With cold weather just around the corner, many of us take for granted the basic necessity of hats and gloves. We know that hats and gloves are needed in order to ensure our health during the cold months so we go the store and buy what we need to stay warm. However, some people are not as lucky and cannot get to a store to buy simple things like hats and gloves for a whole family.

Peru is hosting a fundraiser in partnership with Southeast Nebraska Community Action (SENCA). The fundraiser is at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16 in the Peru State Student Center to raise money for Nemaha County Gives back 2013. Peru State Student Activities Coordinator Chelsea Allgood states, “We caring citizens of Nemaha County are partnering to brighten the holidays for our underserved Nemaha County neighbors.”

Peru State Creative Dining will provide a formal meal, local groups will provide musical entertainment, and a live auction featuring items from local businesses, Peru clubs, and individuals and decorated Christmas trees will begin at 7 p.m. The live auction is open to the public.

The event is taking place is taking place to raise money to benefit those less fortunate during the holiday season. All of the proceeds from the dinner and auction, as well as other donations, will be distributed to qualifying individuals and families in the form of gift cards to assist with holiday meal and gift expenses.

If you would like to attend this event, the cost is $30 per person and to purchase a table (8 seats) is $200. RSVP by Friday, Nov. 8 to reserve a seat. Complete the reservation form, print and return it to Peru State College c/o Nemaha County Gives Back P.O. Box 10, Peru, NE 68421. Donations can be made by the same means if you businesses, churches, non-profit organizations and individuals are not able to attend the event.

Items that will be collected at the event include non-perishable food items and cold weather clothing. Distribution of the donations will occur Dec. 4-6.

If you are unable to attend the event and would still like to donate food items or cold weather clothes, you can take items to Chelsea Allgood’s office. Students may sign up on a sheet outside of Chelsea Allgood’s door to help distribute to families in need.

Peru State First Lady and Nemaha County Gives Back Committee member Elaine Hanson said, “It has been an inspiration to watch the passion of Peru State students as they work to make the holidays a bit brighter for their neighbors in Nemaha County through planning Nemaha County Gives Back. It comes as no surprise to me because I have the privilege of experiencing this kind of genuine care and compassion for others on a daily basis around campus.”

Allgood said, “Having the opportunity to organize this annual event is something I am very enthusiastic and passionate about. As a life-long resident of Nemaha County, I fully understand the sense of community and giving nature of our neighbors. I am very proud of the students at Peru State who are really taking this cause to heart and giving back to this community. Seeing everyone come together every year has brought hopes too many residents of Nemaha County and we look forward to continuing the spirit of giving during the holiday season.”

Allgood states, “Peru State Club Council has hosted donation drives in the past that have generated items for Nemaha County Gives back but this is the first year we are organizing the event. We have also sponsored a Christmas tree at past Nemaha County Gives Back dinners...” This tree was auctioned off to raise money for the cause. Nemaha County Gives back is not the only opportunity to donate non-perishable food items, students can also donate items through “Make a Difference Day,” sponsored by SAAC as well as drop off items at the SENCA office in Auburn anytime.

SENCA has been serving low-income families in local and area communities through a variety of programs and services to help them achieve self-sufficiency since May 1966.

Information for this article was gathered from a press release.
Well folks, unfortunately it is that time of year when the sun sets earlier, rises later, and the temperature drops to what feels like arctic temperatures. PSC students should be aware of a few winter precautions. Kristiaan Rawlings, Dean of Residence Life, has provided us with some general information for the upcoming winter season. Peru State College uses an electronic notification system to inform students of class delays and closings due to inclement weather. Students can register their email and/or cell numbers at http://www.peru.edu/emergency/sms.htm.

When the campus is closed, all on-campus classes and activities are canceled, and offices are shut down. However, dining services, the library, fitness center, and AWAC remain open with limited hours. Signs will be posted soon throughout the campus with those hours displayed. For your convenience, each residence hall has a snow shovel and ice scrapers, if students should need them. If campus closes, there will be activities in the lounges and Student Center Game Room. The Residence Life phone will continue to be answered 24/7 during closures, so students should feel free to reach out with any needs. Students should also be aware of signs posted in different Peru neighborhoods about where to park during snow removal. Stay safe and warm this winter season, PSC students!

Correction:
Al Dickhute’s name was misspelled in the Oct. 7, 2013 issue of The Peru State Times. The Times regrets the error.
Homecoming week activities give students school spirit

Jessica Merrill
COPY EDITOR

Homecoming week festivities, sponsored by the Campus Activities Board, kick off this morning at 11:00 a.m. starting with a Live Exotic Animal booth in front of the Student Center (and yes, Mindy the monkey will be coming back!) and a Money Tree game show will be held in the theatre that evening from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. where students can compete in a series of events to win prizes. Tuesday, October 29, the lunchtime event will start at 11:00 a.m. with Bobcat Karaoke and from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., the “Save a Life” tour will be in the Student Center, which helps participants understand the dangers of drunk driving through a simulator.

On Wednesday, a mustache photo booth will be in the cafeteria from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to support Movember (Mustache November, a global movement to support prostate and testicular cancer), and from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., there will be a Black Light party in the Live Oak room. Lunch on Thursday will have a series of Minute to Win It activities from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and in the evening, starting at 5:00, various clubs, organizations, and students are invited to trick or treat for SENC and then head over to the Theatre’s annual Haunted House! Events will wrap up on Friday with powder-puff football beginning at 1:00 p.m., a pep rally starting at 8:00 p.m., and a Color Dance which will go from 9:00 p.m. until midnight and have food, photo booths, and prizes! CAB is also encouraging students to wear certain colors on different days throughout the week. They are as follows: today- green, Tuesday- red, Wednesday- pink (for breast cancer awareness), and Thursday- wear a costume. T-shirts will be available as prizes for participating during Homecoming week so be sure to participate and color yourself Bobcat!

Homecoming day activities to pump students up for game

Ama Bikoko
FACEBOOK MANAGER

Homecoming has finally arrived after months of preparations. On Saturday, Nov 2, 2013, Peru will host its 93rd annual homecoming.

Before this day however, CAB has prepared various activities that will be going on through the week leading up to Saturday. Attending these events will give students the opportunity to win a homecoming shirt and be part of the Bobcat mania that will be going on.

Homecoming day will start off with the Nebraska’s Toughest Mile that will be held 8:30 a.m. If you want to be a part of that, there is a $20 registration fee, but you get a free t-shirt once you cross the finish line. Registration for the mile will start at 7:30 a.m. The race will begin at Peru’s Fire Station, and finish at TJ Majors. At 10 a.m. the Homecoming Parade will travel through downtown Peru. The parade will have Shriners, different floats for various clubs on campuses, and a lot of other things, so it is sure to be an event worth seeing. At 11:00 a.m. the tailgate and Carnival will begin. There will be free food and entertainment on the quad. There will be activities from face painting to caricatures by Paul Fell. The football game against Missouri Valley College will take place at 2 p.m. in Nebraska City. The Bobcat Bus will begin busing people to the game at half time of the game.
Rae Carbaugh
STAFF WRITER

The Peru Student Education Association will be hosting high school students that are participating in the ESU4 Education Academy October 29, 2013. These students will be shadowing PSEA members, listening in on the weekly meeting, taking a tour of the campus, and sitting down with a panel of students to ask them questions. PSEA and the Education Academy partnered up this year to offer more secondary educational opportunities to secondary education majors, and to recruit the future generations of teachers. The Education Academy provides post secondary opportunities for high school students with an interest in the field of education.

The President of PSEA Rae Carbaugh along with the organization’s advisor Dr. Ruskamp worked throughout the summer with ESU4 Education Academy advisor Holly Carr to provide activities and opportunities for these students. The students participating in the Education Academy will have opportunities throughout the year to participate in many PSEA activities, as well as be able to be mentored by current PSEA members. This relationship is designed as a partnership and mentorship between the Students of the Education Academy and the members of PSEA.

PSEA has done many other events in the past such as visit with high schoolers at the state FEA event, paint the daycare, visit with Peru State College Alumni Ilma Gottula, and have many more planned for this year, such as Dr. Seuss Birthday Bash. PSEA invites all education majors to join them in their meetings Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. in TJ Majors 114N.

Jacob Buss
STAFF WRITER

For the past four years, Peru students have voyaged out into the community of Auburn for an event called Trick-or-Treat for SENCA. This event has students going door-to-door on Halloween asking for donations for SENCA or Southeast Nebraska Community Action to help restock the food pantry.

This event was the brainchild of Dawn Plympton and the Biology Club. The idea was to find a way that they could get involved with the community and give back to them somehow. According to Plympton, “I have often said to myself, what can I do, I am a broke college student? Well with a donation of a few hours of my time, I have found a way that they could get involved with the community and give back to them somehow. The first year that they did Trick-or-Treat for SENCA there were nine Biology Club members who did this, but every year they have more people joining, and last year they had over 50 students who helped with event. The other clubs that have started assisting with this are CAB, Student Senate, PILOT, PTC, PRIDE, BSU, PSEA, and NAfME. There has been a lot of support from the First Lady Elaine Hansen as well as Creative Dining Services and Chelsea Allgood. This program has won two community awards in the past. It has the Spirit Award that is given out by the 10/11 news station in Lincoln and was also given the Extra Mile award from the WOWT channel 6 news station. That award came with a $500 prize and they donated that money to SENCA that year.

Plympton said about the project, “Looking back, I am so grateful that our PSC family is sensitive to the needs of others and is not afraid to roll up their sleeves to pitch in as a team for the betterment of ourselves and our community. It would be different if it were just one club that did this, but the fact remains, it was one club’s idea and an entire campus that made it a successful reality.”

Trick-or-Treat for SENCA collects donations for its fourth year

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Opposing Opinions: Too old to trick or treat?

Carlina Grove
STAFF WRITER

It’s Halloween night, you see children out everywhere, showing off their dapper Halloween costumes. There are children dressed as witches, vampires, Frankenstein, etc. Then you get to the children who come with some type of costume that is different and unique, sometimes handmade. There so many things you can do on Halloween: go to haunted houses, Halloween parties, or even stay home and watch scary movies. Most of all people on Halloween night go trick-or-treating, which brings the question how old is too old to go trick-or-treating?

I think college students should be able to trick-or-treat. However, there should be a few rules. First, you must dress up in costume; after all, it’s your one chance to wear something utterly crazy and people will accept it. You can be scary (try not to scare little children), funny, etc. The possibilities are endless. I recommend dressing appropriately as there will be children around. You can be someone you have never been before. Dressing up in costume is the funniest part, I think. Second, you can relive your childhood, all those happy memories, and create new memories with friends.

Devin Hart
ADVERTISING MANAGER

Picking out Halloween costumes, getting candy and just having fun are important aspects on trick-or-treating for Halloween. However, once you get to a certain age you are too old to trick-or-treat. Who wants to take candy from little kids? Halloween is for little kids while you are in grade school and can appreciate getting and eating all of that candy.

Elementary age kids go trick-or-treating to spend time with their friends and get as much candy as they can. It is really the only time of year that they can get that much candy and no one cares how much they eat. If you go trick-or-treating, you are taking the candy away from little kids who may not otherwise get the chance to get that much candy. Trick-or-treating when you are little is to make memories and enjoy the time that you are little. You get to express yourself and dress up like a superhero or a princess.

College students are busy enough without having to worry about “let’s go trick-or-treating.” As you get older, you have homework and other obligations. When you trick-or-treat, it is not a 10-minute deal. It can take a good hour at least to get a decent amount of candy. You could spend that hour doing homework or at least spending time with friends going out to eat instead of taking candy away from children.

Trick-or-treating could lead other people think that you are immature since you are still doing something that little kids do. Community members may never truly see you as an adult if you trick-or-treat when you are older.

Isn’t the point of being in college to be role models for the younger generation? If they see us trick-or-treating when we get older they may think that growing up is great because you get to do all of the things that you did when you were younger.

Trick-or-treating is great when you are younger, but once you get to be a certain point it gets to be too much to worry about. Leave trick-or-treating to the little kids and spend your time doing something productive and make different memories with your friends.
Images courtesy of Chelsea Turek

**Electric Bridge**

This story may not seem as shocking to some as we have all heard of the electric bridge. This bridge is near Nebraska City. Anonymous students have said they have brought long fluorescent bulbs and when walking across the bulbs lit up. One anonymous female student says that she ran her fingernails across it and she could feel the electricity. Dr. Bill Clemente commented that when he drove upon the bridge he saw balls of light but when on the bridge, they disappeared. Author Andy Duncan has written a short story about the bridge which has not been published yet. The question remains, is it an unsafe wire under the metal bridge or a ghost that causes this electricity?

**Mount Vernon Cemetery**

Do you feel like walking up to the cemetery by yourself? You shouldn’t feel too alone, you will have company. The Whispering Benches located near the cemetery are a commemorative place for WWII vets and apparently when you sit down you won’t be alone as these veterans may want to start a conversation with you. An anonymous student was walking his dog, and after he passed the Whispering Benches he saw a woman walking in front of him, barefoot on the gravel road. She never looked back and to the student’s memory didn’t make a sound despite the crunchy gravel. When he approached the cemetery he expected to see the woman at the top of the hill but no woman was to be seen. He searched the cemetery for the mysterious bare footed woman and was unable to find her.
My dear Peruvian Children,

I hope you are all eating as healthy as you can and staying in shape. Just like you, I need my daily dose of vitamins and protein. Some of you have already seen me and you all think it’s a joke. I can promise you it’s not. When the night comes, I will hunt you down. No games. You can’t run from me. I am everywhere. I see everything, hear everything, and I know each of your scents. I can smell your fear.

I know how much those silly “Marble Hornets” videos scare you all, too. If you are scared of those, wait until you come face-to-face with me in the woods. I know some of you have my pages. I am coming for you first and then everyone else. Always seeing you, but you’ll see me very soon. And I will be the last thing you see.

Sincerely,

Slender Man

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Lovely letter from Eliza

Dear Peru State Students,

I know you all know who I am. I haunt your dreams and turn your happy days into nightmares. The conundrum I have is that I do not understand what the issue is. When I look at myself I do not think I look scary. I try really hard to be as nice as I can. Even if it is one of the hardest things I have ever had to do. It is hard to be stuck here for all of eternity and have to deal with girl drama day in and day out. Sometimes I just need a break.

You just do not understand. I was the Dean of Women Studies when I was alive. That is something you cannot quit when you are in the after life. It sticks with you forever. I was sent here to keep an eye on my girls. I will never leave my post... mainly because I can’t. Those girls are my “life.”

When I was contacted through my Facebook account to write this letter to the student body, I was a bit afraid. I was worried that it would cause more fear from all of the students. That is the last thing I want because I just love each and every one of you. Although you all can be ridiculously foolish, dress like goofballs and act like children, there is just something special about watching your every move that I really enjoy.

I know there are a lot of questions about my life and how I died. The only important thing to know and remember is that I am still here. There is no need to focus on the small details and honestly I would rather not mention the gritty details. There are several of you who claim to have had encounters with me. You say that I unplug or turn off your music players or alarm clocks. Let us be honest here, I am just trying to save you from your generation. This music is horrible! Get some better taste children! If you played something decent, maybe something I could do a waltz to, we could keep the music playing. And the alarm clocks these days are ridiculous. I would rather you all learn how to rise and fall with the sun.

I would like to apologize for the smell of strawberries from time to time in my building. I just love the smell so much! Besides, you all have a funny smell about you. I may be dead but that does not mean my nose stopped working in the after life.

I am glad I could clear the air a bit. If you have any further questions and feel that they are important enough to bother a ghost with, message me on Facebook. My only advice to you all is to be nice to my friends across campus and me. It will not take much to cross us.

Love & kisses,
Mamma Eliza Morgan

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Spooky Slenderman slithers into souls of students

Images courtesy of Alyssa Rodriguez
Coach Joan Albury is the new head women’s basketball coach. For three years previous to the 2013-2014 school year, she was an Assistant Professor of Mathematics. According to Albury, before she came to Peru State College, she “taught for twenty-two years and coached.” She coached at both the high school level and college level in other sports, but she is delighted to be the head coach of the sport she loves. Basketball was her main sport in college and the chance to be the head coach at Peru State College is an opportunity she has been waiting on for a long time.

She is married to fellow coach Wayne Albury. This is his fourth year as the head baseball coach. He brings seventeen years of head coaching experience to Peru State College. Together, they have coached and taught in six different states over the course of twenty-six years. “Don’t get honed into ‘I’m only going to teach at this school’ or ‘I’m only going to teach in this area,’” Albury says, advising students interested in teaching and coaching.

Besides orchestrating training sessions and overseeing practice, the coaches have their hands full with everything from recruitment to field maintenance. When asked to summarize her duties as a coach, Albury laughed and joked that there wasn’t enough time to cover it. Both coaches get their students involved in community service, from tutoring local school children to helping with Nebraska’s Backpack program. They also make sure their students get the academic help they need with study sessions and group tutoring.

Despite being a married couple in the same department, the Albury’s do not let it interfere with their work environment. “When we started this twenty-six years ago, we set some guidelines...We don’t want it to be difficult for anyone,” said Albury. Though it is not uncommon for one to seek out the others professional advice, they try not to interfere with each others work. Albury says, “When we come to work, we aren’t husband and wife.”
Peru State Hall of Fame receives new inductees

Patrick King
DISTRIBUTION MANAGER

Peru State College inducted five individuals into Athletic Hall of Fame on October 18 and 19. This is the 26th group to be inducted into the College’s Athletic Hall of Fame.

The people inducted into the Hall of Fame consisted of Bonnie Rut Carlib, Shari Paczsa Kucera, Chuck Mizerski, Tamir Anderson Riley, and Brad Smith.

Bonnie Rut Carlib-Meritorious Service

She is considered to be the modern-day founder of women’s athletics, Bonnie Rut Carlib re-started intercollegiate athletics for women at Peru State College and coached the women’s volleyball team. In addition to this she started the women’s basketball and softball programs. While coaching the Bobcat volleyball team, she started and promoted intercollegiate volleyball in Nebraska.

Shari Paczsa Kucera-Cross

Country/Indoor and Outdoor Track-1985

While at Peru State College, Kucera set a variety of individual and relay team records. A few of these records include the Indoor 500-meter run in 1:23.61, the Indoor 800-meter run in a time of 2:19.63 and outdoor 3200-meter relay. During all four years, she qualified for the NAIA Nationals in Indoor Track in the 800-meter run. In 1984, her team placed seventh at the NAIA National Indoor meet in the two-mile relay with a final time of 9:52.39.

Chuck Mizerski-Football/Meritorious Service-1968

As a student-athlete, Chuck Mizerski played football for the Bobcats for four years, who started at tackle for Peru State College. He coached teams that were always prepared, completed with great insanity, and exhibited the highest levels of sportsmanship. Six of his players went on to play in the National Football leagues. Mizerski was also inducted into the Nebraska High School Sports Hall of Fame.

Tamir Anderson Riley-Basketball-1994

Tamir Anderson, a 6’1” forward/center from Omaha, was the seventh player in Peru State College history to reach the 1000-point range. She was named ‘93-’94 First Team All-District basketball player, and First Team All-American by the NAIA’s Division II selection committee. This made her the first woman in the College’s history chosen to the All-American first or second team.

Brad Smith-Football-1989

Brad Smith was an offensive lineman for Peru State College. Smith became the first lineman to receive back-to-back All-American Recognition as a Peru State College Bobcat. During his time at Peru State College he started 29 out of 30 games.

After graduating from Peru State College, Smith played professionally for the Pittsburgh Gladiators in the Arena football League.

Hall of Fame Info.

The Peru State College Hall of Fame was established in the same year as when the Al Wheeler Activity Center was dedicated, which was in 1986. The purpose of the Hall of Fame is to recognize, honor, and preserve the memory of those individuals and teams who have contributed greatly and have had a huge impact on the campus.

The Hall of Fame Gallery is currently located at the Al Wheeler Activity Center, named after the very first inductee Alfred G. Wheeler. A candidate can be nominated in one of four categories: coach, player, team, or meritorious service.

Information for this article was gathered through press releases.

Bobcat softball prepares for the new season

Ama Bikoko
FACEBOOK MANAGER

Softball wrapped up fall training earlier this month and players are looking forward to starting the spring season next year. Fall training gave the team an opportunity to gel the new players with the returning ones. Head Coach Mark Mathews had this to say about fall training, “Fall was good. We have a lot of new faces on the team and we worked hard to see what they brought to the team and how we could utilize all their talents. We had success on the field in our exhibition games and that is encouraging.”

This was important as the team has 15 new faces this year and only 11 returners. As of now the team roster includes: So., Holly Kurz (Elkhorn, NE), Fr., Molly Holbrook (Lincoln, NE), Fr., Leah Quick (Kansas City, KA), Fr., Makenna Tracy (Hickman, NE), Fr., Jenna Gruber (Lincoln, NE), Fr., Meghan McPolin (Orland Park, II), Sr., Traci Bohlmeier (Fairbury, NE), Sr., Abbie Moser (Lincoln, NE), Fr., Halle Holmoway (Waco, NE), Fr., Brittan McNeese (Gretna, NE), Fr., Rebecca Perez (Phoenix, AZ), So., Cheyenne Dalrymple (Stockton, CA), Jr., Lauren Johnson (Seward, NE), Fr., Haeyun Hug (Auburn, NE), So., Sara Adams (Mead, NE), Fr., Chelsea Reznicek (Omaha, NE), Jr., Jordan Walker (Peyton, CO), Fr., Anna O’Gorman (Omaha, NE), Fr., Keaton Donovan (Springfield, NE), Sr., Miranda Lyndes (Peyton, CO), Fr., Nichole Reznicek (Omaha, NE), Jr., Toni Blackwell (Papillion, NE), Fr., Sydney Webb (Lincoln, NE), Sr., Devon Massengale (Elkhorn, NE), Fr., and Lauren Robertson (Omaha, NE).

The team’s goal for the upcoming spring season is an HAAC championship and to qualify for the NAIA National playoffs. Fall training was a to gear up and begin preparations towards that goal. Coach Mathews has a few new ideas this season that he is hoping to try that would help them reach their goal. He said, “I would really like to see the team buy into the idea that they may have to play a role in each and every game. It may not always be the role they want it to be, but it may be very important. We are deep with talent and I want to try to find ways to use that as much as we can.”

As the team strives towards their goal, they will face many challenges. One of them will be how they will stack up to other teams in the conference. Expectations are unknown because of so many new faces, but Coach Mathews believes that the team will be able to match up very well to the other teams in the HAAC conference.

Mathews said, “We will have good team speed and can cause problems for teams on offense. We should be strong defensively and just need to stay within our talents and not make mistakes. I tell the team that our biggest competition is ourselves and to make sure we do all we can to not beat ourselves.” The team’s first match of the spring season will take place on February 22, 2014 here at Peru State College against Bethany College at 1 p.m.
Nicholas Baird
STAFF WRITER

Usually when I go to see a sequel to any film I do not expect it to be quite as good as the second, but Insidious: Chapter 2 did not disappoint. I was really in love with the idea of adding onto the original story of the first film, starting from exactly where the first film ended.

At the beginning of the film, the way the title “Insidious” shows up on the screen is enough to make a few viewers jump. The director, James Wan, did a great job in showing balance of fear and comical relief.

There are two ghost hunters, nerdy kind of guys that bring you out of being scared for a few minutes only for the viewer to get thrown back into being horrified all over again. In the end, the filmmakers let the viewers at least believe that there will be a Chapter 3. According to cinemablend.com, “FilmDistrict has announced that they are indeed moving forward with Chapter 3.” James Wan will not direct the third film, however. When Chapter 3 is released, you will be sure to find this guy with his ticket, popcorn, and soda; seated comfortably in the audience.

Grace Cole
STAFF WRITER

This homecoming weekend, the ghouls and ghosts of Peru will be coming out as the college theatre transforms into a site of horror and hauntings for The Peru Theatre Company’s third annual haunted house. In previous years, the themes for the haunted house have been “Asylum of Horrors” and “Freak Show.” This year, they are hitting a little closer to home with “Haunted Theatre.”

“I think that this year’s theme is going to be a big success and it is really going to scare the pants off some people!” said Cassie Erz, freshman Criminal Justice Counseling major and one of the room designers.

The theatre will be split into five rooms: The two upstairs lobbies, the downstairs lobby, the main house, and the scene shop. Five room designers—Cassie Erz, Grace Cole, Amanda “Debbie” Burk, Nick Girard, and Haley Hiykel—were chosen to come up with spooktacular themes for each individual room that fit into the overall theme. Patrons will first be lead through the dressing room, where the performers make sure their faces look perfect at any cost. Next, they will enter the costume shop where an evil entity is making the costumers do some overtime. They will then be lead down through the debris of a room collapse where some victims may or may not still be lurking. Relief will seem imminent, but completely false as they enter the main house where the show always goes on. Finally, they will be sent into the darkness to take a twisted look at the theatre’s history.

“You should expect a show that will shock you to the core,” said Nick Girard, sophomore Chemistry major. “We will be sure to amaze and terrify.”

The “Haunted Theatre” will be opened October 31 through November 2 from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Admission will be $4, but if you bring in an unwanted or gently used purse, pocketbook, wallet, or scarf, you will be admitted at half price ($2). Warning: This haunted house is not suitable for all audiences. It has been given an R rating as it contains graphic violence.

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Good Luck, Bobcats!
Next generation of consoles will release soon

Taylor Sirman
STAFF WRITER

Coming very soon are the new iteration of the worlds most prominent gaming consoles. This generation won’t be seeing as much of a leap as we did with the last wave of consoles but will be more of an era of refinement. Both of these consoles feature an 8-core GPU and 8 gigabytes of RAM. However, that’s where the similarities end. The type of RAM in the PS4 is a faster “unified” GDDR5 and its GPU boasts a 1.84 TeraFLOP output for shaders. What does all of this nonsense mean? It means the PS4 is more powerful in terms of pure numbers. However, this doesn’t make or break the console because it all depends on how you program for it. But this power advantage helps to “future-proof” the console to ensure less visual stagnation.

After the very controversial, anti-consumerist, reveal of the Xbox One, Microsoft has reversed almost all of the policies that differentiated it from its competitors. No more always online, no more mandatory Kinect, and no more daily checks. Nonetheless, the pure popularity of the Xbox should help push sales of this console, at least in America.

So which of these black boxes should you get? The simple answer is neither. Console launches tend to have quite weak software within the first few months and only thereafter improve. This is no different for the 8th generation. Both the Sony and Microsoft lineup is lackluster. However, if you are determined to get one, I would suggest the PlayStation 4. Being a whole $100 cheaper than the Xbox One and being more powerful, it is a much better deal. Also, after the initial Xbox One reveal, Sony seems to better understand the consumer.

Much of your decision will come down to the games. The PlayStation will never have Halo or Forza and the Xbox will never have Killzone or Gran Turismo. PlayStation has a reputation of an extremely solid set of first-party studios that have produced the likes of Uncharted, LittleBIG planet, inFamous, and God of War but Microsoft has a solid relationship with third-party studios such as Activision. So if you’re the usual Call of Duty player it’s probably best to stick to the Xbox.

But most importantly, do your research. A game console is a very big investment. A lot of the decision comes down to what you like to play. Pick your poison. The PlayStation 4 launches November 15 at $399.99 MSRP and the Xbox One launches November 22 at $499.99 MSRP.

PTC continues to make emotions stir on campus

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As many of you may have known, there was a night of one acts October 3-5. Grace Cole a Junior liberal Arts major was very excited to share her production with the campus. Her show Snow Angels by Lewis John Carlino was a play about a worn out hooker and a lonely man who cross paths in the middle of the night. John wants to recreate his life and Connie isn’t quite sure how to react to this request. Utilizing a simple set, and a 90’s grunge theme, this production of Snow Angels was a fresh outlook on an old idea. Ethan Fricke a freshman criminal Justice major played John the lonely soul looking for affection. Amanda “Debbie” Burke a sophomore English major plays Connie the angry but very entertaining hooker. The second one act of the evening was Softy by John O’Brian is about a grief stricken woman who lost her child in a world of war. Nicholas Baird a senior liberal Arts major was excited because this was not only his senior theatre project, but also his second time directing a student one act. Given the opportunity to strike back at the world she is given the opportunity to avenge her child, but a problem arises when she meets a diagnostically adorably couple with a newborn child. This play really grabbed the audience’s attention, and kept them guessing. Softy was played by Cassie Ertz a freshman Criminal Justice Counseling Major, Adele was played by Allison Rogenkamp a freshman Pre-Medical Student, David was played by Grant Welsh a freshman Pre-Engineering Major, the waiter by Daniel Mick a freshman Psychology and History Major, and the terrorist by Kellan Garber a Junior K-12 Band/Vocal Music Education Major. Being as almost the whole cast and crew consisted of freshman, observers were greatly impressed with both shows and performances. Congratulations one acts cast and crew.

Coming up November 7-10 is The Peru Theatre Company’s performance of The Last Days of Judas Iscariot by Stephen Adly Guirgis. This two act play is a mind blowing journey of the trial of one Judas Iscariot in a small place called Hope in downtown purgatory. The Last Days of Judas Iscariot opens up the minds of the audience to think about the idea of freedom of choice vs a predetermined destiny. With a dynamic cast of characters, The Last Days of Judas Iscariot brings forth saints, specialists, and surprise guests to testify on behalf of or against the most controversial biblical character in Christian history. The Peru Theatre Company invites all the members of the campus and community to join them in an evening of laughter and thought provoking entertainment.
Booooooooooooooo what’s your sign?

Scorpio - October 21
- November 22: You will be walking on campus, enjoying the beauty of this when suddenly you will be compelled to walk near the college theatre. You will get chills and feel someone breathing on your neck. No one is there! Be cautious when you walk by the theatre from here on. The ghost did not like the smell of your deodorant and now you are on his hit list.

Aquarius - January 20 - February 18: Keep your eyes open at night for the headless horseman because he has his heart set on you. When you start to think that the headless horseman is sexy, you are far too deep under his spell for help. Guard your heart.

Pisces - February 19 - April 21: Next time you are in the library, as you pass the computer lab, you will be haunted in your steps. You will feel as if someone has his hand on your shoulder. Then the sound of a dribbling basketball will fill your ears. Is anyone up for a game of ghostly basketball?

Voyager - March 21 - April 21: In the spirit of Halloween, you make plans to visit the cemetery a visit. Be cautions of what lurks in the dark. When you hear the tribal music, RUN!

Taurus April 22 - May 21: You are going to take the long way to Nebraska City…site seeing, so to speak. Unfortunately your adventure will take you straight to the Haunted Hills of the Seven Sisters. Your car will stall at the top of the third hill and you will hear nothing but the sound of a dribbling basketball. Be prepared with a flashlight because your headlights will go dull. When your car starts again, drive as fast as you can to get out of the seven hills.

Gemini - May 22 - June 22: The Twilight movies have become very intriguing to you. You will meet someone who gives you a weird vibe. You will see many similarities between the vampire family from the movies and your new friend. Watch your back before you start becoming bloodthirsty yourself.

Cancer June 22 - July 22: You will be haunted by a plague of spiders. You will start to see them everywhere. Not all spiders are as nice as Charlotte. Watch your back!

Leo - July 22 - August 22: Be extremely cautious about the plans you make with your significant other. Avoid making out in your car. The Hook has his eye on you. Yikes. Be sure to keep your PDA discreet.

Virgo - August 23 - September 21: Eliza Morgan has a newfound obsession with you. She likes your style. She would love to set up a time to chitchat with you. Avoid walking around Morgan Hall in the evenings because she knows your name. She will whisper your name into the night until you answer.

Libra - September 21 - October 21: You may not be a child anymore but your young spirit has caught Slenderman’s attention. Just mentioning your name would bring a smile to his face, if he had a face that is. Avoid wooded areas at night. If you see a tall slender creature, it is too late for you.

Peru is... being facebook friends with the campus ghost.

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