freshman Special Education major.

The Student Senate staff advisors for the 2013-2014 year will be Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs, Michaela Willis and Distance Education Coordinator in the Online Services Department, Cori Christiansen.

Student Senate is in charge of the annual Homecoming parade, which is set to be November 2. Senate hosted a blood drive on September 17 and will also be in charge of the annual Peru Appreciation Night next spring. The group has also set goals for the year which include a recycling program, more effective methods of communication with students, and increasing computer availability on campus.

Students spent several hours cleaning in the men’s dressing room. Senator’s mission is to be “a voice of the students for the students.” Their meetings are every Tuesday at 11:00 am in the CATS Conference room and minutes from meetings are posted on the Peru State website every week at www.peru.edu/student_activities/senate.htm

Grace Cole
STAFF WRITER

On Monday, September 9, many members of The Peru Theatre Company woke to text messages saying that their help was needed in the theatre because part of the ceiling had collapsed. Sometime during the night part of the ceiling in the third floor costume shop gave out, bringing down with it part of the sprinkler system, causing five inches of water to spill over from floor to floor before finally collecting in the men’s dressing room. Among the damages were nearly one hundred costume patterns, some of the sewing equipment, fabrics, various make-ups, and a few costumes in storage that the standing water had collected around.

“The Arts and Sciences departments have agreed to pay for the drying cleaning of the garments that were damaged,” said Devon Denn-Young, Technical Director of the Theatre. It also looks like everything else that was damaged will be replaced.

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“It was heartwarming how calm and collected everyone was while cleaning up because I think we were all thinking the same thing,” said Chloe Langford, junior Early Childhood Special Education major and Vice President of the Residence Hall and Women’s Basketball Association, Carrie Lierz, a junior Early Childhood Special Education major, and Vice President of the Residence Hall and Women’s Basketball Administration Management major, and Morgan Hall Representative Aggie Query, a freshman Special Education major.

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In addition to the freshman class, the following people are new faculty and staff here at Peru State. Be sure to welcome them to Peru and their department.

Margaret Adams, Assistant Professor in the School of Arts and Sciences
Renetta Albury, Head Woman’s Basketball Coach
Angela Bridgmon, Office Assistant for Vice President for Administration and Finance and Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs
Shawnnelle Campbell, Graduate Assistant in Morgan Hall and Women’s Basketball
Kathy Carroll, Vice President for Administration and Finance
Bill Chaffin, Interim Assistant Director of Residence/Graduate Assistant Football/Fusion Conferencing Services
Heath Christiansen, Director of Admission Services
Joanna Cieclocha, Assistant Professor in the School of Arts and Sciences.
Darrin Coe, Assistant Professor in the School of Professional Studies.
Janny Crotty, Certification Officer in the School of Education.
Derek Derr, Assistant Football Coach.
Ann Garey, Office Assistant, School of Education.
Tami Hansen, IT Analyst.
Emily Jantzen, Project Coordinator for the Graduate Programs Office.
Kathleen Jones, Assistant Professor in the School of Education.
Andy Kohls, Assistant Football Coach
Michelle Lee, Assistant Professor in the School of Arts and Sciences
Veronica McAsey, Library Director
Laura McCauley, Assistant Professor in the School of Arts and Sciences
Jared Olive, Graduate Assistant in Delzell Hall and Football
John Tiner, Assistant Professor in the School of Professional Studies.
Tedda Wren, Custodian.

New faculty and staff join Peru State
In a year removing trays saves over 14,000 gallons of water because we aren’t constantly washing tray that rarely get dirty anyway.

Something else that’s new is the heating and air systems in the Student Center, Al Wheeler Activity Center, the College Theater and Geo Thermal Systems in Jindra.

We are actually one of the last state colleges to go trayless.

The dish room waste is pulped to reduce 85% of waste volume.

All cleaning chemicals on campus are “green” and biodegradable.

Also less detergents and chemicals are released into the water supply.
In the beginning of this semester, Peru State College’s SSS program has offered free tutoring to all of its students! There are three amazing resources within the college, and all three are conveniently located in the CATS building. Anything from English, calculus, or even botany, a student can receive help from these three resources: Marie Meland the Tutorial/ADA Services Coordinator, Mike Lundy the Academic Success Coordinator of the Writing and Speaking Lab, and Tadiyos Gebre the Math-Science Skills Specialist.

Currently Gebre is working with 11 SSS tutors for roughly 220 SSS participants. He would like the students to know that “We are here to help.” When should a student seek help? “Students are adults, you can’t force them to get help. They have to be willing, and they have to seek the help.” Gebre also believes that a student should never wait until they are failing to seek help. It also does not mean that the student is a bad student if they get a tutor, it means they are smart enough to know they need help. The challenge is that there is the need for the student’s commitment first. Gebre always thinks about how he is able to get communicate to the students that the help is there and available. “It doesn’t hurt to ask,” Gebre said. He wants the students to “recognize the need before it is too late.”

The first year the CATS building re-established counseling services was in 1990. The extension to the CATS building was in 2012.

Raeanna Carbaugh
STAFF WRITER

Many students across the planet struggle with at least one class. Mike Lundy is the newest resource to the SSS program and he offers free tutoring to all of its students! He is a writer and creates strong sentences, and paragraphs. Mike Lundy is happy to be a part of the Peru State College tutoring services team because he enjoys working on a college setting. Lundy is from Riverton, Iowa. Lundy is trying to be a serious writer. He enjoys writing fiction.

Lundy also works as an adjunct at Bellevue University during the week as well. His favorite thing about the college setting is that no matter what age you are you always learn something. Lundy received his BA from University of South Florida and his MA from North-west Missouri State. He would like students to know that they can stop by during his office hours, or send him an e-mail to set up an appointment. Lundy would like to also stress that he is a resource for the students. When should a student seek help? The student should seek help at the beginning of the writing assignment, or even at the beginning of the year before the stress.

This is a very valid point for all students to remember. Lundy would like the students to know that he is there for them, and he is willing to help, but he is afraid that the students won’t use the writing and speaking lab. Students must make the attempt to make themselves a better writer and he is there to do that.

Tadiyos Gebre has worked for Peru State College’s SSS program for about 8 months now. He is originally from Ethiopia. Gebre is a valuable resource to the Student Success Services program here at Peru State College. He provides one-on-one individualized tutoring to the SSS participants, personalized tutoring with him, academic counseling, a once weekly study hall, and offers works shops on graduate school applications, math and science study skills, and ways to be successful in school and life after. Gebre also heads the Math Boot Camp that is provided in the Summer Bridge Program that SSS puts on for Freshman SSS participants.

Gebre started a STEM club on campus. STEM is a Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics club that is open to all majors. Gebre plans to show how STEM is a valuable resource to all majors.

Marie Meland has been working for Peru State College since July of 2000. She has been a very dedicated staff member to the students of this campus and is always here to help anyone who is willing to receive help. Meland is a valuable resource for students because she helps organize the Writing and Speaking Lab with Mike Lundy, Walk-in Tutoring, Math Lab assistance, study groups, one-on-one tutoring for all students, and specialized tutoring for students with learning disabilities and or physical disabilities. Meland would like all the students to feel free to stop by and set up an appointment for tutoring. She feels that the sooner the student gets help, the more they will benefit from the service.

Do you feel students take advantage of all the services that are offered? Meland feels that the study groups have been going better than the Walk-in Tutoring. Both are available for specific subjects, as well as individual one-on-one tutoring. “I expect that they will be taking more advantage as they have a few more tests throughout the semester.”

What is your favorite thing about your job? “Getting to see the students that I see everyday.” Meland also enjoys helping students achieve their full potential by being a resource. Her least favorite thing about her job is “Having to finally allow a student who chooses to struggle fail. It isn’t without a fight on my part, but with all the things we have to offer them, I get very disappointed by that.”

If any students ever need a study group lead by a tutor to help them come on in and see me so I can help set one up for you because they seem to be very affecting for students.”

Marie Meland’s office hours are Monday-Friday 8 a.m.- 5 p.m. in the CATS Building.

Mike Lundy

Mike Lundy is the newest recruit to the tutoring services at Peru State College. Just starting the beginning of this semester, Lundy can be found in the Writing and Speaking Lab on the third floor of the CATS building. He offers students help with the writing, editing, and creation of papers. Lundy is happy to be a part of the Peru State College tutoring services team because he enjoys working on a college setting. Lundy is from Riverton, Iowa. Lundy is trying to be a serious writer. He enjoys writing fiction.

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What is your favorite thing about your job? “I like working in a college setting. When a student grows as a writer and creates stronger sentences, and paragraphs. I like my colleagues as well.”

Mike Lundy’s office hours are Tuesday and Wednesday 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Above, the CATS building and library have been repurposed many times throughout Peru State’s history. The CATS building became the Academic Resource Center, or ARC, more recently in Peru State’s history, and the remnants of that name can still be seen on some of the plaques in the building. In 2009, the building was renamed to Center for Achievement and Transition Services, or CATS for short, to better highlight the career services offered.

Image courtesy of Peru State Library

CATS Sponsored Events

September

Tuesday, Sept. 24 at 11:00 a.m.
Studying for Math Class
CATS 209
Presented by SSS

Wednesday, Oct. 9 at 1:00 p.m.
Dealing with Early Warning
CATS Conference Room
Presented by SSS

Wednesday, Oct. 9 at 3:30 p.m.
Drugs and Alcohol
CATS 201
Presented by Daniel Fender

Thursday, Oct. 10 at 11:00 a.m.
Taking Ownership of your Sexual Health
CATS 209
Presented by Dr. Kelli Gardner and Dr. Kyle Ryan

Monday, Oct. 23 at 3:30 p.m.
Drugs and Alcohol
CATS 201
Presented by Daniel Fender

October

Tuesday, Oct. 1 at 3:30 p.m.
Stress and Anxiety
CATS 201
Presented by Daniel Fender

Wednesday, Oct. 2 at 1:00 p.m.
Tips and Tricks for Classroom Success
CATS Conference Room
Presented by SSS

Thursday, Oct. 3 at 11:00 a.m.
Studying Abroad ATP Workshop
CATS 209
Presented by Dr. Julie Taylor-Costello

Tuesday, Oct. 8 at 11:00 a.m.
Science & Technology in Action
CATS 209
Presented by SSS

November

Tuesday, Nov. 5 at 11:00 a.m.
Keeping Yourself Safe/Campus Safety
CATS 201
Presented by Daniel Fender

Thursday, Nov. 7 at 2:00 p.m.
Working your Academic Plan for Spring 2014
CATS 201
Presented by SSS

Wednesday, Nov. 13 at 3:30 p.m.
Keeping Yourself Safe/Campus Safety
CATS 201
Presented by Daniel Fender

Licensed counselors available to students

Chloe Langford
STAFF WRITER

Dan Fender and Jamie Eberly, our two on-campus counselors, have an interest and a passion for the well-being of all the students and faculty members here at Peru State College. There is a stigma that is attached to counseling and seeking help from others, and that needs to change, which is exactly why Fender and Eberly are here to give you some much needed information about themselves and the services that are offered here at Peru State.

As students we sometimes forget that our professors are real people and do not just live in the classroom that we see them, so here is a little personal background information on our two counselors. Fender currently lives in Auburn, Nebraska with his wife and four kids, ranging from ages eighteen to four years old. Fender is originally from Iowa, and got his Bachelor’s degree here at Peru State and his Master’s at the University of Nebraska Omaha, and is soon to receive his PhD from Capella University. Eberly is currently residing in Nebraska City with her two children and husband and is originally from Blue Hill, Nebraska. Eberly received her undergraduate degree from both Central Community College and Hastings College and got her Master’s Degree at Creighton University. Both Fender and Eberly enjoy the outdoors and spending time with their families.

Fender and Eberly explained what their roles are as a school counselors in relation to the teachers, faculty, staff, administrators, and other school counselors; they each had a lot to say. “Our relationship to the students can be individual, couples counseling, or psychotherapy. It can also be short term counseling, adjustment counseling, or just someone to talk to if you need to talk,” says Fender. He also mentioned that they have an open door policy. He went on to explain that they are a resource for staff and faculty, they can be used to gather information in regard to various concerns they might have.

Eberly says, “My first thought was we’re not judging them, there’s no grade on how you interact with us. We are here to support and assist them and what they’re dealing with.” They mentioned that a lot of staff and faculty come to talk to them and ask questions on how to deal with certain things whether it’s personal or about a student.

Fender says, “Once we meet with someone, it’s confidential.” Fender has also had the opportunity to speak for a lot of classes and tell them how he got where he is today. “It’s nice that they get that as a resource,” says Fender. We have many psychology majors here on campus, so those students are lucky to have these two as a resource. Many people wonder how did this successful person get to where they are, what influenced them to be doing what they are doing, how did Fender and Eberly become school counselors?

Fender responded, “I started with psychotherapy first, but I love it here and I love Peru.” Fender has been at Peru for twenty plus years, he told me he loves the students, and says, “It’s just a good environment, and I want to teach, and I’m teaching here too.” Fender is teaching a Contemporary Social Problems class this semester and is very excited.

Eberly started with psychotherapy as well. “What drew me to Peru was the array of issues we get to address here.” Instead of her last employment which was in a residential setting. Eberly says she is also very attracted to the idea of seeing students’ transformations/transitions from their freshman year to their senior year, “very neat aspect” she says. Fender and Eberly just started working here at Peru State College together this month, but informed me that they have worked together at another capacity before, as well.

Fender says, “Don’t hesitate to come to us for anything. The stigma isn’t there. We only treat about 2% ‘crazy’ people. We aren’t just for them, we are here for helping people through anything.” Jamie agreed, “Anyone is welcome here no matter who or how they are, no judgment. Even therapists go to see therapists. It’s a good helpful step, it’s part of being well.” They both mentioned that they are never going to tell someone what to do or impose their own values on someone and that sometimes an outsider’s perspective is a great thing for people.

Counseling Services by Dan Fender and Jamie Eberly are located in the CATS 202 and 203 office suites on the top floor of the Center for Achievement and Transition Services building. These services are provided to Peru State students at no charge. Office hours and appointments are Monday through Friday 8 am – 5 p.m.

As mentioned earlier, they have an open door policy, and accept walk-in’s. Let’s end this stigma that is attached to counseling and seeking help from others.
Bobcat volleyball burning up the courts

Ama Bikoko
FACEBOOK MANAGER

With an overall record of 10-23 and a 2-7 Heart of America Athletic Conference (HAAC) last season, the Bobcats women’s volleyball team started this season with hopes of improving from their last season’s performance. With every dig, set, and spike the team seems to be working hard towards that goal with a current overall record of 11-6. A team that is made up of seven returners, eight newcomers and one red shirt the team is playing this season with a fierce determination to win. The team is made up of Sarah Mertens (Lincoln, NE), Rachael West (El Dorado, KS), Amanda Bazer (Emerson, IA), Allison Glathar (Dawson, NE), Paige Young (Gretna, NE), Mallory Hull (Morse Bluff, NE), Angie Bowers (Alda, NE), Brittany Peterson (Orem, UT), Courtney Jurek (Bellevue, NE), Madison Sutton (Gretna, NE), Lindsey Nelson (Granite Bay, CA), Bre Brandt (Papillion, NE), Paige Riza (Ravenna, TX), Jordyn Lukasiewicz (Farwell, NE), Carrie Lierz (Holton, KA), and Hope Harsh (Cassoday, KA) is led by Head Coach Melvin Baloghm Graduate Assistant Coach Kelsey Monohan and Student Assistants Amanda Gilreath and Natalie Wood.

With a great start to the season, the team still has a long road ahead of them in order to improve from their performance of last year. The team still has a one more tournaments to play this season as part of their regular play; the 1,000 Oaks Invite. Their first HAAC game will take place on the September 24 against Baker University here in Peru. This season the team has shown a fierce determination to win and go as far as they could possibly go.
On Saturday, September 14, 2013, Peru State athletes worked hard in the early morning dew to raise money for their teams. This marks the second year that Peru State Athletics has worked in conjunction with Cambrian Ridge Vineyard to harvest grapes and raise money for teams.

Wende Bergmeier, Coordinator of Admissions Services at Peru State, and her husband Mark Bergmeier own the vineyard just outside of Auburn, NE. They raise three kinds of grapes there: Chamborcin and Traminette, which they are picking this year, and Crimson Cabernet, which will be harvested next year. The vineyard, which was established in 2009, has three acres of vines.

Last year the Bergmeiers ran into a hurdle: with three acres, they didn’t have enough people to help pick their grapes. Working with athletic teams turned out to be the best solution. “More hands make the job easier,” Wende Bergmeier explained, highlighting the time it takes to harvest three acres of grape vines.

The grape harvest began at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 14, 2013, and the softball, baseball, and women’s basketball teams participated. The harvesting process began with students removing bunches of grapes from the vine with a cutting tool called a grape fork and placing them in a five gallon bucket. The Bergmeiers donated $2.50 to each team per five gallon bucket.

From the buckets, the grapes were placed in Macro bins, which were placed on a trailer to be hauled to their buyer in Ashland, NE, Cellar 426. They harvest one type of grape at a time, and the whole process takes less than two hours.

On this day, the softball players picked 131 buckets, averaging 8.73 bucket per player, and earned $327.50 for their team. The women’s basketball players picked a total of 132 buckets, averaging 11 buckets each, and earned $330 for their team. The baseball players picked 161 buckets, averaging 6.19 buckets each, earning their team $402.50. The harvest filled eight Macro bins with a total of 6,200 pounds of grapes. The Bergmeiers will be completing one more grape harvest on another Saturday with the athletic teams.

Far more goes into raising grape vines than just harvesting them, and work must be done all year round. Students interested in working seasonally or on weekends at Cambrian Ridge Vineyard can contact Mark and Wende Bergmeier at mb54506@jagwireless.net.

Images courtesy of Ama Bikoko
We Got This? Zach’s got it now

Raeanna Carbaugh
STAFF WRITER

Look out Peruvians! There is a new owner in town. As many of you may know Cotty’s was sold last year. Earlier this year the building was bought, given a face lift, and renamed to We Got This Bar and Grill. Well, they don’t got this anymore because Zach Reeves bought the place, and has some big changes coming! Zach’s Bar and Grill, the new name of the only restaurant in Peru, is becoming a staple for great food, great service, and amazing new ideas.

Reeves is planning some fantastic changes to the restaurant by making it a friendlier place to be. Utilizing the surrounding beauty of the town of Peru, Reeves plans on putting up black and white photos of the town and campus to create more of a community feel. He plans on creating an inviting environment, so students will want to come and enjoy his establishment. Possible events that are in the works are a fall volleyball league, theme nights, specials, and many more. Reeves says that there will be a comment box, and he is open to suggestions because, “I’m not here for me, I’m here for the people,” and he wants to make your experience the best that he can.

One of the best changes Reeves plans to make is to the menu. He plans on putting some healthier choices on the menu; he wants to provide more options than just fried food. Even though Reeves feels that owning an establishment is a lot tougher than he expected, he enjoys every minute of it because he has the support of the town, and his employees are top notch. I can personally say that I enjoyed my time at Zach’s Bar and Grill. The service was fantastic! My waitress was very attentive, polite, and downright courteous. The food was delicious. I decided to go with an American Classic, a bacon cheeseburger with fries. The burger was juicy, the bacon was crispy, the fries were just right, and they were all fresh. That was the best thing about the food there. It was prepared fresh for the customer; not already cooked and sitting inside a warmer. The place was slow enough to where the cook came out and asked me how my food was. I appreciated that because it made me feel important, and after all that is what food service is all about.

Another great thing about Zach’s Bar and Grill was that I paid about as much for my meal as I would have at McDonald’s, and received 10 times the better service, and 10 times better food. I am excited to go down there again once all the changes are complete, and see just how much has changed. This place really has come a long way! Good luck to Zach’s Bar and Grill on your endeavors, and PSC students check the place out!

Zach’s Bar and Grill will be remodeled on both the inside and outside to go with the new owner. Photo courtesy of Ryan Carr

Peru State clubs use social media to connect to members

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Clubs and organizations across the Peru State College campus are utilizing Facebook as a very useful tool. The social networking website is being used for communication, event notification, photos, and a general place where members can post thoughts and ideas. “What we in the Campus Activities Board like about Facebook is that it lets us know approximately how many people will attend our events,” said Grace Cole, junior Liberal Arts major and Secretary of CAB. TJ Beckert, junior Education major and Movember committee chair of Rotoract, said, “We also keep [Facebook] as a database so people can see what we’ve done in the past.” Many students don’t check their college e-mail on a regular basis. This is a reason that many clubs and organizations have begun using Facebook as, in some cases, their only means of communication other than by phone.

However, that is not to say that there is not a downside to using Facebook. According to Rae Carbaugh, senior Education major and President of P.R.I.D.E. Peru Theatre Company, said that Facebook can be a distraction. Though there are some cons to using Facebook for clubs and organizations, there is no doubt that Facebook is a very useful resource. Other clubs/organizations that also utilize the social network are: PILOT, Student Senate, RHA (Residence Hall Association), Peru Art Guild, Peru State Writer’s Guild, TRIO/SSS, PSEA (Peru State Education Association), BSU (Black Student Union), Red Cross Club, Campus Crusades, PSCI (Psychology Sociology Criminal Justice), PSCU (Peru State Catholic Union), Peru State College Times, Biology Club, Who Asked You?, Bobcat Bookstore, Admissions, PSC Cafeteria, and many others.
Wizard of Oz returns to theaters in 3D

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The Wizard of Oz will be joining other classics that have been remastered in 3D. The Lion King was rereleased in 3D on September 16, 2011 and made $94,242,001 in the box office domestically, making its lifetime total domestically $422,783,777. The Beauty and the Beast was rereleased in 3D on January 13, 2012 and made $47,617,067 domestically, adding to a lifetime gross of $218,967,620 domestically. Star Wars: Episode I was rereleased in 3D on February 10, 2012 and made $43,456,382 domestically, adding to its lifetime domestic gross of $474,544,677. Titanic was rereleased in 3D on April 4, 2012 and made $57,884,114 in US box offices, adding to its lifetime total of $658,672,302 domestically.

However, a game isn’t any way. Unlike other frame stories, Dorothy doesn’t actually get whisked away. Unlike other frame stories, however, this has an added visually. While Dorothy is at home in Kansas, awake, the movie is in black-and-white, but while she is unconscious, dreaming of adventures and the Wicked Witch of West, the film is in color, which the characters make a big deal about with the “yellow brick road” and “ruby red slippers.”

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Baby, what is your sign?

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Libra Sept. 23- Oct. 22: Invest in some really cool sunglasses because life has plans to throw you some lemons. While you attempt to make lemonade, lemon juice just might squirt in your eye and cause short-term blindness. Summer shades are the way to go!

Scorpio Oct. 23- Nov. 21: Yikes! Let’s talk about a bad hair day. You might want to wear a hat this week.

Sagittarius Nov. 22- Dec. 21: Did you get dressed in the dark today? Invest in a mirror and a couple light bulbs.

Capricorn Dec. 22- Jan. 19: You say that you did not ask for all this “crap.” But it looks like your signature is on the “crap” order form. Whoops.

Aquarius Jan. 20- Feb 18: Looks like you life is in the dumps right now. Take a good look in the mirror and say “Hey sexy, you are a rock star!” Fake it ‘til you make it.

Pisces Feb. 19- March 20: Did you take a page out of Miley Cyrus’s book? Turn down the notch on the crazy meter and take a chill pill.

Aries March 21- April 19: Stop flirting like a silly little junior high student. Get over your fear and make your move.

Taurus April 20- May 20: The love of your life wrote the most beautiful love song...for someone else. Cheer up buttercup and seduce that fine piece of arm candy.

Gemini May 21- June 20: The stars are aligned and say that you are going to be famous and totally awesome in the future. Just remember miracles take time.

Cancer June 21- July 22: You need to stop waiting around when perfection is right in front of you. How embarrassing is it going to be when you lose something amazingly fantastic because you procrastinated?

Leo July 23- Aug. 23: Dude, you are hot! Own that and strut your stuff. Every day is a fashion show. Show us your best side.

Virgo Aug. 23- Sept. 22: Buy a bottle of hair dye. All this stress is going to turn your hair gray, if it doesn’t kill you first.