Missouri Flood continues to affect PSC students

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Featured Writer

The flood of 2011. The first time I heard that expression I barely gave it a second thought. A little extra water was just going to raise some river levels and possibly close some roads near low lying lands. We had seen floodwater in some places for the past three years and this year seemed no different. I would never imagine the devastation that was about to happen in our small portion of the Midwest. Growing up in Rock Port, MO, the threat of flooding was nothing new; it was just a matter of how bad it was actually going to be.

As the threat of a major flood became more of a reality, I began to pay more attention to the river. Not only was the highway stand a chance against the wrath of the Missouri River, the levee broke, Hwy 136 did not hold and minimize this flood’s destruction. Our prayers were not answered and many places all along the Missouri River were inundated with thousands of gallons of flowing, polluted water.

I had never even contemplated not being able to get to classes in Peru. I have been going to school at PSC for three years and I had taken my trip across the Brownville Bridge for granted. Highway 136 runs from Rock Port over the Brownville Bridge and into Nebraska. When the levee broke, Hwy 136 did not stand a chance against the wrath of the river. Not only was the highway underwater, but also rushing currents washed large portions of the road away. The drive from Rock Port to Peru used to take twenty minutes one way, and now it takes two excruciating hours on dangerous, two lane highways. I have to plan a campus trip a week in advance. There has to be extra daycare and transportation for my kids, someone to cover my shift at work and at least $100.00 to pay for gas, daycare, and food for the day. There are roughly 40-50 students at PSC that now must make similar repercussions to attend classes. Some students have even had to transfer their classes to another institution.

The physical and mental exhaustion of the long trip to school is just a drop in the bucket when it comes to the devastating toll this flood has taken on area residents. Southeast Nebraska and Northwest Missouri residents rely a lot on each other. They share business, employment, shopping and entertainment, and now none of that exists. People have had to change their classes for the affects of the flood. Many students have even had to leave their jobs, or commute to jobs with no extra pay to afford the added expenses.

Aside from students at Peru State College, other area businesses have been affected drastically, such as Cooper Nuclear Station in Brownville, NE. Hundreds of Cooper employees occupy both sides of the Missouri River and with the onset of flooding, many individuals have had to make life-changing decisions. With such a long commute, it was unthinkable to make the drive daily and many employees from Missouri had to find temporary residence on the Nebraska side of the river. PSC did provide an emergency shelter for Cooper employees but as classes began, the dorms were needed for students and the displaced workers were once again left with no place to stay. Many employees have decided to rent temporary homes in Nebraska but with no extra pay this option is very costly. Some employees have even decided to leave their jobs because they cannot make the trip or stay away from their families for work. Another option has been the old school in Stella, NE, were many people are allowed to stay but must share facilities and live in a dorm like atmosphere away from home.

Two PSC alumni, Shawn and Debbie Makings, are life time Rock Port residents. Mr. Makings’ job is as a security guard at Cooper Nuclear Station, where he has worked for years. The family has five children; Tyler 15, Noah 12, twins Mikayla and Micah 7, and Cade 6.
Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
1. Begin
6. Identical
10. Head of hair
14. Pertaining to the Moon
15. Blue-green
16. Press laundry
17. Silly
18. Dry
19. Fortitude
20. Same backwards as forwards
22. It smells
23. Claim
24. Light rain
26. Tardy
30. Also
31. A browning of the skin
32. Astringent
33. After-bath powder
35. Therefore
39. Bullfighter
41. Not professional
43. A dense growth of bushes
44. A safety lamp
46. A unit of pressure
47. Sylvester or Garfield
49. Delivery vehicle
50. Concludes
51. Chastise
54. Distinctive flair
56. Verbal
57. Unconcerned
59. Connects two points
60. ___ meridiem
62. Helen’s city

DOWN
1. Slide
2. Albacore or bluefin
3. A Freudian stage
4. Hindu princess
5. Tendency
6. The right side of a ship
7. Spray can
8. Hurt badly
9. Not the youngest
10. A Mediterranean woody annual
11. It’s shot from a bow
12. Bing, bang or boom
13. Come in
21. Repeat an action or statement
25. Laugh
26. Young sheep
27. Winged
28. Ballet wear
29. Castrate
34. Procession
36. A gas found in some lights
37. Coagulated milk
38. Mistakes
40. East Indian tree
42. Indian grackle
45. Retailor
48. Renter
51. Road
53. Youngster (Scottish)
55. Low point
57. Margarine
58. Year
59. Connects two points
61. It’s shot from a bow
63. Murrays
64. Seaweed
65. Unit of money in Libya
66. Civil wrong
67. Require
68. Foreword
69. Coastal raptor
70. Ripped
71. Wheezy

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The cure for the common question

Campus Services prepares for the changing seasons

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Every student has had a question that they needed answered outside of class, wanted to raise their grade, or struggled at studying. Every student has wanted assurance that they were working a math problem correctly, grasped a concept in psychology, or wrote their essays legibly. Every student could use the tutoring services, which anyone who pays tuition has available to them.

“A lot of our students have always thought ‘I’ll just work harder,’ and that’s the wise way to approach it.”

All tutoring is located in the CATS building. There are two types of tutoring. Each type is available to any student, and the other is only available to students in Student Success Services. Both types of tutoring are different and facilitated by students who have been trained in tutoring and taken the class and done well in it.

The tutoring which is available to all students is state-funded and is primarily walk-in tutoring. Students who want tutors can check the hours posted in the CATS building or online at www.peru.edu/cats/tutoring and visit at any time without appointment. Off-campus students may also check this website for information on long distance tutoring.

Groups of students can also organize a study group with a tutor by contacting Meland. Meland can also be contacted about one-on-one tutoring for students with verifiable disabilities who do not qualify for SSS.

Meland said, “We have students who come to us who have very high GPA’s and only have trouble with one class. That’s not that uncommon. Then they work with the tutor for a bit, then they go on and do their own thing. We have other students who just feel totally out of their element in a class, and they’ll come to a tutor, and maybe they’ll work with a tutor the entire semester, or maybe they’ll work with them two weeks.”

Patty Fugitt, SSS Program Director, agreed. “I don’t think tutoring is just for students who find themselves struggling. I think tutoring is built and made for even students who just want a little extra support. They may be getting a B, even, but tutoring would help any student no matter where they are academically in the course.”

Students who participate in SSS qualify for the federally funded tutoring program, which consists of one-on-one tutoring. Anyone interested in tutoring from SSS should contact Mara Giles, SSS Academic Services Coordinator or any of her colleagues in SSS.

After receiving a tutor request, Giles looks for the tutors who meet the requirements for tutoring the course requested. Tutors must have a 3.0 GPA, 45 college credit hours, and an A or B in the courses they tutor.

Giles went on, “I also look to see matches in terms of personalities. That one’s more of a luxury because it depends on if I have enough tutors for that course.”

Students who consider this step important should request tutoring early in the semester before tutors get assignments and are already busy.

There are three boilers on campus that provide heat to all of the buildings. The smallest boiler runs year round to supply hot water to all of the buildings, but the others require more preparation. Before winter, the boilers must go through tear down, inspection, and reassembly.

There is also a huge generator that runs in the boiler room. The generator has the capability of powering the AWAC, the Administration building, and the Campus Services building in the case of a power outage. If a long-term power outage were to occur, the students could be moved into the AWAC instead of having to freeze in their dorms.

During October, the Grounds Department will begin checking their motorized snow removal equipment. All of their lawn tractors have blades on them for sidewalk snow removal, and they also have a snow blower.

Harrison said that there aren’t too many preparations to make inside the buildings, but they do have to make sure that none of the pipes will freeze and that the heat is getting to all of the buildings.

This month, the Grounds Department is aerating all of the turf – they already have the band field done. This means that they will be drilling holes into the ground to prepare it for winter weather. The aeration will be followed by seeding so the grass can come up nicely in the spring.

Often students take Campus Services for granted. They put in maintenance requests that get answered as soon as possible. They also enjoy a beautiful campus every day without acknowledging the work that went into it. Many students probably attended the Homecoming Bonfire without realizing that the bonfire would not have existed without the help of Campus Services.

Campus Services includes the Grounds Department, Maintenance Department, Custodial Services and the Mailroom. Student workers are very welcome, and some departments are looking for help. Students do not have to be work study eligible, as most of the departments can use work arrangement money.

If anyone is interested in working for Campus Services, please stop by and talk to Rick Harrison. His office is in the east end of the Mailroom building. Students may also email him at rharrison@peru.edu.

After ensuring the schedules work together with the tutor, Giles lets the tutor contact the student who requested a tutor, and the peer tutoring begins.

“What we’re really trying to help students do, is to learn how to take control of their own lives, and how to take the power back into their own hands for their own destiny,” Giles said. “When a student doesn’t do the academic things that they need to do, they’re really giving up that power and putting it into somebody else’s hands and letting somebody else decide for them what kind of a person they are.”

Students interested in working for either types of tutoring should contact Meland, if they would like to work for walk-in tutoring, or Giles, if they would like to tutor for SSS. Both of their offices are located in the CATS building. Tutoring is a paid, on-campus position and great experience.

Campus Services prepares for the changing seasons

SARAH MATHEWSON
Contributing Writer

With the beautiful autumn season officially here, it is difficult to think ahead to colder weather. Campus Services, though, has already been busy with winter preparation.

Rick Harrison, the Director of Campus Services, said that this month they will be making the winter preparation plans, and during late October, the crew will begin to winterize irrigation systems and continue turf treatments.

Harrison stated that the most important preparation is the switch from air conditioning to heat, but the little preparations like making sure winter necessities, such as salt and shovels, are in stock are on their list too.

Photo courtesy of Rick Harrison
He said/She said: To go home or not to go home?

MATT LANIK
Contributing Writer

There are two main reasons why I prefer to go home on the weekends rather than stay on campus. Those reasons are Husker football and family. Don’t get me wrong, I love Peru State. I love the people, the faculty, and just the environment of the place. That being said, I don’t think anything can replace Saturday’s in Lincoln, Nebraska. Being blessed with season tickets, I wouldn’t dare miss a game. There’s just something unforgettable about 80,000 plus people decked out in red.

While Husker Game day is unfathomable, the main reason I choose to go home on the weekends is family. I could not have asked for a better one. Being the youngest of three, I always seemed to get a little spoiled. Growing up I had the “cool” parents. The ones that kids wished they had for their parents.

I don’t go a day without thanking my parents for how they raised me. To be honest, the only reason I went to college was to show them gratitude. Not to mention my mom is the single best cook in the world. Pigs N’ a blanket, Mac N’ Cheese, Spaghetti, you name it, she made it.

If that wasn’t enough, my sister has the cutest foster kids in the world. Kathleen, who just turned four, will have you wrapped around her finger within 5 minutes of meeting her. I came home two weeks ago because she was having a party at Chuck E’Cheeses, simply because she asked me to over the phone. If it’s not that, I’m watching the Packers on the Big Screen as Buffalo Wild Wings with my brother.

That is basically why I prefer to go home on the weekends. Nothing beats my family, and nothing beats Nebraska football. It’s not because I can’t wait to get away from here, it’s because I can’t wait to go back there.

CHLOE LANGFORD
Contributing Writer

Twenty-five percent of men in their early to late 20’s still live in their mother’s basements. What’s to say you won’t end up like them? If you’re going home every weekend, eating all the food in your family’s pantry, and sitting on the couch playing video games all day, you’re not far from it. I’m not saying that going home on the weekends makes you lame, who doesn’t go home sometimes? What I’m saying is that there are a lot of reasons to stay on campus for the weekend.

One reason to stay on campus is that you are paying anywhere from $2,566 to $4,516 a year to live on campus. That is about $451 a month, there are apartments that cost that much, would you rent an apartment and go home every weekend?

Another reason is that Peru State College offers a lot of fun weekend activities. PSC Theater does a lot of things on the weekends from shows to a possible haunted house in October, and CAB does a great job too, they offer free movies nights in Nebraska City and bowling in Auburn. The most important reason is that it’s time to grow up.

You’re considered an adult now, and it is not okay to mooch off your parents anymore. It’s time to spread your wings and live independently. There’s a reason they don’t want freshmen going home their first weekend of college. It’s a new chapter in your life and you have to adjust, going home every weekend will not help the process. So don’t pack up your bag. Stay on campus, hang out with your friends, make good choices, and enjoy your college years. You won’t make lasting memories at home; make an indent of your butt in your mother’s couch. Once and awhile visit your mom and enjoy her homemade spaghetti, just not every weekend.

He said

Hello Peru
I am Oak Man

If you’re wondering who constantly saves the day here...

That’d be me!

Oh, and Bob, of course. Stay tuned for our latest adventure!

The Adventures of Oakman and Bob

Comic by Jenny Trapp and Michaela Wolverton
The important adventure recyclables take after leaving the blue bin

BRIANA URRUTIA
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Today, thousands of Americans have been “going green” for the sake of cleansing the environment of toxic waste products. Schools across the country have been adopting new recycling programs and encouraging today’s youth to live by “reduce, reuse, and recycle.”

According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), there are many benefits to recycling. For one, it reduces the need for landfills, which in turn helps provide cleaner air for us as humans to use daily. By recycling, humans help prevent pollution caused by manufacturing of products from virgin materials as well as decreasing emissions of greenhouse gasses that contribute to global climate change. The human population is able to conserve our natural resources and help sustain a safe, clean environment for the future generations, when they engage in recycling.

Along with recycling, buying recycled products is also a large benefit to the environment. While it may cost a few extra dollars, it’s going for a good cause. The EPA’s website provides three steps to how recycled products are made. First, the recyclables are collected from communities. Whether it is curb side, buy-back and drop-off centers, or deposit/refund programs, all recyclable materials are hauled to a materials recovery facility where the items are then sorted and prepared into marketable commodities for the manufacturing of recycled products.

As soon as recyclables are separated and cleaned, they are then ready to begin the manufacturing process. As time goes on, recycled products are being manufactured with partial or entire recycled content. Some common everyday products include: newspapers, paper towels, aluminum, plastic, steel cans, plastic laundry detergent bottles, etc. These materials are also adopted into various applications. For example, recycled glass is used in roadway asphalt; recycled plastic in carpeting, park benches and pedestrian bridges.

After being manufactured, the products are then shipped across the country and into various stores for consumer purchase. As times goes on, there is a demand for more recycled products begins to increase and as long as these products are demanded, recycling manufacturers will continue to meet the demands.
Walking around campus I hear, “She is sooo cute,” and occasionally, “I can’t wait until I have kids!” Then there are days like today.

Following my classes, I pick up Kamber from daycare and commute home. She holds my hand as we navigate through clusters of students until we reach the door to leave. Suddenly, our daily routine is derailed. Kamber makes a beeline for a metal picnic table in the green. I sit down beside her and in an instant she slides down and runs toward the CATS building. Curiously, I follow her until she leads me to the water fountain. I help Kamber take off her shoes and she dips her feet into the water. She tries to slip in for a swim and I pull her back. After her fourth attempt, I am ready to leave. To avoid a tantrum, I bribe, promise, and pray that she cooperates. My relentless pleas are worthless. I pick her up and walk to the car. My daughter, who seconds ago was “sooo cute,” becomes the screaming, crying, and kicking terror that everyone dreads. As I carry her through campus back to the commuter lot, her screams attract the eyes of every student from Hoyt to TJ Majors. Words of adoration are replaced by, “That’s the reason I don’t want kids”. Humiliated and fuming angry, I continue to the commuter lot and finally reach my car. I buckle her into the car seat and escape Peru ASAP.

This is my life. Yes, there are moments where the “terrible twos” are unleashed and the world trembles with horror. However, these outbursts are short-lived and part of Kamber’s development towards autonomy. Rather, it is the daily memories with Kamber that feed my soul. Every night when I rock her to sleep, I hold her in my arms and relish her embrace. As her stunning blue eyes drift close and her little fingers cling to my shirt, I am reminded of my perpetual love for her and how blessed I am to be her mother.

October 25 to 30 months

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Chart courtesy of http://www.babycenter.com

Matthew Shepard, a student at the University of Wyoming, was at The Fireside Lounge when he was drawn out by two anti-gay bigots named Russell Henderson and Aaron McKinney. From there, Shepard met them in the parking lot where the two anti-gay men savagely beat and robbed Shepard. Then the two men took the 100 pound 21 year-old to a remote area outside of town and tied his naked body to the fence. At this point, they tortured Shepard and then left him to die in the cold. Shepard was found by two mountain bikers; later that day he died. During his funeral service, the Westboro Baptist Church from Topeka Kansas showed up. This is where the Matthew Shepard Angels came into play. They blocked the signs and the church members so the family wouldn’t have to see them.
Flood

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Sacrifice is nothing new to this family, but with this latest flood tragedy, they are struggling. Mr. Makings’ has to maintain his job so he has obtained a temporary residence in Auburn, and the added monetary and emotional costs are almost unbearable. Mr. Makings’ spends 3-5 days a week away from home and has missed some very important milestones in his children’s lives such as Cade’s first day of kindergarten, Mikayla and Micah’s birthday, numerous football and baseball games, as well as many other important family events. This month Mr. Makings will be absent for Cade and Tyler’s birthdays as well. The kids are heartbroken that their dad has to be gone and all of the family members are on an emotional roller coaster, from being overjoyed when Mr. Makings comes home to the eventual sadness of the goodbye that lay ahead.

“After fifteen years of marriage, the Corps of Engineers has left me as a single mom,” Mrs. Makings said. The simple tasks like feeding and bathing or transporting the kids to all of their activities are so much harder when Mrs. Makings is left to do them alone.

The flood is costing this family $600-$800 a month on things like gas, lodging and food for Shawn while he is in Nebraska. The Makings’ must now maintain two households on one income and that is not even including the lost wages that Shawn misses out on when he is at home and cannot be called in for overtime. Simple things, like the cost of the Plattsmouth toll bridge, have now become a symbol for this family’s detriment.

I could go on and on with heart wrenching tales from the PSC family, but the truth is my story and the story of the Makings family and many other PSC students are just blips on the larger picture of how much devastation this flood has caused along the Missouri River area. Hundreds of thousands of acres of farmland has been destroyed, which will affect everyone in the United States and even other countries. Scores of businesses have been forced to close either due to flood damage or lack of patronage, which definitely affects the area’s economy. Thousands of new and old homes are dilapidated, and the ones left standing are now overrun with snakes, mold and the awful stench of the polluted waters. The history of this land will forever be affected, as many towns are now wiped completely off the map.

The fear and frustration of this disaster has even led thousands of individuals to relocate and avoid flooding completely. The feelings of helplessness have started to recede with the floodwaters, and a revival of hope and strength in community are on the rise as many begin to rebuild homes and roads. The devastation of this man-made flood will not soon be forgotten in our small section of the Midwest.

Andy Acker

“Between the Devil and the Day Job”
October 3rd- November 4th
Bobcat Volleyball Captures First HAAC Win

(Peru, Neb.) October 1, 2011 - The Peru State College (PSC) Bobcat volleyball team captured their first-ever Heart of America Athletic Conference (HAAC) win by sweeping the visiting Missouri Valley College Vikings 25-20, 25-16, 25-15. With the win, the ‘Cats improve to 4-13 overall and 1-3 in the HAAC. The Vikings fell to 1-5 in the HAAC and 8-9 on the season.

In the first set, the Bobcats and Vikings battled back and forth before PSC pulled away at the end to gain the win. In both the second and third sets, Peru State jumped to early leads only to see Mo Valley cut into the leads. However, as each set progressed, the ‘Cats kept pulling away to gain the important HAAC win.

Coach Lexie Baack was pleased with the Bobcat effort. Baack commented, “It was great to finally get our first conference win, especially having played close in the first three games. I hope this helps us right the ship and get us back on track.”

Maddy Lister (North Platte) led PSC with 12 kills and only two errors in 20 attempts for an outstanding hitting percentage of .500. Lister also added two digs. Also having a good hitting day was Carly Morehead (Fairbury) who added eight kills with just one error in 13 attempts for a .538 hitting percentage. In addition, Morehead had three digs, one service ace, and two block assists. Jessie Clark (Omaha) also had eight kills while having one service ace, one dig, and one block assist.

As a team, the ‘Cats hit .229 for the game, much improved over their performance on Thursday evening against Grand View University.

Courtney Jurek (Bellevue) and Amanda Gilreath (Omaha) had 15 and 11 assists respectively. Each setter also had one service ace during the game. Jurek added six digs.

Emily Maresh (Central City) had 12 digs and three service aces, both team highs. Maresh added one assist from her libero position. Kelsey Monahan (Atkinson) contributed seven digs and two service aces.

Next week the Bobcats will have two games on the road. On Tuesday night, the Bobcats will be traveling to Omaha to play the Grace University Royals in non-conference action at 7 p.m. The following Saturday, PSC will make the trip to Fayette, Mo., to play conference foe, Central Methodist University at 2 p.m.

On Tuesday, Oct. 11, the Bobcats will be playing former Midlands Collegiate Athletic Conference competitor, Bellevue University, in Johnson at 7 p.m. This game is being played at Johnson-Brock High School and is being done by the two schools so they can honor three area players. Playing for the Bruins are Kali Schnacker of HTRS Public Schools and Jordan Broady from Johnson-Brock. Rachel Rippe, Bobcat senior middle blocker, is also a Johnson-Brock graduate.
Peru State bobcat golfers finish fall season with a bang

(Peru, Neb.) – While missing their top golfer, the Peru State College (PSC) Bobcat golf team finished the fall portion of their schedule on Friday, Sept. 30, at the Hastings College Fall Invitational.

The Bobcats finished fourth and well off the pace, which was different from their previous performances this fall. However, there was a bright spot. Sophomore Courtney Musgrave (Omaha) finished as the eighth place medalist while shooting a 94 during the 18-hole invite. NCAA Division II University of Nebraska at Kearney won the meet with a team score of 362. The Lopers were followed by Midland University – 362, Hastings College – 381, and Peru State – 421. Kaitlyn Meyer of Midland was the medalist for the meet shooting an 86.

Musgrave had rounds of 47 and 47 for her eighth place finish. Bobcat head golf coach Brett Hahn was pleased with Musgrave’s performance. He noted, “Courtney stepped into our number one sport for the first time with a lot of confidence. I felt the course set up well for her considering her length off the tee. Although she struggled around the greens, she managed to play well enough for a top ten finish.”

Ellen Larsen (Lincoln) was the team’s number two golfer and finished 20th with a final score of 100 having shot rounds of 53 and 47. Hahn said, “Ellen continued to show improvement on the course. There were many moments where the course showed its teeth against her, but she fought hard all the way around.”

Playing in her final tournament as a Bobcat, Avyn Vaden (Commerce City, Colo.) shot a 107 on rounds of 51 and 56. Following the meet, Hahn commented, “Avyn showed great heart all day long. She battled a few swing issues and the fast pace of the greens shooting a 107 which was right around her average for the fall.”

PSC’s fourth golfer, Jacey Stoner (Alda) finished the invite with a 120 final score having shot rounds of 57 and 63. Hahn said, “Jacey had the toughest day of all of the Bobcats. She started off the meet playing very strong and consistent golf. Jacey was on a good pace to continue to show the kind of improvement she had the entire fall. Unfortunately, about halfway through the invite, she became sick and had limited energy to finish the meet. Definitely not how she wanted to finish the fall, but I was proud of her for finishing.”

As to the results of the fall, Hahn provided the following, “Going into the last meet of the fall, we were definitely not at full strength. With Jordan Schaardt (Humboldt) not being able to compete due to an injury, that put us one golfer down from our normal full squad of five. In addition, the speeds of the greens were definitely the fastest we had played all season and it was difficult for the girls to adjust.”

As to how the fall portion of the season finished, Hahn concluded, “Even though we ended the season a little disappointed that we did not play up to our own expectations, we still had a great fall season. I am very proud of how hard the girls have worked this fall and the scores they posted. We look forward to a productive offseason and are hoping to see the same kind of improvement in the spring that we experienced in the fall.”

Football Score Board

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Photo courtesy of Mitchell Neilsen
Run, Isaac, Run!

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“Super Meat Boy” was an instant classic when it was released last year. As soon as Team Meat announced their next game a few months back, fans were excited. Team Meat announced that their game was “The Binding of Isaac”. With only Edmund McMillian, one-half of Team Meat, on this “side project” of theirs, will it be any good?

The main character in “The Binding of Isaac” plays a boy named Isaac, who is running from his murderous mother. Religion is a big part of this game, with the title referring to the Biblical story of Abraham.

The “Binding of Isaac” is a top-down action-adventure game. The player moves from one randomly generated room to the other, facing enemies that get worse with each passing room. All the player carries is a gun, and power-ups later on, to solve the puzzles and defeat the enemy. Along the way, the player will find power-ups as mentioned, as well as a variety of references to other games. Those include Centipede, Bomberman, Asteroids, Zelda, and more.

Guts and other such things litter the levels. It gets more disgusting as the game goes on. The darkness tends to get darker with each passing level, making you feel uneasy as the players progress. Also, since the levels are randomly generated, no play-through is the same. It’s remarkable seeing the gory features in each level stay a part in the uneasiness of the game. Levels can range from almost normal to something that would have rivaled the worst nightmares from Jigsaw in the Saw movie series. Since the levels are always changing, the player constantly has to be on their toes. Your reflexes have to be at the top of your game if you want to pass the levels.

This game is going to be another instant classic from Team Meat. It’s adorable, fun, creepy, and probably filled with controversy. There is a very simple plot, but it’s a game that doesn’t really need one. It’s already a classic in my book, one that I will play for a very long time.

Classic movies never get old

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“The Outsiders,” a movie based off of the book by S.E. Hinton, is an excellent classic movie about coming of age and realization of the beauty of youth.

The movie tells the tale of an ongoing social conflict between the Greasers and the Socs in a small Southern town. The movie stars Ponyboy and Johnny, two young Greasers with troubled home lives. Ponyboy’s parents recently died in a train accident and Johnny’s parents are always fighting. Johnny sleeps in the lot instead of at home most nights and wonders whether his parents would care if he killed himself.

Ponyboy asks Johnny to run away with him after his older brother hit him for coming home late. Ponyboy and Johnny end up having to run from the cops after a deadly confrontation between them and some Socs, and end up at an abandoned church with the help of an older friend named Dally. The two boys grow up fast, learn to understand the beauty of the golden sunset, read “Gone with the Wind”, and make some heroic decisions when their church goes up in flames with children inside.

When Ponyboy and Johnny finally return home, Johnny has life-threatening injuries. Johnny reflects upon the time he wished he could kill himself, realizing now how short his life has been. He ties up the theme by telling Ponyboy to “stay golden”, which Ponyboy relates to “Nothing Gold can Stay,” a poem by Robert Frost.

After Johnny’s death, Dally panics, steals money, and gets shot by the police. With his two friends dead, Ponyboy realizes that childhood is “golden” and should be cherished. Johnny wants Ponyboy and the other Greasers to remember to hold on to those golden dreams for as long as possible.

This movie can still have a huge impact on society today. As children push to grow up faster than they should, parents think of the phrase “nothing gold can stay,” that Robert Frost cites in his poem. However, those golden thoughts and dreams will be forever in our hearts, and it is important to keep them there.

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Local band showcases Peru students’ talent

TRENT GROOMS
Ad Manager

Hailing from Peru, Nebraska, Escape the Fire has come a long way in the past few years. With live shows on the regular and professionally recorded original tracks, they are on their way up from the underground. But before there was Escape the Fire, they were The Role Models, a party influenced punk rock band. Guitarist and vocalist, Logan Merz, and Drummer, Michael Parde, met in choir their freshman year at Peru State College. The two then met Bassist, Todd Krause, at an “off campus gathering.” All three wanted to start a band, so they made it happen. After a short while as The Role Models, they got rid of their second guitarist, whose name is unknown, and had Krause’s brother, Kevin, replace him. With the new member came the new name, Escape the Fire. They got the name from a mix tape that had the song fire escape by the band Fastball on it. After mixing the words around, they stuck with it. While they’ve played numerous live shows at different local houses and venues, they finally began to get regular gigs at venues such as Knickerbockers (Lincoln) and Sokol Underground (Omaha).

When asked where they get their influence from, the band tried explaining it to me like this, “It’s like stew, you have to have meat, potatoes, carrots, and peas. These things are bland individually, but when you mix them all together it tastes like stew, that’s how our music is.” Then the band began to name off who was what ingredient. Kevin was nominated the meat and potatoes because “he brings the chicken and takes the band from half way there to all the way.” If you have yet to hear Escape the Fire you can find them on Facebook. Their next shows are October 16th at Sokol Underground in Omaha and October 19th at Knickerbockers in Lincoln, with everyone encouraged to go. Also if you’re a fan of 89.7 The River, feel free to call in at (712) 328-8970 and request Escape the Fire.

Photos courtesy of Escape the Fire’s Facebook page

Club Spotlight

Art Guild

Name: Jasmine Schwisow
Office: Treasurer/ Secretary
Major: Fine Arts Major with a Psychology Minor
Class Standing: Senior
Hometown: Fairbury, NE

Who is the President?
Kristen Husen

Please give a description of the club.
Art Guild is a club mainly for Art students but others students are welcome. We meet once a month and discuss art related topics, and do different art activities and take trips each semester.

When and where does your club meet?
The last Wednesday of every month in the 3D design room in the basement of AV Larson.

What is one of the clubs goals this year?
To get more members and have more activities. We also want to create an awesome T-shirt.

What is one goal you personally have for your club this year?
To get more members and have more activities. We also want to create an awesome T-shirt.

If you would like to be a member join the Peru State Art Guild group on facebook. All announcements about meetings and activities will be posted there.
These are completely truthful horoscopes

**Scorpio Oct 23- Nov 21:** You’re a Scorpio but you’re afraid of spiders. Long story short, you’re afraid of yourself. When you look in the mirror in the morning, you startle yourself—h~aven forbid you see a real spider, you might just fall over in fear.

**Sagittarius Nov 22- Dec 21:** You are going to be taking a walk in Peru and will be sucked into a black hole. Once it finally spits you back out, it will be Monday morning and none of your homework will be done. Too bad for your sorry soul, your teacher is never going to believe that you were sucked into a black hole! Eventually, because you’re so cool, you will start a new fashion trend and be the leader of the blue hair club.

**Capricorn Dec 22- Jan 19:** You are a scaredy cat! You woke up today and realized that nothing has gone the way that you had once upon a time planned; yet you are too afraid to do anything about it. Once you grow a backbone, make a call to the person who you let go. They will help you understand the meaning of life.

**Aquarius Jan 20- Feb 18:** Color your hair blue! Wear a polka dot hat! Put on mix-matched shoes! In order to keep your sanity, you need to loose control and go off the deep end! Eventually, because you’re so cool, you will start a new fashion trend and be the leader of the blue hair club.

**Pisces Feb 19- March 20:** You are going to be forever alone if you don’t start doing something about it. Make time to have fun and follow the clues that are set out for you. At the rate you’re going, you might need to invest in a handy dandy notebook, a thinking chair and a little blue dog with messy paws. Once you see what is right in front of your pretty little eyes, everything will turn for the better and your social life will flourish.

**Aries March 21-April 19:** You are a coward. You hide from your emotions. Too bad for you, they are going to find you, and you are going to explode like a live volcano. Once the ash settles and you clean up your mess, you will be rewarded in an unexpected way.

**Taurus April 20-May 20:** You are going to wake up in the morning and all you can think about is procrastination. You will be late to lunch, late on your assignments and late to your appointments. Everyone around you will be too quick for you. Pick up your pace.

**Gemini May 21- June 20:** Your multiple personalities will begin to fight each other every time you go to open your mouth to speak. Never make a bet with yourself for you are sure to lose.

**Cancer June 21- July 22:** You are ignorant and inappropriate. Check that attitude before you lose everything and you are left all by your lonesome in a dark, depressing room with only your imaginary friend to keep you company.

**Leo July 23- Aug 23:** It has been a really messed up week. You are looking forward to Tuesday for it will bring you laughter and joy! Be ready to jump behind a tree to hide your secrets, for your words will flow out of your mouth before your mind even knows that you wanted to say something. Life is confusing, mysterious and wants to play the hokey pokey with you. Get ready to dance.

**Virgo Aug 23- Sept 22:** You are learning how to have fun but don’t go overboard. Your dreams have been out of control and off the wall. You need to stop going crazy! Someday the stars will align and everything will make sense but for now, enjoy the mess you live in.

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**Crossword Solution**

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START    SAME    MANE
LUNAR    TEAL    IRON
INANE    ARID    Grit
PALINDROME    NOSE
DIBS    SHOWER
LATE    TOO    TAN
ALUM    TALC    HENCE
MATADOR    AMATEUR
BRUSH    DAVY    TORR
CAT    VAN    ENDS
REBUKE    ELAN
ORAL    NONCHALANT
URIA    ALGA    DINAR
TORT    NEED    INRO
ERNE    TORE    REEDY
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**Peru is...**

"Learning to fall into fall!"

Cartoon by Jenny Trapp