Bobcats capture first HAAC FB win

(Peru, Neb.) – On a great Saturday afternoon in the picturesque Oak Bowl on the campus of Peru State College, the Peru State College (PSC) Bobcats captured their first Heart of America Athletic Conference (HAAC) win ever. The Bobcats rolled past the visiting Culver-Stockton College (CSC) Wildcats by a score of 58-27. With the win, Peru State is now 1-1 overall and 1-1 in the HAAC. Culver-Stockton is also 1-1 overall and 1-1 in the conference.

Prior to the game, members of the VFW Post 7299 and the 192nd Military Police Unit raised the flag. Jeff Meyers, a current PSC soccer employee, and Phil Wemhoff, a former PSC employee, both returned from a year in Afghanistan. Both Meyers and Wemhoff are Peru residents.

FIRST HALF ACTION
The Wildcats won the coin toss and deferred to the second half and the Bobcats decided they wanted the ball and took the south end of the field. The Wildcats kicked off and freshman Antonio (Yo-Yo) Turner (Jasper, Fla.) returned the ball from the two-yard line and returned it out to the Bobcats’ 17-yard line where the Bobcat offense took over. They scored as they marched the ball to the Cats’ one-yard line and returned it out to the Cats to punt on their next possession before CSC took over for three plays using both the running and passing game and took 6:29 off the clock. Sophomore Lance Ludlow (Plattsburgh) scored the first PSC touchdown on a four-yard run with 8:29 to go in the first quarter.

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Culver-Stockton did get on the scoreboard on their next possession as they made a 37-yard field goal after having moved the ball 43 yards on seven plays. At the 4:50 mark in the first quarter, it was PSC 14-3 over the Wildcats.

Neither team scored on their next possession and it was not until Culver-Stockton had their first possession in the second quarter before the Wildcats scored their first touchdown on a 55-yard run. The point after was good and CSC had closed the gap to 14-10 with 12:56 left in the second quarter.

The teams again traded possessions after good defensive stands by both. On the Bobcats third possession of the ball in the second quarter, CSC added another three points on the board as Cockle hit a 40-yard field goal, the longest of his Bobcat career. At 6:43 to go in the half, PSC was up 17-10.

Peru State did add one more score on the half as red-shirt freshman quarterback Tyler Francis (Lincoln) connected with sophomore Lance Steffen (Murdock) on a 29-yard touchdown pass. With Cockle’s kick, the Bobcats now led 24-10 at the 2:22 mark. This would be the final scoring of the first half.

See Bobcat Victory Page 8
Do you remember where your were and what you were doing on 9/11?

“I was a sophomore in high school, sitting in my third period Psychology class, when I learned about what happened in New York and the Pentagon being attacked. The school had an assembly in the main hall, and I saw the second plane hit live on television. For the rest of the day I watched repeated footage and heard speculation on what might happen. When I got home I remember watching Congress singing God Bless America and Bush’s Address to the nation. I think it is so weird that I can replay that day so vividly. But as the saying goes, ‘We Will Never Forget.’”

Tom Van Boening, Senior Graphic Design Major

“I was sitting in my 6th grade homeroom when our teacher learned of the news. I remember how we always had music playing while we worked, and he immediately shut it off. He was obviously flustered. He told us what happened, but I didn’t understand it. We went to the library and watched the news and saw the images. None of us understood the severity of the situation. We were watching it live as the 2nd plane hit. The teachers couldn’t figure out if it was real or a previous image. Looking back, it was a horrible experience. Something that will be engrained in my memory for eternity.”

Danielle Smith, Junior Secondary Special Education Major

“I remember sitting in my fourth grade class and listening to our principal talking over the intercom about this huge tragedy that was happening. At that age, I honestly had no idea what the twin towers were, so it was hard for me to comprehend what everyone was talking about. I do remember the one year anniversary very clearly. Our class had watched documentaries as well as live footage, and I remember it really impacted me, and I became really interested. My fifth grade class had entered poems and art work representing September 11, 2001, and I remember winning the contest.”

Ashley Anderson, Sophomore Graphic Design Major

A person of interest in the December 3, 2010 disappearance of Peru State College student Tyler “Ty” Thomas is set for a December 5, 2011 trial on charges unrelated to the Thomas case.

Joshua Keadle, a former PSC student, is charged with three counts of first-degree sexual assault, one count of first-degree false imprisonment and one count of making terroristic threats.

Keadle, 29, plead not guilty to the charges in Nemaha County District Court. The charges stem from an October 31, 2010 incident. This is the third postponement of the trial date in the case.

No charges have been filed against Keadle in the Thomas case.

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Dean of Student Life new position at PSC

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Contributing Writer

Karla Fraser has taken office as the Dean of Student Life, a new position here at Peru State College. According to Dean Fraser, this position was created to aid the foundation of a student-centered campus.

The overall goal of the new position is to unify all areas that serve students. Dean Fraser says that her job is to oversee the Resident Life office, Student Activities and Intramural office, Judicial Affairs, and the I.D. Office - all of the basic services provided to students. She also has a close-knit relationship with security and Dining Services, and she oversees contracts with Health Services.

Dean Fraser said she is excited about taking on the new position. “[This position] is a great opportunity for unification, change, and transition,” she said. “It is an exciting opportunity for growth.”

Because this is a new position, Dean Fraser has been quite busy with meetings and phone calls. Once things settle down, she and the departments that she oversees will be reviewing and updating current policies to fit with what exists at the national level for state colleges.

Many students have had questions about some of the changes happening around campus. A new weight facility is being built in the AWAC, and Morgan Hall is under renovation. Dean Fraser will not be heading any of these projects herself, but will be overseeing several current of upcoming projects within other individual programs.

“The biggest project right now is the renovation of Morgan Hall and deciding which facilities will receive the next update,” she said. She is also overseeing Resident Life as they look into improving and growing the Fusion Program. All of these great campus changes are made with students in mind. “This is a cohesive program targeted at students’ needs,” she said.

Dean Fraser is originally from the Chicago area and has most recently lived in the Middle Eastern Country. Prior to taking the position as Dean of Student Life, she lived and worked in the United Arab Emirates. Dean Fraser served as the Assistant Dean of Residence Life and Housing for 7,400 residential students at the United Arab Emirates University.

Dean Fraser wants students to know that her position was created for them, therefore she is there for them.

SEPTMBERFEST
Peru State College Homecoming 2011

MONDAY (SEPT. 19TH)
11am-1 Ice Cream Social in the Student Center
7pm-11 Laser Tag on the Quad

TUESDAY (SEPT. 20TH)
10:30am-1:30 Plinko outside the Student Center
7:30pm StrongMan Competition on the band field

WEDNESDAY (SEPT. 21ST)
11am-1 Needle in a haystack outside the Student Center
8:00pm-10:30 Hayrack rides and bonfire with S’mores

THURSDAY (SEPT. 22ND)
11am-1 No hands Pie Eating contest in the caf.
7pm-8:30 Scavenger Hunt around campus: report to the CAB office by 6:45pm

FRIDAY (SEPT. 23RD)
9am Annual Powder Puff Football tournament
7pm Pep Rally in the AWAC
9pm-Midnight Homecoming Dance on the Quad, featuring recording artist “Skratcch Track”

SATURDAY (SEPT. 24TH)
10a.m. Homecoming Day Parade
10am-2 Homecoming Tailgate Party in the quad
2pm Homecoming Football Game in the Oak Bowl
8pm Drive-in movie in the Commuter Parking Lot
I got married over the summer. After living for two years in the dorms here on campus, it was finally time for me to go find another place to live. I’m currently living in a apartment complex in Auburn, having to wake up at the crack of dawn to make it to classes on time. The restraints of living in the dorms are gone. I have my own kitchen, bedroom, and my own living room. I also have enough closet space to hide every single thing I own, which can includes desks, tables. I don’t have to worry about roommates using my stuff, or people walking in on me while I’m changing. I can simply lock the door and never have to worry about a soul disturbing me.

Having a kitchen is one of the things I missed most when I lived in the dorms. It was such a pain to walk down three flights of stairs to cook a bowl of ramen, then have to carefully carry it back up. I still have a burn scar from when I dropped a bowl right outside of my door. My suite mates made fun of me for weeks. Probably the best part about living off campus is that I’m here with my wife. We dated for three years before we got married. In that time, we had to suffer the restraints of living in different dorms. It was difficult at times to get a hold of someone to let me in. I no longer have to worry about that. It’s just me and her, and maybe a child someday.

However, there are downsides to living off campus. The gas money to drive back and forth is getting to be ridiculous. Also, if our car breaks down, we have no way to make it to campus unless someone comes to pick us up. I also miss being on campus because of social reasons. I was hanging out with someone almost every night. It made it really easy to find someone to do homework with. It also made the year pass very quickly. I miss some of that, but it’s good to be alone with my wife. I’m very happy living off campus. I get to come home from school, cook food with my wife, watch some TV, and relax from a long day at school. Living on campus for awhile was great, but starting my own family is even better.

I love not having to wake up until ten minutes before my first class. I love knowing that if I forget something, it’s a minute away from me -- literally. I love having the option to be alone or be around all of my friends, and both are possible.

Honesty? I love living on campus. That is what it all boils down to.

Living in the complex is supreme. I have a bedroom, a living room, a semi-private bathroom, and the two coolest suite mates a girl could ask for. But the perks don’t stop here.

I am two blocks away from campus. Meaning I’m two whole minutes away from my classes, the Student Center, and any of my Morgan and Delzell Hall friends. I’m also a block away from Casey’s, meaning pizza is an option when the cafeteria is serving less-than-lovable options.

There has never been a dull moment in these first few weeks of school, purely because I have the option to hang out with my friends whenever I want, without having to worry about driving anywhere or spending any money.

Along with the social plus ultimately be spending more living off campus than you would be spending to live on campus. I’ll stick with being two blocks from my social world. Giving up the little bit of privacy that I lose is worth it knowing I can be on campus whenever I want or need to be there.
What the frack is fracking

DAVINA ANDREW
Contributing Writer

At the beginning of the summer, an energetic New Yorker vented to me of fracking destroying the water in her home state. I had never heard of fracking, which is short for hydraulic fracturing. Hydraulic fracturing has been in practice since the 1940’s as a last resort extraction method. Advancements in technology over the past 10 years have spurred the spread of fracking resulting in 25,000 wells in 31 states across the U.S.

Now, the process of hydro fracturing is as follows: A well is bored into the earth at an average of 7,700 feet into shale. A mixture of water, sand, and an assortment of chemicals is blasted into the well breaking fissures in the shale releasing the gas. The waste water and gas is then extracted from the well. The waste water is transported and stored in underground cement chambers.

Gas companies claim that fracking is a safe efficient way to extract gas. However, problems linked to the wells are devastating communities across the country. The wells require 2 to 5 million gallons of fresh water depleting our nation’s aquifers, a valuable resource. Private wells close to fracking sites in New York, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, Colorado, Arkansas, and Wyoming have all had contaminated water. People in these areas can light their tap water on fire from the methane contamination. Wyoming and Arkansas have had earthquakes from fracking too close to fault lines. Air pollution is also a problem with fracking sites smogging up the Upper Green River Basin in Wyoming. Measurements of ground level ozone taken last March were higher than those in Los Angeles.

I wish I had more words to express to you the importance that we do not support this method of natural gas production. We need to love our one and only Mother Earth.

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REBECCA AMEN
Assistant Editor

I carry an entire library in my purse. If I don’t know a word, I just scroll over it or touch the screen, and an encyclopedia or dictionary entry pops up. I have an infinite number of bookmarks, and my highlighter never runs out.

On Amazon, the textbook for my education class is $115 new, and $108 used. The Kindle edition is $90. Textbooks on the Kindle run between $30 and $50 less than their print counterparts. Novels tend to be between 5-10 dollars less, unless the copyright has expired, in which case they are free.

Kindles are $115. After buying three or four textbooks, the savings make up for the price.

The savings come from how easy these books are to produce. Sales have to pay the publisher, writer, photographer, illustrator, advertising, and the costs for the paper and ink. E-books don’t have to make up for the paper and ink, so the price is less. Needless to say, this also saves the rain forests and the adorable monkeys that live in them.

There is nothing wrong with print books. In fact, I have quite a few of both. With reading being a passion of mine, I enjoy the company of a print book, but e-books are less expensive, more convenient, and better for the environment.

I have an iPad and an iPhone, and my husband has a Kindle and an iPod. We can share all of our books between them because I use his account. Even though some of our books are digital rather than physical, we can still share them and discuss them. E-books will inevitably replace physical books. They are easier and more eco-friendly, and if the convenience doesn’t win out, the lack of resources certainly will. Cell phones are replacing house phones. Facebook is replacing scrapbooks. Emailing has all but replaced letters. Whether dependence on technology is good or not is beside the point. It has happened. Embrace it or be left behind.
May 22nd, 2009 I became part of a statistic. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, “More than 400,000 teen girls give birth each year in the United States”.

At the age of 17 I gave birth to Kamber, my 8lb. 1oz. bundle of joy.

As time progressed I began to internalize the stigma attached to my motherhood especially as a single parent. Modern media has embraced the exploitation of teen pregnancies and parents via television shows such as MTV’s Teen Mom and 16 and Pregnant, while The Secret Life of the American Teenager promises dramatic weekly episodes that focus on sex, pregnancy, relationships, and teen mothers. Unfortunately, even if these shows were never produced, the false assumptions regarding teen moms would maintain their prevalence in the fabric of our culture as teen pregnancy continues to be associated with morally depraved behavior.

Consequently, I distanced myself from these biases and refused to fulfill a societal prophecy of poverty and ignorance.

At Peru State College a student’s potential for exceptional success is not hindered by their unique background. My value as a student and potential teacher candidate is reflective of my knowledge, motivation, and achievements, not society’s preconceived image of a young mom. I wear many hats and one is being mommy to a feisty two year old. It is challenging, difficult, and exhausting but is also my life’s greatest reward.

Since the 1950s, the U.S. teen birthrate has declined while the proportion of teen births that are nonmarital has increased.

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Source: http://www.cdc.gov/Features/VitalSigns/TeenPregnancy/

On September 19, 1957 the U.S. detonated a 1.7 kiloton nuclear weapon in an underground location at the Nevada Test Site or NTS. The NTS is a 1375 square mile research facility that is 65 miles north old Las Vegas. This test was best known as Rainier. It was 100% contained and there was no nuclear contamination or as the researchers call it nuclear fallout. The scientists at this facility used a modified W-25 warhead that weighed about 218 lbs.. and measured to a weight of 25.7 in. in diameter and 17.4 in. in length. Soon the safe testing of nuclear weapons became known as Operation Plumbob and these were conducted at NTS from May 28 to October 7 in the year 1957. This successful test was possible due to the commitment and the 2 million dollar funding from the government to build the world’s first nuclear weapon in 1941. This was also known as the Manhattan Project.

September 19, 1957

RAEANNA CARBAUGH
Contributing Writer

September 19th- October 10th

September 19, 1881- President Garfield succumbed to blood poisoning from a gunshot wound he received on July 2 of that year.

September 21, 1780-During the American Revolution the American General Benedict Arnold net with the British Major John Andre and discussed handing over West Point to the British for a large sum of money and a high ranking position in the British army. He became one of America’s most well known traitors.

September 22, 1993- An Amtrak train headed to Miami, Florida derailed near Mobile Alabama. This is the deadliest Amtrak accident in history killing 47 people. It was caused by a towboat operator in foggy conditions.

September 23, 1875- Billy the Kid one of America’s biggest outlaws was arrested for the first time when caught stealing a basket of laundry. He broke out of jail and soon created a dangerous rapport.

September 23, 2004- The very large and very devastating Hurricane Jeanne hits Haiti hard killing thousands of people only just days after Hurricane Ivan had hit the region.

September 24, 1969- The Chicago Seven hit trial as the seven individuals were being accused or conspiring to incite a riot at the 1968 Democratic Convention.

September 25, 1965- Satchel Paige pitched three innings against the Boston Red Sox at the age of 59 years old. This man was a Negro League legend.

September 26, 1957- Leonard Bernstein opens his famous musical West Side Story at the Winter Garden Theatre on Broadway.
Renovations

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Peru State College has also hosted an open house of the building for the Board of Trustee members, where architects from Jackson-Jackson & Associates were acknowledged for the hard work they put into our fine arts building.

Architects weren’t the only ones acknowledged on this night, however. The project manager and plan designer were also praised for their hard work. And of course, Dr. Patrick Fortney, Dean of Arts and Sciences, was acknowledged for all that he has put into this project from day one.

“My favorite part is definitely the band room, since that’s the only room I have class in,” Ali Umland, a sophomore majoring in Elementary and Special Education said. “It was a great investment to the music program and I love how we don’t have to move our band stuff every day for practice.”

The band room has been built up to the proper size that a band ensemble room should be in order to be safe. There’s also what is called a “floating ceiling” between the band and choir rooms, so any sound made in the band room is silenced in the choir room.

Practice rooms throughout the building are also, for the most part, sound proof. Instructors are able to work with their students without having to worry about everyone else in the building.

Another perk to this building includes every faculty member having an office, rather than being placed in the faculty apartments like they had been for the past two years.

It took two years to get this building to where it is at today. Two long years for both music and non-music majors, faculty members, and construction workers. But the finishing result? The new and improved Jindra Fine Arts building.

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Photo courtesy of PSC Marketing Department

Senior Maddison Farris, Social Science Education Major, gives a tour during a recent open house for the Jindra Fine Arts Building.

September 27, 1938- President Franklin Roosevelt wrote to the German Chancellor Adolf Hitler in regards to Hitler’s threat of war. Roosevelt was appealing for peaceful resolution to Hitler’s threats on invading Sudetenland and Czechoslovakia.

September 28, 1988- Roch Theriault killed Solange Boisland. Roch Theriault was the leader of Canada’s most bizarre and violent cults in Canadian history.

September 29, 1988- An American Woman from Portland, Oregon became the first American woman ever to reach the top of Mount Everest.

October 1, 1890- Congress creates the Yosemite National Park in California. This wondrous place includes the Half dome and the giant sequoia trees.

October 1, 1946- 12 of the Nazi’s highest ranking officers were sentenced to death at Nuremberg after they were found guilty at the Nuremberg Trials.

October 2, 1967- Thurgood Marshall became the first African American justice in the Supreme Court. Marshall was one of the main players in ending racial segregation.

October 2, 1985- Rock Hudson a very famous TV icon dies of AIDS at the age of 59. He became the first major celebrity to die of complications of AIDS.

October 3, 1995- O.J. Simpson a former football star was accused of the double murder of his wife and her friend. On this day he was acquitted after a 252 day trial.

October 4, 1957- The Soviet Union launched the world’s very first artificial satellite named Sputnik. Many people thought that the Russians were trying to spy on America when this great scientific advancement had happened.

October 7, 2003- The terminator turns to the government. Arnold Schwarzenegger becomes the governor of California.

October 10, 1991- An outraged former postal worker shoots two former coworkers at a post office in Ridgewood, New Jersey. The night before Joseph Harris killed his former supervisor. This helped coin the phrase “going postal” to the American lexicon.
Continued: Bobcat victory

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SECOND HALF ACTION

On their first drive of the second half, the Wildcats went 37 yards on nine plays before settling for a 43-yard field goal to cut the PSC lead to 24-13.

When the Wildcats kicked off, sophomore Garret Campbell (Santee, Calif.) took the ball on PSC’s 20-yard line and returned it 35 yards to the CSC 45-yard line. and two incomplete passes, the Bobcats were forced into another field goal attempt. Cockle came through with his second 40-yard kick of the game making it PSC 34-CSC 13 with 6:35 left in the third period.

Sophomore defensive end Zach Lempka (Sterling) recovered a Wildcat fumble on their next possession on the CSC 29. A 22-yard pass reception from Francis to senior wide receiver Cole Gottula (Franklin) moved the ball to the Wildcats’ seven-yard line. PSC did get the ball down to the one-yard line before being forced into a time out as they set up for a field goal. However, when the ‘Cats returned for the field goal, red-shirt freshman placeholder and back-up quarterback Mitch Boshart (Wood River) took the snap and instead of putting it down for Cockle, got up and through the ball to sophomore TJ Bickford (Weeping Water) for a four-yard touchdown pass. Cockle’s kick was good and PSC now led 41-13 with 2:05 left in the third.

Culver-Stockton did not lay the ball to the one-yard line as they came back and put another touchdown on the board during their next drive. Five consecutive carries ended with a two-yard touchdown by Ludlow at the 10:17 mark. Cockle’s kick was good and PSC led 51-27.

After an interception by senior defensive back Sydney Shepler (DeWitt), the Bobcats got the ball again after a 24-yard interception return. The ‘Cats took over on their own 47-yard line and with a mixture of passing and running, eventually scored on a nine-yard run by junior Nate Moore (Friend). Another PAT by Cockle made it 58-27, which would prove to be the final score of the game.

OFFENSIVE STATS

After having negative rushing yardage in their opener last week, the Bobcats rushed for 303 yards on 51 carries. Moore led the runners with 108 yards on 14 carries and one score. Turner had 97 yards on six carries while Ludlow added 52 yards on nine rushing attempts. Junior Zach Gewinner (Weeping Water) had 40 yards on ten carries before leaving the game early with an injury. Francis had 190 yards in the air as he connected on 13 of his 26 passing attempts and one touchdown. Boshart’s lone pass of four yards went for a score. Gottula had six catches for 96 yards to lead the receivers. Steffen finished with three catches for 50 yards and one touchdown while Quentin Edelman (Sabetha, Kan.) had two catches for 24 yards. Bickford’s only catch went four yards for a touchdown on the fake field goal.

DEFENSIVE STATS

Senior Jake Mertens (Hastings) led the Bobcat defense with nine total tackles, one tackle for loss and three pass break-ups. Four of Merten’s tackles were solo. Sophomore Curtis Larsen (Plattsburgh) also had nine total tackles, three of which were solo. Larsen added two tackles for losses totaling eight yards.

Sophomore Tyler Channness (Grand Island), sophomore Adrienne Lawson (Lincoln), senior Troy Nelson (Valentine), and Rigby each added four tackles, all having two solo tackles. Rigby added the big interception, which he took back for the touchdown. Freshman Mike Lewis (Lincoln), freshman Logan Geiler (Milford), and junior Jeremy Hand (Valentine) each were credited with a tackle for loss. In addition to Shepler’s interception, he was credited with four pass break-ups.

POST-GAME COMMENTS

Bobcat head coach Terry Clark was pleased with the win, in particular coming off last week’s opening loss at Baker. Clark said, “This was a must win for us and we got it. To be competitive in the HAAC, we need to win the games we should and knock off one of the big four (MidAmerica Nazarene, Missouri Valley, Benedictine, Baker). We will get our chance at Benedictine in two weeks when they are here for Homecoming.” Clark continued, “Our offensive line definitely improved this week as they made some holes for our backs to get through. We had some changes of positions up front and it paid off.”

Levi Cockle was chosen as the KNKY Player of the Game. Cockle commented on the radio, “We had good playing conditions today and everyone, including the long snapper and placeholder did a great job doing what they are supposed to do.” Cockle believed his 16 points were the most he had ever scored in a game as he had a perfect game making all three field goal attempts and all seven point after attempts.
Bobcat volleyball drops pair

(Peru, Neb.) – After having played competitively on Tuesday night in their Heart of America Conference opener, the Peru State College (PSC) Bobcats travelled to Omaha where they dropped a pair of games to the College of St. Mary (CSM) and Briar Cliff University (BC). Part of the reason for the losses was the fact that outside hitter, Jessie Clark, suffered a concussion during an early practice on Friday and was unavailable to play. With the two losses, the Bobcats fell to 2-6 overall.

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Peru State vs. Briar Cliff University

The Chargers also topped the Bobcats in three sets as they won 25-22, 25-19, 25-16. As was the case when the Bobcats played CSM, neither team finished with a good hitting percentage.

Lister led PSC with 12 kills, two digs, and two block assists. Katelyn Donovan (Greeley) added six kills and had an outstanding hitting percentage of .545. Donovan added 11 assists, three digs, four block assists, and one service ace as the ‘Cats went with a different offense against the Chargers. Morehead added five kills, five digs, two block assists, and one service ace.

Jurek had 14 assists, six digs, and three service aces. Three Bobcats were in double figures with digs with Maresh leading the way with 12. Kelsey Monahan (Atkinson) and Becky Boshart (Wood River) each added ten digs.

Lady Bobcat Schedule

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Game transforms island paradise into zombie horror

Let’s say a zombie apocalypse happens. An island sounds like a good place to go, right? Wrong. They are taking a bite out of your vacation time in “Dead Island,” a game taking place on a resort island with almost no way off the island.

The story is simple. You wake up after a party to almost everyone in your hotel gone. You stagger outside, seeing zombie bodies everywhere. You go outside and see that you are indeed trapped on a island with zombies. That’s never a good thing.

Valve’s “Left 4 Dead” series is one of the greatest zombie series ever. At first, Dead Island seems like a rip-off, but it’s not. It more resembles “Fallout 3” in how it is set up. It’s played in the first person perspective. The missions are set up just like any other RPG by gathering quests from survivors. You also have to scavenge for weapons, repair them when broken, and do your best to make it off the island. You earn experience points along the way to upgrade your skills, which doesn’t really do a whole lot.

Combat is very important in any zombie game. In Dead Island, the combat is really repetitive and very broken. For the most part, all you do is spam the trigger hoping that you are hitting your target and that your weapon doesn’t break. It is cool, however, when you hit the right spot and a limb or two flies off the zombie.

Considering your character isn’t a zombie killing machine right away in the game, you spend a lot of time running away. It is really frightening to turn around and be chased by ten zombies out for your head. This is fun at first, but then just plain annoying. However, just like “Fallout 3,” it has many flaws. The voices and characterizations are horrible. It almost makes you want to turn down the volume. The game also has multiple freeze-up points, and the game’s saving feature is severely broken. The graphics are hit-and-miss, and the sound sometimes cuts out completely. I played for over an hour with the same scream playing over and over again.

This game, like many, is one that failed to live up to the hype. The story is barely there, the game play is average, and there are glitches all over the place. I say let this one get to the bargain bin before you buy it. It was doomed from the start.

Album stands as a final bow from Bright Eyes

“Fevers and Mirrors,” front man Conor Oberst has been in the lime light of the independent music movement. Each album produced by Bright Eyes has had its own identity and unique sound. Every song has its own personal tale from pain and heartbreak to triumph and acceptance. Oberst’s lyrics take you on an emotional roller coaster ride that leaves you thinking after the fact.

With “The People’s Key,” though, the normal “Bright Eyes sound” is thrown out the window and replaced with songs about science fiction, world peace, aliens, creation and the multiple dimensions of the universe. These new themes, however, do not take away from the brilliant songwriting abilities of Oberst.

The multiple layered tracks of sound effects, and instruments entwined with the intimate vocals give you the feeling of being far out in the universe on a different planet discovering new life. If you’re looking for the “old Bright Eyes” sound on the new album, you might want to check out the track “Ladder Song”, which is a personal heartbreaker about one of Oberst’s close friends who committed suicide in Omaha, NE right before The People’s Key was finished in 2011. This was the last song written for the album.

This track is quiet simple, with the arrangement being a grand piano, some bizarre sounds panning from speaker to speaker, and Oberst’s timid voice sharing his side of the story.

The rest of “The People’s Key” is very electo-pop and inspirational. After listening, you are left with a feeling that life is alright, and all you have to do is appreciate the world and all the people on it.
Seven Days in Utopia is pleasantly inspirational but is fairly predictable.

Seven Days in Utopia stars Lucas Black (from the hit show “Friday Night Lights”) and Academy Award winners Robert Duvall, Melissa Leo and was directed by Matt Russell. The majority of this emotionally touching film takes place in a fictional small Texas town called “Utopia.” This elegant drama came out on Friday, September 2nd, has a running time of one hour, 49 minutes and is rated G.

Based off of the book Golf’s Sacred Journey: Seven Days at the Links of Utopia, the movie tells a story of Luke Chisholm (Lucas Black), a young golfer in Texas who has just gone pro and has trouble controlling his temper on the green. After snapping on his televised tournament, Chisholm finds himself traveling to a cozy little town called “Utopia.” It is here that Chisholm meets a bunch of friendly characters that live their lives focusing on their friends, faith and family. With the support of these kind hearted strangers, especially the advice and help of former golfer, Johnny Crawford (Robert Duvall), Chisholm learns how to see life in a new perspective. Chisholm then able to use these new techniques to advance his golf game.

Characters in this inspirational film come off as mellow, content and down to earth people. Actors and actresses do a good job of creating the “everyone knows everyone” feel of a small town. Deborah Ann Woll plays Sarah, the charmingly polite and cool headed sweetheart that catches Chisholm’s eye. Woll’s character experiences every emotion possible. Woll portrays this character well as she elevates her energy, voice and body language just right for each emotion throughout the movie. Not every character starts out polite and friendly though, Joe (Brian Geraghty) shows his hostile side when he gets competitive and tries to “show up” Chisholm. Geraghty does a great job at playing this intensely hot-headed role.

The film is shot smoothly with calm and clean camera shots through most of the film, but in certain scenes the camera changes into a rough, sharp and edgy feel when the main character has flashbacks of his past. When these scenes take place the sound effects grow louder, colors darken and the camera’s focus becomes less stable, this adds to the comotion of the scenes, matching the energy of the angry moments. Overall, the scenes are placed in a functional order and flow well together. There are just a couple scenes, however; that cut off quickly with no transition into the next scene.

Seven Days in Utopia is an inspirational tale that teaches a lesson on confidence, a lesson on composure and a lesson on the “true” importance of life. The film has a predictable plot but has some creative scenes that take the viewer into another world with the real life lesson: not every day goes as you expect it to go. Tons of humor, tears, and suspense keep viewers interested until the very end of this drama. When seeing this movie viewers relate not only to Chisholm, but all of the characters in this heart touching production.
Hey darling, tell me, what’s your sign?

Virgo Aug 23- Sept 22: Your birthday this year will play a huge role in your everyday life. Don’t mess this one up. Your stress level is about to hit a new high and will soon boil over, so let it. It’s not like you would stop it anyway. Once you hit bottom, pick up the pieces and create something new and exciting from the ashes.

Scorpio Oct 23- Nov 21: Anger management problems? With you around, all the bridges will have been destroyed by your flooding temper. It is so very important to try to be nice at least a little bit so that you don’t get the reputation of being the devil’s child. Things will turn around.

Sagittarius Nov 22- Dec 21: You never have much luck. Good thing for you, that is about to change. Hold onto your luck for as long as you can because that is all that you have. It may not last long, so try not to rely on it too much. The product of your luck will be something great.

Capricorn Dec 22- Jan 19: Do something completely out of your comfort zone, which would be a lot of things. But let’s focus on taking risks. You are going to take a big risk that will prove to be, in a strange way, very beneficial.

Aquarius Jan 20- Feb 18: You do not like to sit around and watch time pass you by. If you aren’t going to do it, then who will? You are going to be doing a lot of “babysitting” so get ready to change some diapers.

Pisces Feb 19- March 20: Don’t look at this past year as being a waste of time or effort even though everything has seemed to have a negative side effect on your life. It has been a journey on a long, twisting road with a lot of bumps. Buckle your seat belt and get ready for a jolt! The ride is not over. You are going to step out of your comfortable little box and finally see what has been sitting right in front of you. Be sure to act on your gut instinct.

Aries March 21-April 19: You are stressing out hard core. In fact, you may be getting gray hairs. Find a way to chill out before the whole world is against you and you actually have something to stress out about.

Taurus April 20-May 20: Let it go. You will never be able to change it so stop trying. You are wasting your life on the “what if’s” and the “could have been.” Once you let go, then and only then will things start to go your way.

Gemini May 21- June 20: You are used to getting a lot for a little. Well, times have changed and now you need to change, too, before you are left in the dust by everyone around you.

Cancer June 21- July 22: You are normally grounded and are sympathetic to others’ problems. All great traits, but if you don’t start to find the fun things in your everyday life, you will die an mean, old creep who has no friends. The time is now. Look around you and find someone who will help you have some fun.

Leo July 23- Aug 23: You will find yourself in an interesting conundrum. You, like the lion, thrive when you are on top or in charge. Just because you have fallen a bit, don’t fret it. Take control of your life, like a boss! And step on those who get in your way. Life will take an interesting turn for the better.