Kohl Crecilius speaks at Peru State today at 7:00 p.m.

Ashlynn Blomstedt
STAFF WRITER

The 2013-2014 Distinguished Speaker Series focuses on social entrepreneurship. Peru State College has invited two accomplished young people who made an impact in their own way. We can gather inspiration from Kohl Crecilius, the co-founder of “Krochet Kids intl.” and from Jessica Jackley, the co-founder of “Krochet Kids intl.,” and from Jessica Jackley, the co-founder of “Krochet Kids intl.,” and from Jessica Jackley, the co-founder of “Krochet Kids intl.”

Crecilius learned how to crochet as a young man and taught his friend Stewart, one of the “Krochet Kids,” came back from Uganda with a heartbreaking story about the poverty that the Ugandans endured after living in government camps. They needed a livelihood to help them step out of the cycle of dependence on government aid. Inspired by the dream that they could help those people, they applied to become a non-profit and raised money by selling their creations to make it happen. They flew to Uganda and taught women how to use this interesting talent with only hooks and yarn. Their organization is called Krochet Kids intl. and they have now reached over 150 people in Uganda and Peru, to where they recently expanded.

You can learn more about Crecilius and his organization at http://www.peru.edu/speakerseries/ or at their website http://www.krochetkids.org/. He will be speaking about “Sustainable Social Entrepreneurship: Creating a Cycle of Success” at Peru State College’s campus theatre tonight at 7:00 pm.

Jessica Jackley is the second speaker in the 2013-2014 Distinguished Speaker Series. She is also a social entrepreneur that has done incredible work. According to her website, she is currently acting as an advisor for Collaborative Fund, a technology investment group, and as a “Visiting Practitioner at Stanford University’s Center for Philanthropy and Civil Society.” Previously, she co-founded and participated in ProFounder, a “crowd funding platform,” and Kiva, the first “peer to peer micro lending website.” These are just a few of her many achievements. You can learn more about Jackley and her work at http://www.peru.edu/speakerseries/ or at her website http://jessicajackley.com. She will speak about “Love, Money, Work: Social Entrepreneurship as a Career” at the theatre on April 7, 2014 at 7:00 pm.

Policy creates more support for students in a crisis

Courtney Weyer
STAFF WRITER

The Open Door Program on the Peru State College campus is unlocked and ready to assist students. It is a program where faculty and staff get training on how to deal with students needs and crisis. Those faculty and staff – from each school and all departments on campus – have the Open Door Program insignia displayed in their offices.

The Open Door Program was developed by the college’s Council on Inclusion. The Council is co-chaired by Kristian Rawlings, Dean of Student Life, and Kristi Nies, Assistant Professor of English.

How much training do Open Door Program participants have?

Nies: The faculty and staff members who are a part of the Open Door Program attended a four-hour training session on September 27. There will be other, shorter training session throughout the semester.

What if a student had a crisis that was an emergency that had to be dealt right away? Nies: If a student came to an Open Door Program participant with a problem that had to be dealt with right away, the Open Door Program participant would immediately assist that student, either by visiting with the student or by taking the student to the necessary resources (Security, Residence Life, etc.).

Can a student come to an Open Door Program participant just for resources and not just to talk? Will the Open Door Program participant give out resources? Ms. Nies: The Open Door Program participants will have resource lists relating to various situations for students. Students are more than welcome to the resource lists.

Is there anything off topic students can’t or aren’t allowed to talk about with the Open Door Program participant? Nies: Students can talk about whatever is on their mind! The boundaries are the comfort levels of the Open Door Program participant and the student.

When talking with an Open Door Program participant, is what is said going to stay confidential? Nies: Confidentiality is very important, and is taken very seriously. Open Door Program participants will NOT share around campus what students say. The law does require that certain offences, such as rape, theft or hate crimes, be reported to designated college officials. The Open Door Program participant will tell the student if something he or she is sharing must reported, and to whom it will be reported.

Open Door Program Participants

Chelsea Allgood, Student Activities Coordinator
Phyllis Davis, Office of Student Records
Jamie Eberly, Licensed Student Counselor
Cassie Gottula, Office of Admissions
Mark Mathews, Athletic Department
Kristi Nies, Faculty, School of Arts and Sciences

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**If you could be any superhero, who would it be and why?**

_Nick Girard_
_Sophomore, Chemistry_

“If I could be any superhero it would be Superman because the only thing that hurts him is kryptonite.”

_Zach Muschall_
_Sophomore, Education with a Social Sciences endorsement_

“I wouldn’t want to be a superhero at all. When you rise above everyone else, the world expects more out of you. I have enough just to deal with the challenges I face each day. I do not want anymore challenges heaped in my lap.”

_Dawn Plympton_
_Senior, Wildlife Ecology_

“Sailor Mercury because she proves intellect can also be beautiful. Plus any heroine who can stop their enemies with ice, bubble, and a harp made of water and shouts “Aqua Rhapsody” is pretty intimidating in my book.”

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The Residence Life staff consists of five full-time staff members, thirteen resident assistants, and three mentors. For more information about the staff members, a new program being implemented, and a conference that Resident Assistants will be attending, please turn to pages 6 and 7.

*indicates staff members that assisted with layout
Progress to theater permits practice

Grace Cole
STAFF WRITER

On Monday, September 9, part of the College Theatre’s ceiling collapsed in the third floor costume shop. Members of the Peru Theatre Company quickly began salvaging what they could of the costumes, fabrics, and sewing machines. Despite their efforts, 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.

Thankfully, nearly a month later some progress has been made. Students were soon after allowed back into the theatre to resume rehearsal of The Last Days of Judas Iscariot, which will be performed November 7th through the 10th. Later that week, they were able to start bringing back in the costumes that they had moved out of the storage space.

“The one good thing that came out of this was we were able to reorganize costume storage,” said Chloe Langford, junior Special Education Major and the Vice-President of the Theatre Company. “Now we know exactly what resources we have.”

The School of Arts and Sciences graciously paid to have the costumes that were damaged dry cleaned so that the Theatre Company is able to continue using them. They have also arranged for a temporary costume shop to be set up in the Jindra recording studio so that Company members can continue working on costumes for Judas. As for the actual costume shop, the debris from the ceiling has been cleared out, and preparations for construction are being made.

In regards to the patterns and fabrics that were lost, many individuals have said that they are willing to donate anything that is needed. However, the director of theatre, Josh Young, requests that anyone willing to donate hang on to their donations until the costume shop is restored because they currently have nowhere to put anything they receive.

Professor Spotlight

Why do you teach?
By Dr. Thomas Ediger

As I am in my 35th year of teaching at Peru State College, somehow I think this essay should be “Why am I still teaching?” Ever since I can remember all I wanted to do was to make music—perform it, compose it or help others make music. When I was in high school, I started teaching beginning piano lessons to a class of eight students. I liked this experience and I have been teaching music to students of all ages since that time.

My interest in teaching is really only connected with my passion for performing and composing music. At Peru State College I get to work with vocal students in the concert choir and the madrigal singers and private pianists to perform wonderful music. It’s doubtful that I would continue teaching, if it didn’t involve performing and composing music. It’s often said that people should find something that they really like to do. Do that activity with enthusiasm and passion. Develop as much skill as you can; if possible get better every day. Then if you can, get paid for that activity that really does make for a wonderful life.

As a music teacher and choral director my primary concern is always to provide the best possible musical experience for every student in my choirs. I strive to push every student to be better and to develop skills that will allow the choir to come together as a cohesive unit performing at a very “high level.” This means adapting the musical repertoire and the teaching techniques to the talent and skills of the current singers always working for musical excellence.

My approach is to motivate students through positive messages, high standards, a disciplined approach to time management and rehearsing the music so that we are improving every time we practice or even every time we perform the music.

In the process of preparing concerts and special projects, such as one of my favorite activities, “A Holiday Madrigal Dinner,” we hope to “build a community of singers” that both improve their musical skills, increase their love of music and are able, through their excellent performances to make lasting memories for both themselves and the people that attend our concerts and special events.

I hope that my passion, enthusiasm and expertise will help to motivate and possibly even inspire my students to be truly excellent musicians. Along the way we hope to develop sensitivity to and respect for each other and “love” for music and the arts. Of course, I also hope we will have some fun. As long as we are making wonderful music and improving all the time and I have wonderful Peru State students, I hope I can continue to teach and hopefully, “to make a difference.”

Dr. Thomas Ediger is Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities at Peru State College.
Maple tree from center of campus disappears

Alyssa Karasek
STAFF WRITER

Everyone loves our beautiful campus so when a beautiful tree died right in the middle of campus it makes sense that everyone was devastated. People wondered what had happened and whether other trees were affected as well. Peru State College’s trees are all a part of an arboretum that the campus was built around. There is no way of knowing for sure how many trees are in the arboretum because it would be quite expensive to get the equipment needed to create a map of the arboretum and find all the trees. The college is looking at opportunities to get the money to map out and figure out how many trees are in the arboretum and have a record of all of them.

The tree that died was probably 20-25 years old and about 45ft tall. “It was a maple tree, which is actually considered a bush because of its weak limbs,” said Rick Harrison, Director of Campus Services. Harrison is also an arborist and cares for all the trees on campus. The reason Campus Services had caution tape around the tree for so long was because it had dropped a couple of limbs and they did not want anyone to get hurt. They had to go through a long process to cut it down including getting permission from President Dan Hanson. They were finally able to start cutting it down on Friday September 20 and finished during the next week. “There are 5 other trees going in decline. We will never know why it died for sure because it is not worth the money to find out,” says Harrison. According to Harrison, he could tell it was not caused by disease, insect invasion, or odd tree growths and is therefore not affecting any of the other trees on campus. They have to plant another tree but they cannot put it in the same spot because of the remaining root system. So they are planting the new tree near the same area, more towards the Morgan residence hall. Rick wants to put in a Bush Oak tree to replace the one we lost.

Devon Hart
ADVERTISING MANAGER

Want a great way to relax over spring break, but not sure what to do? Study abroad with Peru. They offer two trips to take, one to the Dominican Republic over spring break and another in May to Europe. According to Dr. Julie Taylor-Costello, Director Institute for Community Engagement, it is not too late to sign up for the trips. So far the Dominican Republic has 9 registered and costs $2,350 and 7 registered for the Business and Culture trip to Europe in May which costs $3,808.

The cost of both trips includes airfare, ground transportation, food, lodging, entrance into planned excursions, and a full-time tour guide. No vaccinations are needed for either trip but a passport is required.

Each trip has a wide range of majors and grade levels. Some of the majors include: business, education, which applies, wildlife ecology, and marketing, along with students starting from sophomores to seniors.

Both of these trips have classes that a student can take in order to meet general education requirements or to go towards a major as an elective. The classes that are offered are SOC 396, BUS 481, and an independent study.

SOC 396 is Community Development: International Field Experience. This class is geared towards the Dominican Republic trip and will take place the first eight weeks for the spring semester. It will conclude with the trip and a project/presentation once they all get back to Peru.

BUS 481: International Business Field Experience is geared towards the European trip and will take place the second eight weeks of the spring semester. It will conclude with the trip and project as well.

Independent Study Courses are if students already have all of their general studies requirements taken care of and they have a specific project or research interest.

Students participate in study abroad to widen world knowledge

Students can still sign up for the trip? Taylor-Costello states, “Students can still sign up and they are encouraged to do so!” They can check out the ICE Study Abroad Page for more information about Peru Quest, the International Field Experience at Peru State College.”

Will there be other study abroad opportunities in future years? Peru Quest’s hope is to offer at least on International Field Experience every year. We have been blessed with a very forward thinking Student Senate and student body-who last year voted on a fee which is applied towards a scholarship fund for students who would like to participate in the International Field Experience (Peru Quest). For each Peru Quest endeavor, students can submit a scholarship application.

Stay up to date for next year’s trip opportunities and maybe one of those will be a trip you want to take.

Student Senate: Homecoming Parade

Currently, Student Senate has been actively working on the Homecoming Festivities for Saturday, November 2, 2013. The day’s events will start out with the 95th Annual Homecoming Parade in downtown Peru at 10:00am.

Parade entry forms are currently available online at www.peru.edu/parade and are due by Monday, October 21. The theme for the parade this year is “Color Me Bobcat.” Participants will be contacted after submitting the parade entry form with additional information.

Prizes for the parade include respective cash prizes for Best Floats in first for $150, second for $125, and third place for $100. Respective cash prizes are also given for Best Decorated Vehicles in first for $100, second for $75, and third place for $50. Trophies are given for Best Classic Cars in first, second, and third place. Games and a free tailgate on the Peru State College Quad will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for all to join. After the tailgate, the Peru State Bobcats will compete against Missouri Valley College in the Homecoming Football Game at Nebraska City High School at 2:00 p.m. as construction on the Oak Bowl continues. Also, remember that Homecoming Royalty voting and nominations start on October 15 at 8:00 a.m. Final voting will be held from October 22 at 8:00 a.m. to October 23 at 5:00 p.m. Check your campus email for details as we come closer to these dates!

We hope to see everyone there! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at stuent senate@campus.peru.edu.

If you or anyone you know has thoughts about campus improvements please submit your ideas in the box located outside of the Student Organizations office located in the Student Center.
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When I began this year I found something quite frustrating and that was parking in Morgan Hall. I’m sure you have heard Morgan or Delzell residents complain about how unsafe the stairs were and complained that the last renovation on the Oak Bowl was 1901. Complaining and nagging seems to be getting things done. In fact, those who complained about parking finally got an answer as to where to park. Overflow is now at the Complex. Even though it isn’t right behind Morgan or Delzell it sure beats having those unpleasant pieces of paper on your windshields. Not to mention that it is our constitutional rights to have a freedom of speech. We should have the right to say what we want and complaining isn’t actually hurting anyone. No one’s feelings are hurt when we complain about the parking. To sum up complaining is both therapeutic to a person, constructive to the circumstance, and even an American right.

Opposing Opinions: Oak Bowl renovations removing parking from Delzell

Chelsea T. Turek
STAFF WRITER

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Alyssa Rodriguez
STAFF WRITER

With the Oak Bowl recently being renovated, there have been multiple complaints about not enough parking. The increase of incoming students has resulted in the increase of vehicles which ultimately has caused the Delzell parking lot in particular to be overfull and with the parking structure right in front of the Oak Bowl unavailable due to the construction it has many residents complaining and upset about nowhere to park, or having to park at a distance. Although it is inconvenient for the Delzell residents there are other parking options available. The construction of the Oak Bowl is not going to last forever and many need to realize this and stop complaining about it because it clearly does not do any good for any one of them. Yes, it takes away a huge chunk of parking, and yes it is a hassle to park elsewhere but it is only temporary. Instead of complaining about the parking structure students should stop, and look around at how much better the Oak Bowl is already looking. Plus, the renovations are necessary! The Oak Bowl has never had major work done and now that it is getting some love that all residents need to just appreciate as well as embrace it because of how amazing it is going to look in the end of all this. So next time you feel like complaining about parking far away just take a moment to really stop and look at how cool the new football field is going to be. Other complaints that have become pointless are moving to the AWAC for safety reasons when the power is out. Again, I know it’s a hassle and no one wants to be stuck in a giant room with a bunch of other students but residents need to realize that this is not for fun. It’s for safety, and that should always come first. However, there are ways to make such events fun, like playing volleyball against a group you may not even know… and possibly become friends with them. Or you could get a group together and play “ninja”, really the possibilities are endless if you are willing to accept that you are there for your own safety and might as well make the most of it. So, next time you feel like complaining, just take a deep breath and ask yourself what good the complaining really does for anyone because more often than not it doesn’t.

Jenny Trapp
ASSISTANT EDITOR

All Peru State College residents were cordially invited to an all residence hall “slumber party” in the Al Wheeler Activity Center (AWAC) on September 19, 2013 due to the power outage.

Residence Hall residents were evacuated out of the buildings for safety purposes due to the power outage caused by the storm. The main concerns associated with a power outage in the residence halls is safety and visibility.

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Kristiaan Rawlings

Power outage causes slumber party in the AWAC

There are safety lights in the residence halls that last approximately twenty minutes. Fire alarm systems move to a battery powered back up system in the case of a power outage. Due to the time restraints of the safety lights and the unreliability of battery powered fire alarm system, the college takes necessary measures to ensure safety for all residents.

In the event of a power outage, OPPD and Peru State Campus Services are contacted to determine an estimated time frame for lack of power. If the estimated time for the power to be turned back on exceeds the emergency lighting systems, an evacuation plan is put into action. If it appears to be an extended amount of time, students are moved down to the AMAC due to the fact it has a power generator. The need to move to the AWAC is simply based on resident’s safety. Without the emergency lighting there is no light in the halls. In the case of a fire there is not a 24/7 fire watch available. “Looking back on Thursday’s power outage, the students did a great job of building community on the fly. The Residence Life staff was visible and constantly on the move, addressing questions and helping with logistics in AWAC,” explained Kristiaan Rawlings, Dean of Student Life.

When the decision was made that student would be spending the night in the AWAC, Residence Life staff when on the hunt for extra mattresses to make the stay as comfortable as possible for all students. Residents played games, had sing-alongs and a number of other activities to help pass the time. The goal was to stay positive and make the best out of an unexpected evening. Students should always have a plan at hand in case of a power outage, especially in a rural community as Peru, NE. Dean Rawlings indicated that students were well prepared and very cooperative this time around. Students should be sure to be equipped with a working flash light. In case of a power outage in the future, look to the Residence Life staff for advice on your next move.
Meet the players of the Peru State College "Blackout: Blame it on the Rain!"

Resident Assistants RAappin’ their way to Utah

Seven Residence Life staff members will be attending the RAappin’ Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah over Midterm Break. The RAappin’ Conference is a part of the Association of Intermountain Housing Officers (AIMHO) and will take place at the University of Utah. This is an annual event that rotates between schools. This is the first year that Peru State College will be in attendance at the conference.

“I am excited to have such a stellar group join me for the excursion!” Kristianna Rawlings, Dean of Student Life. Dean Rawlings’ “stellar group” includes Resident Assistants Jenny Trapp, Patrick King, Jessica Merrill, Ama Bikoko, Susan Sisco and Fusion mentor Cassie Leonard.

This is both a personal and professional development opportunity for the Residence Life staff. The staff has submitted two program proposals for the conference—which will help highlight and explain what is happening at Peru State College. The group as a whole submitted the program titled, “Blackout: Blame it on the Rain.” This program’s main focus is emergency response and how the Resident Assistant job goes far beyond memorizing evacuation plans but focuses on leadership and quick thinking. On October 1, Residence Life staff discovered that this program was chosen to be presented at RAappin’. Dean Rawling also submitted a program proposal titled “Ain’t Fattenin’ Frogs for Snakes” which focuses on developing, as Herman Melville said, “the Columbus’ of the mind.” This program proposal is for the advisers section of the conference.

Peru State College will travel approximately 13 hours to Salt Lake City and will be in the company of larger schools such as UNLV and UNM. Small but mighty, Peru State College is sure to pull their own weight and make a mark at the RAappin’ Conference.
Reflective Engagement Model spreads to Peru

Ama Bikoko
FACEBOOK MANAGER

This year, Peru State Residence Life has done away with traditional programming and has implemented a new type of programming called the Reflective Engagement Model (REM). The purpose of the model is to enable residents to have a more intimate experience while living in their respective resident halls. This is done through a series of 1-to-1 conversations Resident Assistants have with each resident throughout the academic year. The conversations are meant to be a time where a resident can share anything on his/her mind and just get the opportunity to express themselves in a less structured environment.

The reason for the change in programming is that REM supports Residence Life Strategic Plan and is ideal for our small campus culture. On the campuses of UNL and Union and Babson College, the REM program has received very strong, consistent results. The campus’ resident satisfaction has shown a substantial increase in comparison to the previous type of programming. Residents in the halls where REM was implemented showed that students had a higher GPA than other students in halls where REM was not implemented. A relationship between residents and their RAs also has shown a drastic change despite the levels of policy enforcement and documentation remaining exactly the same. Also, there was a consistent overall programming satisfaction in those resident halls despite the drop in programming requirements and their frequency.

REM is a program that has shown very strong results elsewhere and it is the hope of PSC Residence Life that those results will occur here on campus with their own residents. There are a lot of challenges ahead, just like any other new program but with a dedicated hardworking staff the Residence Life team is up to the challenge.

Janessa Davis
Morgan Hall RA
Hometown: Omaha, Nebraska
Year/Major: Sophomore, Criminal Justice
Random Fact About You: I love Motown music!
Favorite thing about Peru State: The criminal justice professors. They really do care about how you in their classroom.
Best Piece of Advice you ever received: The best advice I got is from uncle Chinwendu Nwinye. “Do your services to others, take care of yourself at the end of day and be fantastic on purpose!”

Jessica Merrill
Complex Assistant Hall Director
Hometown: Murray, Nebraska
Year/Major: Junior, Business Administration-Marketing
Hobbies/Interests: Pinterest, reading
Random Fact About You: I’m ambidextrous
Favorite thing about Peru State: All of the wonderful people!
Best Piece of Advice you ever received: Don’t stress about the little things, live life to the fullest and enjoy it while it lasts.

Allie Buesing
Morgan Hall RA
Hometown: Cozad, Nebraska
Year/Major: Sophomore, Exercise Science
Hobbies: Working out, Pinterest, car rides with Lexi and Lindsey
Random Fact about you: I twisted baton for 10 years

Jared Olive
Delzell Hall Director
Home town: Tullahoma, TN
Location: Delzell
Why Be a Bobcat? It was a door that came open at the right time that has turned into a place I want to be. Passion is something that those before you give back, and Peru has that.
Why Resident Life: Besides the excuse to not leave college, Res Life is an opportunity to build relationships with students you wouldn’t reach through any other organization. Res Life is one of the few staff that are associated with everyone on campus.

Susan Sisco
Complex RA
Hometown: Burchard, Nebraska
Year/Major: Sophomore, Art Education
Hobbies: Watercolor, and Photography
Favorite thing about Peru State: The small class sizes and the close knit community.
Best Piece of Advice: Life is a great big canvas, throw all the paint on it you can.

Ryan Baumen
Delzell Hall RA
Hometown: Falls City, NE
Year/Major: Junior, Graphic Design
Hobbies: Video Games, being Awesome
Random Fact About You: I am the pinnacle of human evolution.
Favorite thing about Peru State: Most days, the people. Best Piece of Advice You Ever Received: In order for peace, there must be chaos.

Ryan Carr
Delzell Hall RA
Hometown: Johnson, NE
Year/Major: Sophomore, Elementary Education
Hobbies: Basketball, Football, Video Games, Soccer, Hacky Sack
Random Fact About You: My voice tends to squeak when I get in high stressed situations.
Best Piece of Advice: “You are thinking too much” – Becky Bartlett
Why Are You an RA? I am planning to be a teacher and I thought the best way to teach discipline was to be an RA for my peers.

Cassie Leonard
Fusion Mentor
Hometown: Fairbury, NE
Year/Major: Senior, Mathematics
Hobbies: Rock climbing, playing music, writing songs
Random fact about you: I hiked a 14er(14,000+ft mountain) this summer. It was Mt Yale in Colorado.
Why are you a Mentor? I am a mentor because I enjoy investing time in others. I love seeing people reach their full potential.

Carlinha Grove
Complex RA
Hometown: Otoe, NE
Year/Major: Sophomore, Psychology
Hobbies: Pinterest, coloring, reading, having fun
Random Fact About You: I don’t know how to whistle
Favorite thing about Peru State: how small the campus is
Best Piece of advice: what you are struggling with today will be your strength tomorrow
Why are you an RA? I love to help and it’s a great learning and leadership experience

Shawnette Campbell
Morgan Hall Director
Home town: Portland, OR
Location: Eliza Morgan
Why Be a Bobcat? To be involved as much as possible and play a part in this hard working community.
Why Resident Life? To impact the lives of as many students as possible. I love working with this awesome group of faculty and staff.
Best Peru Memory: Our Res Life retreat conversations and experiences, playing tetherball.
Random Fact About Me: The Lion King my favorite movie.

GO.
As you pass go, collect your refund checks.
Competing with Wichita State University, Cloud County, and the Nebraska Cornhuskers, the Peru State College women’s cross country team showed that they can compete with some of the best colleges in the country.

The Woody Greeno/Nebraska Cross Country Invitational was held on September 21, 2013. This annual event, one of the largest in the region, was hosted at Pioneer Park in Lincoln. The meet consisted of an overall number of 271 women’s cross-country runners.

The Peru State College Bobcats were led by Christa Scott, who finished the race with a time of 29:26.7, which was enough to take 163rd place in only her second cross country run ever. She was able to cut 70 seconds off her first 6K time which she had previously ran in the Northwest Bearcat Open in Maryville, Mo. that was held on September 9, 2013.

Following closely behind her was Tesla Oldfield who finished the race with a time of 29:36.4, which was enough to award her 166th place. Oldfield’s time was 74 seconds better than what she ran in the Northwest Bearcat Open and it was roughly 90 seconds better than what she ran in the Woody Greeno meet two years ago.

Last but not least, followed closely behind her was the other Bobcat runner, Danielle Aldrich who finished with a time of 32:37.2, which was enough to award her 183rd place. This was her first meet of the year and her times were similar to her previous marks in the meet.

Bobcat cross country head coach Leah Wenhkkel was very pleased with the improvements that her runners made in what was only their second meet of the season. Be sure to come out and support your fellow classmates as they compete with some of the best teams throughout the season.

Some information was retrieved from the Peru State College Web Site.

Intramural sports at Peru are very popular on campus. The goals of the Intramural program are to make social contacts, learning the importance of team spirit, cooperation, experience, and developing sport skills that may be used later in life. Intramurals on campus are well liked because it allows college students to take a break from a busy week have time to participate in fun sports. Sports are a great stress reliever for a hectic and stressful schedule. The big plus is that you can pick your team name and your team members, that way you can build stronger friendships.

Intramural sports coming to Peru this year include sand volleyball, softball, and soccer. Although sand volleyball has just wrapped up, students can still participate in the other sports this year. Softball games will be starting October 8, so come out and support your fellow bobcats. Softball games will be played Monday through Thursday at night. Online registrations were due October 2 for the softball intramural tournament. If you would like to participate in one of the upcoming intramurals all you need is a couple of men and a couple of women, a team name, and to register before the deadline. If you missed out on the softball intramurals, you will have time to practice for soccer, which will be coming in the spring.

Peru State College prides itself on the involvement of their students on campus. Intramurals are a great way for students to get involved on campus. Also, intramurals are a great way to build bonds with fellow students and stronger friendships. These series of competitive team activities have been popular on the Peru State campus for a long time and get record turn-outs every year. If you can’t be a part of an intramural team, feel free to come support your friends and fellow bobcats during their games.
Bobcat football kicks off season with positive spirit

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With a brilliant start to the season, the Peru State Football team has seen an impressive resurgence. The team has a current record of 3-1 and has gained a 24 ranking in the NAIA Football Coaches Top 25 poll for the first time since 2005. The team’s game against Benedictine brought most of the campus out to support the team. In a refreshing glimpse of potential, the Bobcats gave tenth-ranked Benedictine College (BC) a run for their money when they played them on Saturday, September 28, 2013. Though unable to come out with a win, the Bobcats remained in the lead for most of the game only losing by four points 41-45. The highlight of the game however, must go to the attendees who were spectacular in rooting on the men. Decked out in blue and white, attendees showed their support with amazing banners, yelling supportive messages, and being all around great, emotional sport fans.

One attendee said, “It was refreshing to see so many people come out. I attended most of these games and have never seen such spirit. It was shocking and breathtaking at the same time. I hope this continues for the rest of the season and spreads to the other sports on campus.”

The team has a total of six games left this season. If they continue to play the way they have been, they just may make the playoffs this season. Who knows? They may even win the entire conference. Be sure to come out and support your fellow classmates as they continue to make Bobcat history.

The final score of the Peru State game against Benedictine was 45:41. Although Benedictine came out on top, Bobcats lead most of the game.

The Cheerleading squad cheers on the football players and are often joined by the audience

Photos courtesy of Ama Bikoko
Must see movies for 2013

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FACEBOOK MANAGER

Most people love a good movie. The ability to watch something on screen and be teleported into a different world has made the movie industry what it is today. As college students, movies play a social role in our lives. It’s a fun to gather around and mindlessly stare at a television or computer screen for a couple of hours just to get a breather from the lives we all lead. As you sit down in the next few months to take your breather, the question you will first ask is what movie should I watch? The answer to that, my fellow patrons of the arts, most of the time leads to a debate. Yet, my goal is to make that debate easier and give you points on what movies you should watch before the year is out.

If you are in the mood for some cheesy romance, then my two top choices are going to be The Spectacular Now and About Time. The Spectacular Now is an indie film that tells the story of Sutter Keely (Miles Teller), a high school senior partner who falls in love with “good girl” Aimee Finecky (Shailene Woodley). The movie has a lot of clichés, but has done it in a refreshing manner that is a true commentary on how confusing your first love can be. The movie was released Aug 2, 2013 and no tentative DVD release date has been yet. It received a 91% approval rating on Rotten Tomatoes.

Finally if you want a movie that is going to bring you to tears, then I highly recommend The Butler, Prisoners, or Runner Runner. These three movies are promising works of art that challenge you to think in a new way.

Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs entertains all ages

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Imagine food that shows emotion, can talk to you, walk, and can help you out of sticky situations. A little concerned? Don’t be. It’s part of the movie Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2.

The Pioneer Movie Theatre in Nebraska City is showing it at 7:15, and 9:35 p.m. throughout the week. The first time is in 3-D and the second session is in 2-D. Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2 is a great movie for any age group. It shows how important it is to rely on friends when times get tough. Even though your idol from childhood may seem trusting, they may not be who they seem. Also, in the movie, it shows food actually coming to life and showing emotion, walking, and talking.

Flint’s home gets taken over by these food animals, and the whole town must leave while Chester V’s crew cleans up the mess. What Flint and his family and friends do not know is that Chester V has his own plans in store.

Flint, the main character of the movie ends up working for Live Corp Company and his idol Chester V. Chester V recognizes Flint’s invention as a success and wants to sends Flint out on a mission to stop his food machine that is causing all of the food to come to life. In order to do this Flint recruits the help of his friends. However, what Flint does not know is that he is being used by Chester V.

Chester V plans on using the machine for his own plans and destroying all of the food. Once Chester V turns Flint against his friends his plan is almost complete. Once Flint finds out what is going on it is almost too late do anything because all of the foods life is being destroyed because Chester V got greedy and wanted Flint’s original invention to make money. Like any good movie it has a happy ending. Flint’s friends help him save the food animals and all is happy again.

The cast includes some very popular celebrities, Benjamin Bratt, Andy Samberg, James Cann, Anna Faris, and Neil Patrick Harris. Those are just a few of the many celebrities that make the film the success that it is.

The hours of Pioneer Theatre vary depending upon what movies are being played and the times that they are offered. Pioneer Movie Theatre offers a variety of movies and times.

If Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2 isn’t the movie for you, check out the Pioneer Movie Theatre website and see what other great movies they have playing!
Netflix: Cable for college students?

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Being in college, it can be quite hard to keep up with a television series or even go to the movies. The weekly schedule is too hectic and you never know when you’ll actually have free time. This is why many college students have some form of subscription to a video streaming service. With these services available on many devices such as your computer, game console, and phone, it’s easy to understand why so many people have it. However, the amount of content can be daunting so I’m here to give out some advice. Had a hard day? Want something mindless to watch? Well, Netflix has a ton of old and new cartoons. Older stuff, like Dexter’s Laboratory, Cow and Chicken, Johnny Bravo and the like have at least their first season available to watch. For something a little newer, Avatar: The Last Airbender is available and it’s full three season run. Many Disney classics are available.

Netflix also offers some entertainment from across the pond. The BBC’s Top Gear and Doctor Who are some of the most notable. Top Gear is a factual entertainment program about cars and hosted by Jeremy Clarkson, James May, and Richard Hammond and eighteen seasons are available to watch. Though if you’re not interested all that much in cars the show can still be entertaining.

Doctor Who is more for you science fiction lovers. It centers around the mysterious Doctor, a Time Lord who is able to travel between space in time in a device called the TARDIS. The series has some of the most varied entertainment out of many shows today. Now to what is in my opinion, the crown jewels. Breaking Bad and Arrested Development. Possibly some of the best programming available on Netflix and TV. Breaking Bad is about a high school chemistry teacher who gets cancer and decides to cook meth to pay for his bills. Sounds like a bit of a strange jump but the series is one of the most enthralling experiences you’ll ever have. On the opposite end of the spectrum we have Arrested Development. This is one of the most clever comedies seen in a long while. This series was canceled after it’s third season only to be resurrected by Netflix themselves.

That about covers the Netflix essentials. Of course, there’s always plenty more out there that I haven’t covered. It’s the end of the week. You’ve finished your big project and the break is coming up. Go watch some TV. You’ve earned it.

Devices that stream Netflix:
- PS3
- Wii
- XBox 360
- LG, Magnavox, Panasonic, and eleven other brands of Blu-ray Players
- Twelve brands of HDTVs
- Apple TV, Roku, and thirteen other brands of streaming players
- LG Home Theater Systems
- Panasonic Home Theater Systems
- RCA Home Theater Systems
- Samsung Home Theater Systems
- Sony Home Theater Systems
- Droid Phones
- iPad
- iPhones
- Kindle
- Windows Phones
- nook

Netflix costs $7.99 a month.

Blockbuster video game soundtracks coming to the Omaha Symphony

From the Omaha Symphony

Whether you frequent the realm of Azeroth, enjoy jumping through portals, or taking out Forerunners, there is something for every video game fan to enjoy when the Omaha Symphony presents PLAY! A Video Game Symphony Saturday, Oct. 12, 8 p.m. at the Holland Performing Arts Center.

Brought to vibrant life by the Omaha Symphony and the voices of Résonance, PLAY! will capture the imaginations of concert goers with all-new, exciting arrangements from more than 15 blockbuster video games, including Skyrim, Portal 2, Journey, World of Warcraft, Castlevania, Halo, Reach, Final Fantasy VI, the 25th anniversary medley from The Legend of Zelda, and many more.

“We are thrilled to bring PLAY! A Video Game Symphony to video game fans and serious concert-goers alike,” said Jason Michael Paul, executive producer of PLAY! “The Holland Performing Arts Center is the perfect venue to host this concert series, which pulses to the beat of modern life.”

Outstanding graphic sequences depicting memorable moments from the games will accompany the musical scores on a large screen suspended above the orchestra, making this concert a feast for the ear and the eye.

The two-hour concert will be conducted by Andy Brick, a prolific award-winning composer, conductor and symphonist of music for film, television, live concerts and interactive games.

Brick, who has written music for a number of blockbuster video games, including Sim City: Rush Hour, Sims 2, Sonic the Hedgehog and Final Fantasy, said that orchestras are noticing how much video game music connects with their audience.

“Orchestras are finding there’s a sincere demand for this music,” Brick says, “and that the music’s actually good and engaging, something which allows the audience to participate and be part of a concert. I don’t know too many 14-year-olds who can sing Brahms or Mahler. But I know a lot who can sing something from Final Fantasy or Halo. A young ear needs to be trained into hearing serious music. A lot of game composers provide a gradual introduction.”

Tickets to PLAY! A Video Game Symphony start at $19, and can be purchased by visiting www.omahasymphony.org, or by calling 402.345.0606. In addition to regular tickets, Student Rush tickets are available to all Omaha Symphony concerts, including PLAY! Up to two Student Rush tickets may be purchased online for $10 each the week of the concert with a valid student ID.

Exclusive tour merchandise, including t-shirts, posters and programs, will be for sale at the concert.

PLAY! A Video Game Symphony is part of the Omaha Symphony Movie Music series, sponsored by the University of Nebraska Medical Center and the Nebraska Medical Center.

The Omaha Symphony is a non-profit organization that presents more than 200 live orchestral performances from September through June. In addition to MasterWorks, Symphony Pops, Symphony Rocks, Movie Music, Symphony Joslyn, and Family series concerts, the Omaha Symphony’s nationally recognized education programs touch the lives of nearly 30,000 schoolchildren each year. For tickets or information regarding the Omaha Symphony, call 402-342-3560 or visit omahasymphony.org.
Baby what is your sign?

You are so PINE
it is unbeLEAFable!

Jenny Trapp
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Libra - September 21 - October 21: Make like a tree and leave...the situation that is causing you all that stress. You will blossom into something even better than you had ever expected.

Scorpio - October 21 - November 22: You are nutty-er than a oak tree. Watch out for falling acorns because they may just find you fascinating. Crazy people attract other crazy people.

Sagittarius - November 23 - December 22: You are soon going to be the biggest pain in someone’s side, even worse than oak mites. Be cautious as to who you interact with in the near future.

Capricorn - December 22 - January 20: You are big and mighty. Your roots are deep and firm. Hold your ground no matter how hard the wind tries to push you down. Show it who is boss.

Aquarius - January 20 - February 18: Someone very near to you is studding to be a lumberjack and cannot wait to chop you down. Never be too careful as to who you trust in this pressing time.

Pisces - February 19 - April 21: You have never been more ready to branch out. Take a leap of faith and follow your destiny. You have never been more ready.

Aries - March 21 - April 21: Your leave are looking a bit dull. Time to take a chance and spruce it up a bit. Maybe try adding a flower or a bird or something in your hair.

Taurus - April 22 - May 21: The next storm is going to ruffle your leave and leave you a bit broken. Pick up the pieces and throw them in a wood chipper. Time to move on.

Gemini - May 22 - June 22: You are weak and inexperienced. Your roots are shallow. Give it time and practice and you will be as tall and strong as a great oak tree and no one will question your abilities.

Cancer - June 22 - July 22/22: You are warm, welcoming and beautiful just like a Californian palm tree. As you sway in the wind people are taken off guard by your beauty. Use this to your advantage.

Leo - July 22 - August 22: Your life is full of termites. Eating away at every fiber of your being. Go get that checked out. Could be the difference between life or death.

Virgo - August 23 - September 21: You did extensive community service work for the college campus by providing both shade and beauty to the center of campus. There will be no service as her final wish was to be turned into playground mulch.  

Peru is...  

Peru is...mourning the death of a tree on campus.

Maple A. Tree

Maple A. Tree died at 9:18 a.m. on Friday September 20, 2013 at her residence in the center of the Peru State College Campus.

Maple was a strong woman who didn’t go without a fight. Brothers proceeded her in death after the September wind storm.

She is survived by her husband, Pine and three children Fern, Blossom and Oak.

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Obituary