The new Fitness Center and Weight Room officially opened for public use on October 24.

The Fitness Center is open daily from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. and can be used by any student or community member.

Although the Fitness Center is open all day for public use, the Weight Room has the following scheduled hours:

- Monday - Thursday: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. - 11 p.m.
- Friday: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. - 11 p.m.
- Saturday: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Sunday: 4 p.m. - 11 p.m.

The Weight Room is open to the public during the hours listed above and will be supervised by someone from the Athletic Department. The Weight Room will be closed on days or nights in which there is a game; however, the Fitness Center will remain open.

Steve Schneider, Director of Athletics, said that the Fitness Center and Weight Room are great additions for the entire student population. He stated that, “[The Weight Room] enhances the athletic programs and provides a great recruiting edge.”

In the Fitness Center, there are eight treadmills, nine ellipticals and eight exercise bikes. There are also other workout items available, such as exercise balls. The equipment in the Fitness Center includes items from the old Fitness Room as well as four new treadmills, five new ellipticals and four new exercise bikes.

A great deal of the moving process fell onto the shoulders of the student athletes, as they aided in tearing down and transporting the old workout equipment into the new facility.

The quest for a new Fitness Center and Weight Room began during the spring of 2010 with Student Senate and a survey that asked for student opinions on closing the pool, which was too expensive of an asset.

A majority of the students said that it would be okay to close the pool if a new workout facility took its place.

During the 2010-2011 academic school year, the college administration decided that they would fulfill the students’ requests. A program was proposed and approved by the Board of Trustees.

The transformation from pool to fitness center began this summer and was completed just in time for the chilly weather to bring runners from outside to inside.

Catlin Rice, a sophomore Elementary Education major and member of the football team, said that he is excited to begin using the new Weight Room, as it “will provide more opportunities for the team and give [them] a bigger space to work in.”
Fall concert offers a variety for all musical tastes

CARRIE TRACEK
Contributing Writer

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Every ten years, Peru State College and contractors from Nebraska get together to make a 10-year Campus Facilities Master Plan, which will determine what projects will be worked on to improve the college for the next ten years. This vital cycle has just begun again.

For Peru, the last Campus Facilities Master Plan ended with the completion of Jindra and the renovations in Morgan. The new plan started this semester with asking focus groups of students what they believed needed to be improved upon. This not only gave ideas for the Campus Facilities Master Plan, but also spurred the recent changes in the student center, which has been painted and has a new, black railing.

Currently, the Campus Facilities Master Plan is in its planning stage. Contractors, faculty, staff, and students are all working together to come up with ideas as to what will be enhanced and how.

“‘This is not the biggest part of my job, but in some ways, it is the most interesting.’” said Vice President Bruce Batterson, who enjoys watching the campus transform. According to Batterson, the current projects under considerations were Morgan, Delzell, the Complex, TJ Majors, the student center, the entrance to the campus, roads, and parking lots. It is difficult to determine which of these projects will go in what order because it is determined by what money is coming in. Money given by the government or donors can only be used for what it was intended for. The first project will be new heating and air conditioning for the student center. Other priorities are finishing Morgan, as well as renovating the other residence halls.

Students interested in putting in their opinions or ideas or asking questions should contact Vice President Batterson, Vice President Michaela Willis, or attend a meeting about the Campus Facilities Master Plan which will occur in November.

Harrison appointed new Director of Campus Services

Many of you have noticed that there have been some changes with how things have been running on campus. This is due to Rick Harrison, the new Director of Campus Services.

He started his new position in August right before all of the students returned to campus. In an interview Harrison said that he chose to apply at Peru State College because he felt that with his job history it seemed like a good fit.

Harrison had tried to retire after 27 years of working in the facilities maintenance field, but he found it difficult to access his benefits and retirement fund at a younger age.

Harrison has an extensive background in facilities maintenance, and an additional 8 years of experience in the construction industries, including welder and pipe fitter.

As the Director of Campus Services, he oversees maintenance, custodial, grounds, the mail room, audio visual equipment check-out, construction projects, and the state vehicle fleet.

Harrison said he routinely works “60 plus” hour a week. His favorite part of the job is how he is making a difference for our students and faculty, he said. He also cares a lot about the service that his employees provide for the students on campus, how the campus is maintained during the week, how clean the custodial staff keeps up the facilities, and how all the mechanical equipment on campus functions. This includes all of the power to all of the residence halls, water service, and the safety of all of the faculty and students at Peru State College.

In his spare time, Harrison loves to camp, hunt, cut firewood, do some arborist work, and to round it all off he likes to do auto body work.
He said, she said: Bob Inn vs Cafeteria food

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Going through high school, I always heard college food was better. So I was excited to see if it was true. There is more selection than where I went to school.

Is college food better than high school food? I would say it is if you go to the Bob Inn, but the main café is similar to the old food. The food in the Bob looks more appealing, tastes better, and will probably have something you like.

First of all, the main café food sometimes looks nasty or sounds nasty. When I arrived on campus, I heard a lot of it was chicken. Well, come to find out a lot of what is in the main café is chicken. The Bob has the typical fast food that a lot of people like. It may be a lot worse for the body, but it looks better.

Secondly, the taste is better than the main café. There is a lot of tasty food in the main café, but there are those meals that do not taste so great. Most people I’ve heard from would prefer the taste of a burger and fries more than the taste of some of the main café food. The Bob is a fast food restaurant on campus, something people like. There is also the late night Bob with chicken strips, mozzarella sticks, nacho night, and more.

Thirdly, there is probably something you will like to eat. My favorite would be the chicken strips and mozzarella sticks at the late night Bob. One of the other favorites I have heard is a double bacon burger and curly fries. There is a lot more food for people to try.

In conclusion, the main café food is good, but the food in the Bob is better to me. It may not be the healthiest of food, but it tastes great. The food is more appealing, tastes better, and probably has something you like. There is more food in the Bob than just mentioned in this article so be sure to check it out.

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College students are always talking about the “Freshmen 15.” People often think it’s how many credit hours students take a semester.

The phrase “Freshmen 15” most of us are familiar with is how many pounds the average freshmen gains staying up all night studying, snacking in their dorm room, and eating school food for every meal instead of just lunch like the old days.

At Peru State College, you have two choices for meals. The choices are The Bob Inn for lunch and a late night fourth meal, or the main cafeteria for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. The Bob Inn is great for night time socializing, but I would choose the main café any day.

A lot of people give our cafeteria props. We have a lot of selections, and for the most part, it is healthy. We have a salad bar, a sandwich bar, a whole line with pasta choices and chicken choices, other things like macaroni salad, jell-O, hamburgers and tacos.

The pickiest of eaters can find something they like for themselves. The Bob Inn does not offer the selection that the main café does. The Bob Inn has fast food options like hamburgers, nachos, mozzarella cheese sticks, or things you might find on the dollar menu at Burger King. It doesn’t have as many choices, and they are not nearly as healthy.

The main café and Bob Inn have the nicest staff I’ve ever met! They are always friendly and polite, but I would choose the main café over the Bob Inn mostly for the larger selection and healthier options.

But once in awhile get your fingers greasy and enjoy the Bob Inn for some fast food and great socializing. At Peru State College, we are very lucky for our food services and staff!

Opinions: Destroying your friendships

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I can not express how many times I have gotten into an argument with someone purely because my opinion differed from theirs. Whether it be a close friend, an acquaintance, a family member or a complete stranger, it doesn’t matter how valid your point is or how strong your beliefs are -- someone is always going to disagree with you.

The word “opinion” in the dictionary is defined as “a view or judgment formed about something, not necessarily based on fact or knowledge.”

The part that people tend to ignore about this definition is the “not based on fact or knowledge” part.

People form their opinions based on their own personal beliefs. Take a simple example: the sky is blue. We all know this. We all know the sky is blue because of molecules of light spreading from the sun. But if someone chooses to believe that the sky is purple, not blue, they are going to fight for that regardless of any facts thrown at them because it is there opinion.

In my opinion, one of the biggest problems in the world -- yes, the whole world -- is that people don’t realize that it is okay to disagree with one another. We don’t always have to see things eye to eye. We don’t have to believe in the same things to get along. We don’t have to have the same taste in music to be “cool,” and we don’t have to study the same religion to decide where we go when we die. These are all matters of opinion.

Opinions are dangerous little things. Opinions can destroy friendships, cause war, create problems and cause peer pressure. The touchier the subject, the stronger the opinions are.

The thing people don’t realize is that everyone has their own opinion, and everyone is entitled to having their own opinion. We don’t have to agree with every little thing to make the world go round, we just simply have to tolerate the fact that not everyone is going to view things the way we do.

A big problem in fighting for your opinion is not realizing when you should stop and just agree to disagree. This is where problems tend to rise up, and this is when opinions cause more problems than individuality.

People have their own opinions in order to maintain that individuality. Whether they have valid reasons or are simply trying to go against the norm, who are we to think we should argue? Do you like having your opinions questioned? Do you like being in a constant debate over whether you are right or wrong?

Arguing over an opinion is honestly a waste of breath. I say we all just agree to disagree and move on with life.
Living the First Lady’s life

ASHLEY ANDERSON
Contributing Writer

Many students see First Lady Elaine Hanson with a high level of school spirit, as well as participation in campus activities. What most students don’t know is that Hanson is a very busy woman. There are no two days alike for Hanson. There is always something to do, whether it’s community outreach, taking part in multiple meetings a day, cleaning house or entertaining friends and family.

On and off campus involvement, regional involvement and entertainment at home keep Hanson a busy woman. Hanson’s off campus involvement includes Secretary of the Brownville Fine Arts Association, Vice President and Coalition member of NADAA (Nemaha County Against Drug and Alcohol Abuse), and President of the board and mentor of TeamMates. Hanson is also a member of Auburn Rotary, Auburn Steering Committee, Peru Chamber, Peru Literary Club, Peru Community Church, Peru Kiwanis Club, Peru PEO and a volunteer at Good Samaritan Society.

Hanson said that the best part of her daily schedule is the interaction with students. Hanson also loves to work with the Foundation and to visit with the students because they always have great stories to tell. Out of all the responsibilities that Hanson has, she enjoys being a mom the most.

After asking Hanson if she had ever wanted a break from her busy role she said, “I love my role! I’m energized by students. At times I feel I need to spend more time with our parents because they’re getting older.”

“There is very little free time. If I had free time, I’d take a nap,” she said. Hanson also enjoys gardening, talking walks, and bike riding.

President Hanson and First Lady Elaine moved to Peru in August 2009. Elaine was excited about the new change that was happening in their lives. They had talked to their two daughters, Heather and Abby, about the move and had decided that they were coming as a “team.” When Hanson first arrived to Peru, she liked the feel and size of the town and the students accompanied with the support that the faculty and staff gave. They were all very welcoming.

Hanson carries a planner with her at all times which includes all of her upcoming events, meetings, family photos and inspirational quotes. Some of the quotes that Hanson had written are:

“My life’s vision and mission is to lead a life dedicated to service.”

“Nurturing a balance of nature, spirituality, relationships, health, emotions well-being and a sense of humor.”

First Lady Elaine’s Famous Cookie Recipe

1 cup- Sugar 1 cup- Brown Sugar
1 cup- Butter 2 Eggs
1 tsp.- Vanilla 1 tsp.- Lemon Juice
4 cups- Flour 1 tsp.- Salt
1 ½ tsp.- Baking Soda 1 ½ tsp.- Baking Powder
1 bag- Chocolate Chips

Put teaspoons on cookie sheet
Press down
Bake at 350 for 9 minutes
(Cookies will look undone but they’re done!)

Peru to have more weekend activities

JESSICA MERRILL
Contributing Writer

Peru State is trying to institute more weekend activities to persuade students to stay here over the weekends.

When you ask a student how they like Peru, you’ll usually hear, “It’s good but there’s not much to do over the weekends.” Peru State, being more of a central college closely located to most towns, allows for students to find it easier to head home after Thursday afternoon classes. In fact, when a potential new student comes to the campus on a visit, one of the main perks about this school is that we do have four day weeks, leaving you free with a three day weekend.

Some students can’t go back home on the weekends. It could be due to the fact that they don’t have a car, any gas money for their car, or the fact that a drive home could possibly be up to fifteen hours for them. One freshman student, TJ Beckert, traveled all the way to Peru from Maryland. “The weekends here get boring, especially when everyone leaves,” he said.

If Peru were to do something about the “boring” weekend situation, would students want to stay? The administration has requested that Peru’s Campus Activities Board, better known as CAB, try to schedule activities on weekends rather than on weekdays, so students will have entertainment and a reason to stick around.

CAB President Kimmy Miller said that they’re going to try and plan more out of town events. These include things such as free movie nights in Nebraska City and free bowling nights in Auburn. CAB already had the successful trip to Worlds of Fun during the Halloween season. Miller said the most difficult thing about planning weekend events would have to be the budget. Miller herself is from out of state and only gets to go home during breaks, so doing more weekend activities would benefit her too.

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Single mom: Keeping with tradition

MEGAN BROWN
Staff Writer

Imagine this: I was about 13 years old, Christmas was quickly approaching, and it was time for our family to assemble our tree. The tree for many families, including mine, is an annual tradition, a staple that brings individuals closer in holiday spirit and prompts a time of joyful reflection on cherished memories of years past. Then there was me, the defiant teen that mumbled and grumbled as I haphazardly placed an ornament or two on the tree and then looked for the golden moment to quietly sneak away from the festivities.

My ambitions were not malicious; I did not aim to ruin holiday festivities for others. However, I had no desire to participate. I would explore every avenue of excuses to get out of decorating for Christmas, distributing candy on Halloween, or helping with Easter Egg Hunts.

Easter Egg Hunts.

My perspective on preserving holiday traditions drastically changed when Kamber came into my life. Instead of avoiding holiday days like the plague, I planned months in advance. The events focused around Halloween such as: pumpkin carving, decorating, trick-or-treating, and community events centered on children have once again become part of my life. Even taking Kamber to pick out her costume was a crucial element in completing our Halloween.

As I transition from teenager to mother, my priorities have shifted including my determination to keep family traditions alive through my daughter. As I reflect on past, of course I sometimes regret my stubbornness and unwillingness to participate. However, as I envision the future, my heart is warmed with thoughts of spending the holidays with my family for years to come.

Discrimination of all kinds

RAEANNA CARBAUGH
Contributing Writer

Many people look around them and make judgments. Whether they are conscience of these judgments or not, they are made. It can vary from color, size, gender, sexuality, and many more. Discrimination has always been a topic that is very important, but it tends to sit on the sidelines due to other “big money” topics. Who says that discrimination is not as important as freedom of speech or even abortion? It is a topic that has been around since the dawn of man, but people would rather ignore it as a problem so they do not have to find the solution. The solution is so simple that it is too difficult to execute. Open everyone’s mind to all possibilities and give every unique individual an equal chance to rise up in the world.

This is hard to do because the human race is stubborn and many people are very opposed to have to change their ways. Change is inevitable, but also very difficult to except. The EOCC or the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission is one of the many organizations that are working against discrimination in the work place. Some of the common forms that the EOCC works with are age, disability, nation of origin, pregnancy, race/color, religion, and sex. These are found commonly throughout the work place, educational environment, and within the community. The EOCC defines certain discriminations. Age discrimination is treating someone less favorable because of his or her age. Age Discrimination in Employment Act forbids discrimination for those who are older than 40 years old. It does not protect those who are younger. Race/Color discrimination is treating someone unfairly because they are of a certain race or because of personal characteristics associated with race. It also involves treating someone unfavorably because of their association with a certain race. Sex-Based discrimination is treating someone unfairly because of a person’s sex. This can also deal with a person’s association with a sex-based organization.

There is discrimination all around us. Most of it has to do with minority groups. Minority does not just deal with race, religion, or ethnicity. It is a group of people who are treated inferior to the majority. This involves LBGTQA, different religious organizations, and race/ethnic groups, and many others. Who the minority is changes wherever you are in the world, but what doesn’t change is the discrimination against them. Everyone deserves a chance to be the best they can be, but small-minded people are what prohibit that from happening.

Harry Houdini, one of the world’s most famous magicians, died of peritonitis in a hospital somewhere in Detroit, Michigan. Twelve days before his death, he had been talking to a group of students who had just attended a lecture in Montreal. Houdini was among those at the lecture, while he had started to talk with this group of students. He was explaining to them the strength of his stomach muscles and how they hold the ability to take hard blows. Without warning a student cocks back and hits Houdini twice in the abdomen. Houdini always knew how they hold the ability to take hard blows. Without warning a student cocks back and hits Houdini twice in the abdomen. Houdini could not prepare himself for the random act. From those blows his appendix ruptured. He became sick on the train to Detroit and then after his final performance, Houdini became hospitalized and later died.

October 31st - November 25th

October 31, 1926

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Contributing Writer

October 31, 1517- Martin Luther walked up to the doors of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany and nailed up his 95 revolutionary opinions that began the Protestant Reformation.

November 2, 1948- Truman defeated Dewey, even though Truman was considered the underdog. The Chicago Tribune even had papers ready with a headline saying “Dewey Defeats Truman”

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Peru Theatre Company taking advantage of new theater

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Assistant Editor

Following the success of Pippin, the Peru Theatre Company will take their performances to a new location. The next play, The Seafarer, will take place in the black box theater, which creates some interesting new changes for the Peru Theatre Company and its audience members.

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Similar to the other theater, however, the Youngs will spend about 120 hours with the actors in rehearsal, in addition to the hours spent creating the stage, props, and costumes and learning lines.

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Flooding effects troubles travelers and towns near river

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The water churned at the road as spectators looked out across the long span of what once were fields. Some people lost their homes, some their jobs, and some lost everything. The devastation of the flood is nowhere near as bad as it could have been, nor quite as bad as people had thought it would be. Still, the damage and despair is a real enough thing around here.

It’s been a little over four months, and people are still just now finding new places to live after being evacuated from their homes. Many have tried staying with family members until an opportunity presents itself, but some don’t even have that option. Fortunately in a small community such as ours, someone is almost always willing to help, so the victims of the tragedy didn’t go homeless.

Sadly enough, some travelers passing through are more bothered by the inconvenience caused to them than the losses of people who once lived in flooded areas. Some go so far as to yell and blame locals for the flooding, as if we were able to control the weather and figure we’d make ourselves a new swimming pool. This doesn’t happen too frequently, but the fact that it does just causes more stress on those who really do have something to be bothered by.

Many travelers passing through have no knowledge of the flood, and those that do have no idea how bad it is until they see it for themselves. A common statement to hear is “My GPS told me to go this way” or “But I didn’t see anything about this online”. Some people even have gone so far as to try and brave the waters by walking through it or trying to drive on closed roads and hope that they can make it.

Not only locals and commuters have been affected though. Army personnel were stationed at major intersections that were flooded near the interstate to prevent people from ignoring the cautions or snooping around. These people were forced to leave their homes and families to sit and watch traffic for hours a day with very few words of encouragement or thanks from the people they had to redirect.

The water lapping at the road may have only affected the most rural of areas around here, but it is being felt by many more. Commuters from all over the country, military personnel, and businesses have all suffered, but saddest of all are the people who lost their homes and livelihoods. One question still sits in our heads. What will next summer bring?

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**November 10, 1969** - The show that taught us manners, how to count, and many other things, debuted for the first time. Sesame Street became an icon for children everywhere.

**November 17, 1558** - Queen Mary I, Monarch of England and Ireland, died and was succeeded by her half sister Elizabeth.

**November 19, 1863** - Lincoln gave his famous speech, The Gettysburg Address.

**November 20, 1945** - The 24 high ranking Nazis went to trial in Nuremberg, Germany for the crimes they committed in the Holocaust.

**November 25, 1950** - The storm of the century hit the eastern part of the United States killing hundreds of people and cause millions of dollars in damages.
The student athletes at Peru State College work hard to ensure their athletic experience is high quality. In order to do this, they must raise a lot of their own money.

Steve Schneider, the Director of Athletics, said that each of the athletic teams make up their own fund raising plans and submits them to him for review. “The coaches and teams are always really creative about how they supplement their budgets,” he said.

When the individual teams do fund raisers, their money goes towards any expenses that are not covered by the college. Such expenses include long distance traveling or even new uniforms.

Rachel Rippe, a senior graphic design major, business minor and member of the volleyball team, said that, “The volleyball team played in a tournament in Florida this year. Without fund raising and donations, we wouldn’t be able to take trips like that.”

Recently for fund raising, the baseball team worked a haunted house at Indian Cave State Park, and other sports teams have been working admission gates and concession stands at football and volleyball games.

The Bobcat cheerleaders have put on several cheer camps and sell Bobcat fan gear at every football game. “We’ve had a lot of luck fund raising this year, and I only expect it to get better from here,” said Sara Mencl, a sophomore psychology major and cheerleader.

Beyond fund raising, each of the teams are required to do community service projects. Recently, athletic programs worked with the Student Athletic Advisory Council, or SAAC, to get winter donations for the needy.

You may have noticed the long tables set up in the cafeteria with boxes for donations. The teams put their competitive edge into the item drive, and had a contest to see which team could collect the most items. “Support your favorite athletic team” was what the banner stated, asking students to donate items such as cough drops, gloves or hats.

Women’s Basketball Schedule 2011-2012

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On September 18th the men’s basketball team travelled to the Northside Elementary in Nebraska City to read to all of the kindergarten classes as part of their community service projects.

Photos courtesy of Peru State College 2010-2011 Gallery
Bobcat Basketball teams enter conference with optimism

With just days away to the opening basketball season, fans are getting eager to see what the teams have in store for them. A new conference and changes will not stand as obstructions for the Bobcats.

This will be the first season that the teams will be playing in the HAAC Conference, and although the coaches’ polls have placed the Bobcats toward the bottom of the ranking, the coaches and players are staying optimistic.

Men’s Basketball Head Coach Troy Katen noted that new teams are often placed at the bottom of the totem pole, so the polls weren’t a surprise to him.

In addition, both head coaches have introduced new faces to the coaching staff, including graduate assistants and assistant coaches. With their expertise, the Bobcats are preparing to impress this season.

Both teams are also experiencing changes in the lineups, as the Bobcats have many new players to watch. The women's team is looking toward the five returning players, including standout juniors Courtney Ward from Bartlesville, Oklahoma and Katie Potter from Omaha, to lead with experience and guide the new players.

The Lady Bobcats had a strong season last year, with several individuals landing themselves in the Peru State record books. The men’s team also has several returning players, who promise to impress the Bobcat fans with their talent. Both teams’ recruits are equipped with both skill and leadership, which will be great additives to the determination to succeed this season.

The outcome of the season lies in the hands of the players. Head Women’s Basketball Coach Maurtice Ivy stated, “It will be up to our team to determine where we finish in the HAAC.” As both the coaches and players attend practice with drive and motivation to succeed in the new conference, fans are anxiously anticipating the first games.

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Smells like twenty years

TRENT GROOMS
Ad Manager

It’s hard to believe that it’s been twenty years since the release of Nirvana’s Nevermind, yet the album still stands the test of time as one of the most influential rock albums of all time. To mark the 20th anniversary, Geffen records released 10,000 copies to the United States, and 30,000 other copies to the rest of the world.

The “super deluxe” package includes many unreleased tracks, such as smells like teen spirit’s first recording on a boom box cassette tape. The deluxe set comes with 4 CD’s and 1 DVD along with a few live radio performances. Disk two has numerous early recordings of songs from the Nevermind era, such as “Even in his youth” and “Curmudgeon” along with a few live radio performances. Disk two has numerous early recordings of songs from Nevermind. Many of the recordings were done by the band on cheap cassette recorders.

Disc one of the set includes the entire re-mastered version of Nevermind along with all the singles that were released during the Nevermind era, such as “Even in his youth” and “Curmudgeon” along with a few live radio performances. Disk two has numerous early recordings of songs from Nevermind shortly after the release of Nevermind at the paramount theatre.

The DVD that comes with the set is the actual video footage of the concert where you get to see Nirvana do their thing and then end the show by destroying the set and smashing their guitars. If you are at all interested in Nirvana this is worth checking out. It gives you a peek behind the curtains of how this monumental album was born and how much hard work and dedication was put into it.

Geffen also released the DVD of Nirvana live at the paramount theatre as a stand-alone disk if you just want to check out the concert. With twenty years under its belt this album is sure to be talked about in the next twenty years.

Psycho Review

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When it comes to scary movies, Psycho is a true classic. Janet Leigh and Anthony Perkins are the main actors in this 1960 Alfred Hitchcock film.

Like any horror movie nowadays, the movie starts out showing the life of the victim Marian Crane (Janet Leigh). We see that Crane is a peaceful and polite girl. After going to work, just like any other morning, Crane is asked to make a deposit of money for a customer. Following the statement that she will take the money to the bank, she steals the money and leaves town. After driving all-night and nodding off at the wheel, she decides to check into a hotel, this is where she finds trouble.

Psycho was released in 1960, so it was filmed in black and white. Having the awesome graphics and 3-D movies brings suspense and leaves the viewer wanting more.

Besides the music and the camera angles, the actors also have a way of reeling the audience in. Leigh was nominated for the Academy Award for best supporting actress for this movie. Although she is only in the first half of the movie, she goes through a lot of different emotions. From the playful girlfriend to the pleasantly professional secretary to the regretful nervous woman on the run to the scared victim, she portrays all emotions well.

Anthony Perkins roll is a little more challenging. He starts by portraying this charming innkeeper who is a bit quirky, but all around seems to be a caring and giving person. Perkins does a fantastic job at creating this shady character by stuttering, fidgeting, and using a soft voice.

Most “scary” movies are written for one purpose: to scare the audience. Psycho definitely gives the viewers chills and uneasy feelings, but at the end we realize that there is a deeper meaning to the madness. Once fans realize this, there is no way anyone can disagree that there is any other scary movie that can beat out this true classic!
Dungeon Defenders brings new dimension to tower defense games

KYLE AMEN
Distribution Manager

Dungeon Defenders does one thing right straight from the very beginning. It combines the awe of fantasy games, such as the look and feel of World of Warcraft, and the likes of the best Tower Defense games. It combines the two with such beauty.

A tower defense game is guarding a base with towers, using strategy to keep them up and running to protect your base. Like most tower defense games, Dungeon Defenders breaks down the game play into two stages: the setup phase and the attack phase. During the setup phase, the player takes control of a character, one of four different types, and goes out to set up structures to protect the valuable crystal everyone wants. Signs tell you how many enemies there are going to be, which helps greatly when planning the attacks. If the player loses the crystal, it’s game over. While players can heal themselves and repair towers, healing the crystal is almost a no go so be careful.

In the second phase, the enemies are released. This is where the game completely flips onto its head. Unlike most tower defense games, this one allows the player to keep control of the character and unleash fire on the enemies. It allows such decisions as saving the towers to help the defense or going all out on the enemy. One wrong move, and it could be game over.

Between waves, the player can switch between classes. There is the Apprentice, who cases offensive spells from a distance and more. There is also the Squire, who attacks with swords and traps. If that doesn’t work out, one could always become the Huntress, who is a basically a thief with traps and one wicked crossbow. The final class to pick is the Monk, who does monk stuff such as healing. Everyone loves a good Monk, right?

As each map becomes conquered, the player levels up their character, granting new abilities and gathering more health. New towers are also unlocked. The point system adds a whole new depth to tower defense games. Players can chose how they want their character to be, and not just a preset set of skills. The single-player campaign is pretty decent, with 13 missions. Each mission also has its rewards, increasing its replayability. Difficulty can also be raised, which also grants bigger and more satisfying rewards.

It’s clear, however, that the primary focus of the game is co-op. Later on in the campaign, the missions become almost impossible to finish alone. However, the game does offer split screen co-op of up to three friends. Having friends in this game helps immensely, as everyone can be their own class with their own skills. The graphics, which are run on the game completely flips onto its head. Unlike most tower defense games, this one allows the player to keep control of the character and unleash fire on the enemies. It allows such decisions as saving the towers to help the defense or going all out on the enemy. One wrong move, and it could be game over.

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The story is one of my biggest gripes about the game. The adults leave, children unleash evil that was locked away. Blah blah blah. It was an issue for me, seeing as a story is very important to me. However, the game play and co-op definitely make up for the story line. There’s all the fact that this game actually has a story line, while most tower defense games don’t.

While the game did have a few flaws, it’s a great example of how far the tower-defense genre can go. With great game play mechanics, solid graphics, and co-op that will entertain for days, it’s a buy in my book. It also makes for a good substitute until Plants vs. Zombies 2 arrives.

Fill-Ins

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KEEN OPEN
PERT SHOO

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CARGO CHEWY
FAIRY GAVEL

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ALBEIT ENGINE
IRONIC ITSELF

7 Letters
BABYSIT FULFILL
PLAYFUL TYPICAL

8 Letters
ANYTHING HALFTIME
INVITING SMUGGLER
STAIRWAY YEARBOOK

Solution on page 12
Breaking News- Fitness Center in AWAC

JENNY TRAPP
Layout Editor

The fitness center in the AWAC will be turned back into a swimming pool within the next two years.

The floor is unstable and will soon cave in due to the extensive weight that has been placed where the pool was once located. When there is again a giant gaping hole, which the school is planning to fill with water to recreate a pool-like atmosphere.

The hours that the center will be open will soon be minimized in the college’s fear of being liable for students who fall in the hole when the floor finally gives.

“When the floor finally caves in it will be due to the material used in the construction process of filling the pool to create the previously non-existing floor. The hole will act as a black hole. All students who are affected by this tragedy will be sucked into oblivion. It was one of the risks we had to take in this construction project that I feel was well worth it,” explained one of the construction workers who helped in the construction process.

The center is beautiful and has several new machines and equipment. Make sure to see it and even work out in there, of course, at your own risk. The college is not liable for any of those who are sucked into the black hole.

Breaking News- New residence halls for construction crew

Campus housing is building a new residence hall in the middle of the quad to house the construction workers that never seem to leave the campus be.

The new building will be complete in approximately seven years, with an additional four years to fix any flaws that arose in the construction process. The structure will be named after a great handy man and construction worker, Bob the Builder Residents Hall.

A representative from the college explained “We love to see construction on our beautiful campus and those poor workers always have to commute to and from the school, minimizing their ability to focus on their work and get the job finished. It really is sad. But now, since they will be living here, we can simply assign them more work- like we do the students.”

Breaking News- Trayless Tuesdays is back

Trayless Tuesdays are back, have been modified, and are even more popular than they were the first time the college tried them out.

Rather than going trayless on Tuesdays, the campus is getting rid of all trays, silver wear, plates, bowls and cups. The cafeteria will be serving finger food on these days.

There has been some concern regarding how students will get drinks if Trayless Tuesday is now No Dishes Tuesday. A member of the cafeteria staff explained by giving this reporter a demonstration. Simply, student will place their heads under the liquid dispenser, open their mouths wide and press the button to get their beverage. They will drink their beverage of choice, there in the cafeteria straight from the dispensers.

This new effort will not only move Peru State in the direction of becoming completely green, but it will also save the college money from not having to run the dishwasher or pay students to work in the dish room.

The Residence Life staff had their monthly meeting that allegedly turned into a raging kegger out at Neil Hall.

A student who was passing Neil Hall while this party was taking place explained what he had heard that night.

“I was walking to my car when I heard a man’s voice, loud as can be ‘I knew I would be the first to die.’ Then there was a crash and an uproar of laughter. Followed by a softer spoken man who said ‘Document it! Document it!’

The picketers had signs that said things such as ‘Document! Document!’ The last thing that I heard through the laughter was ‘BEER!’”

As the staff exited the building they gave their explanation for that night. They claim that they had some root beer at the meeting and then directly following the meeting they played a few games of Mafia- a Residents Life tradition. Members of the staff even offered the picketer some of the extra root beer.

None, of course, took them up on the offer. There you have it, both sides of the story.

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