Homesick for Thanksgiving

Rae Carbaugh
STAFF WRITER

Sally McAdams and Sarah Baldwin, along with the Department of Student Life, and Zach’s Bar & Grill invite all the students who are unable to go home for the Thanksgiving holiday to join them on Thanksgiving Day for a home cooked meal at Zach’s Bar and Grill from noon - 2 p.m. on Thursday, November 28. Sadly not everyone is able to make it home for the holidays and this is a wonderful chance for a delicious home cooked meal over the break. Thanks to the wonderful people involved, students are given this chance. RSVP’s are not required but they do need to get an idea of how many people will be served. Please contact Baldwin, McAdams, or Zach Reeves via Creative Dining Services as soon as possible.

Midnight breakfast

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Do you like bacon, sausage, and pancakes? Do you LOVE biscuits and gravy? Do you hate studying for finals? Well take a break, eat some good food, and attempt to win some fabulous prizes. Does any of this sound familiar? Hope so! It is that time of year again; the biannual Midnight Breakfast will be held the Monday, December 9. For all you freshman out there who are unsure what this means, you will soon find out. It is a night of delicious wonder and amazement. Faculty and administration will serve you breakfast, instead of Late Night Bob. The Creative Dining puts together little events with prizes. Some of the prizes from previous Midnight Breakfasts included a 39” Flat Screen TV, Wal-Mart Gift Cards, and Bobcat Bookstore gift cards. Make sure to read the signs posted around the cafeteria to learn about the theme, and prepare for a night of fun, food, and entertainment.

Peru State College Madrigal Singers present holiday dinner

Taylor Sirman
STAFF WRITER

It’s that time of year again. The holidays will soon be in full swing. That can only mean one thing: The Peru State College Madrigal Singers are hard at work producing the annual Madrigal Holiday Dinner. This program is a tradition that is over 20 years in the making. Dr. Thomas Ediger, director of the Madrigal Singers, leads the group in a night of entertainment. A ticket to this show will net you a three course meal and some of the best entertainment the School of Music has to offer. The night features the world premier of the opera “Where or Same”, great jokes, and holiday carols. Not familiar with what a madrigal is? Basically, madrigals are secular song style pieces from the Medieval and Renaissance eras. This sets the tone for the entire show. Fully costumed, the group features 20 singers, a harpsichordist, and the wonderful Jester Horky. This year the, for the first time ever, the dinner will feature a recorder ensemble under the direction of Ms. Anne Sheedy-Gardner.

The event takes place on December 6 and 7 in the Peru State College Student Center. Interested in getting a seat? Tickets are on sale right now for $30. To make a reservation contact Dr. Thomas Ediger at tediger@peru.edu or call 402-872-2237. Doors open at 6:30 pm and the Royal Processional starts at 7:00 pm. Whether you decide to spend your weekend with the Madrigal Singers and friends or family, have a great semester and happy holidays.

The cast of the 2011 Madrigal Dinner

Image courtesy of Bill Clemente
Student Senate Spotlight

Peru State College’s Homecoming, held November 2nd, was a great success! Your 2013 Homecoming Court for each class was as follows:

Freshman Representatives: Wade Noll and Rebecca Perez
Sophomore Representatives: Ryan Bauman and Mallory Hull
Junior Representatives: Nathan Bianchi and Carrie Lierz
Senior King and Queen: Mitch Boshart and Ellen Larsen

Congratulations to each of you! The winners of the Homecoming Parade for each category were as follows:

Decorated Vehicles:
First Place: Peru State Softball Team
Second Place: Peru State Education Association (PSEA)
Third Place: Black Student Union (BSU)
Honorable Mention: Peru State Support Staff Floats

Cars:
First Place: Student Senate
Second Place: Peru Theater Company (PTC)
Third Place: Phi Beta Lambda (PBL)

Class of 1963 Classic Cars:
First Place: LaHood Windsor
Second Place: Larry Stevenson with his 1971 Cutlass
Third Place: Cliff Cooper with his 1953 Pickup

Congratulations to all of the category winners. Winners of the float and decorated vehicles each received a cash prize. Thank you to everyone who helped to make the Peru State Homecoming Parade a success!

Peru State students, please be on the lookout for surveys coming through your email. We will be sending these surveys out monthly. The month of November’s topic is Frisbee Golf and the month of December’s topic will be printing access on campus. Your input is important to us so please check your emails regularly and fill out our surveys!

The Senator of the Month for November is Natasha Bradley. Bradley is a Biological Science major from Auburn, Nebraska. She was named Senator of the Month for going above and beyond working and helping with Homecoming, doing quality work, having a great attitude as a Senate Member, and having a positive attitude outside of Student Senate.

If you or anyone you know has thoughts about campus improvements please submit your ideas in the box located outside of the student organization office located in the student center. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at studentsenate@campus.peru.edu.

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Professor Spotlight

Ken Anderson

I was approached to write an essay for the “Times” about my motivation for teaching or to simplify; “Why do I teach?” I mulled over that question for a few weeks prior to theoretically “putting pen to paper” and came up with the following: I don’t know. Why do any of us do what we do? I am not limiting the question to simply a narrow group of educators but to the entire human race. Again the answer is that I don’t know. Call it timing, luck, or Karma but we seem to end up where we end up, through a series of left turns as opposed to right, associating with types of people of like interests, listening to certain music, reading books on art, philosophy, religion, history, writings by people of interest to us, and a myriad of other tomes.

In any event I arrived at the following. My hope is that it raises more questions than answers.

The average undergraduate arrives at his or her respective college or university with the energy, excitement and exuberance of youth. Unfortunately, they generally also arrive with a limited understanding of foundation principles and are not cognizant of historical figures and movements. Although these students may not be as sensitive to art as one would hope, they do hold a certain verve at the prospect of learning and participating in a college art program.

As in any learning process, it is requisite that foundation principles be understood and mastered. In order for my students to move forward in their work they must be presented with the opportunity and intellectual climate to not only learn foundation principles, but be allowed to take this information and explore the possibilities.

It is my charge as an artist/educator to provide a climate endemic to exploration. I stress to my students “It is my responsibility to provide you with the type of environment that piques your interest in the subject matter; if I am doing this, it is then my problem to change. If I am providing you with the proper environment it is your responsibility to enter this environment and push yourself and your work. If you fail at this it is your problem. If you choose not to work there is very little I can do.”

As cold as these words may sound it is this level of shared responsibility between my students and myself that allows them control of their own action and reactions. I have found the shared responsibility approach to be very successful.

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Jennifer Trapp and Tessa Way’s Senior Art Exhibit opened November 10 and will remain open for viewing in the Peru State College’s Art Gallery until December 5. It features the accumulation of the skills and experiences that the two young women gained from their years of study.

“There was a lot more work associated with putting together a show than you would assume,” said Trapp. It began with creating the work showcased. After creating the art, they selected their best work.

Next, they framed and mounted the selected work. “I would advise any painter to frame paintings as you go; don’t wait till the show to frame them all!” said Way.

The Friday before the opening Trapp and Way “sighted and hung” the show, according to Jennifer Trapp. With the assistance of Professor Ken Anderson, they put the finishing touches on the display. “It was a new experience to figure out how to hang all the pieces would fit together in the show,” elaborated Way.

Both artists’ creative process begins with inspiration. The source of the inspiration varies each time. “Once I figure out what my subject is and in what medium I then start working on the art,” explained Trapp.

When asked which artists they respect, each had their own recommendations. Trapp enjoys the works of Andy Warhol and Chuck Close. Way cited Alex Pardee and Jhonen Vasquez as favorites of hers. Trapp describes her painting style as expressionistic. “I paint according to how I feel the subject looks rather than going after a perfect replication,” elaborated Trapp. While her paintings are expressionistic, her drawing is as she describes it, “photo-realistic.” She enjoys working with oils and pottery sculpting but her favorite art form is her charcoal drawings. Her styles are on opposite sides of the spectrum that many have noted it shows her wide range of skills.

Way’s style has been called “excellence out of simplicity,” by someone familiar with her work. When asked to describe her style, she says that “it is almost cartoonish with a splash of reality and some dark stuff.” Her preferred mediums include: “graphite, acrylics, and Adobe Illustrator.”

Trapp plans to teach. At first, she hopes to work in high schools while she pursues her Master’s then become a college professor. She is currently working on commissioning art work. Way plans to enter the business side of art by opening her own small business. The students’ work may be viewed through December 5, when it will be either returned to the artist or to whomever bought it.
As finals rapidly approach and the semester that seemingly just started is ending it is easy to get caught up in the stress, sleeplessness, and brain drain that everything shall pass, including you! Here are a few study tips to help you pass those dreadful finals and maybe even boost your GPA in these final weeks.

Study in chunks! Even though it may be tempting to, cramming is not the best way to study. According to the Dartmouth Academic Skills Center, you should study in 20-50 minute increments and give yourself 5 to 10 minute breaks between each session. For best results study throughout an entire week not just one night!

Listen to Classical music! Certain types of music, like Mozart’s compositions (which follow a 60 beat per minute pattern) have been show to activate both the left and right sides of the brain. Stimulation on both sides is linked to higher recall and so listening while studying can increase the likelihood that you will retain the important information.

Prevent test anxiety. Most people suffer from this (some more than others), but there are a few tricks to managing your stress during a test. One of the ways is to imagine yourself acing the test before you take it, the mental mindset can go a long ways. Another possible way is to prevent test anxiety is to induce some stress while you are studying. This will allow you to learn to cope with stress and learn how to handle it making sure to keep things in perspective. You can quell the fear by taking deep breaths and focusing on what you know!

Some other strategies for test preparation are: use alternative study spots, form study groups, jog around campus for about 20 minutes, utilize office hours, build on what you know, and make studying interesting!

For those of you who like to study in the library during finals week, the Peru State College Library will be open Sunday December 8 from Noon-10 p.m. Monday through Wednesday (the 9-11) 7:30 a.m.-10:00 p.m., Thursday December 12 7:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m., and Friday December 13 7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Happy studying!!

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Do you ever check your campus email? When you actually check your campus email do you actually do those surveys that are sent to you? If the answer for you to both of those questions is yes, then congratulations, you earn a gold star for being awesome. If the answer to that is “false”, then kudos, you can join the ranks of being a regular college student. Let’s be honest guys, we don’t read all those emails that we get in our inbox. In an ideal world we would, and this article would probably be about something else. However, we will never live in an ideal world. We get a lot of emails a week from various departments on campus. The ones that have to do with us directly or pique our interest we tend to read. The ones that don’t, we quickly press the delete button or just let them be, never to be read and left to sit in our inbox for a long while. Surveys tend to be part of the latter categories for college students. There are many reasons for that, and I’m sure you are familiar with all them. Surveys we do tend to have a chance for us to win something. For example, dining services survey gave us the opportunity to win a kindle, therefore a bunch of us ended up doing the survey. Yet, not all the survey’s can give us that opportunity because that would just be ridiculous though awesome if they did. But that is never going to happen no matter how much we wish that it would. So the question remains; why do the survey? The answer to that is simple: to give you an opportunity to share your voice. We all have something to complain about. Some of it we can’t do anything about and just have to live with it. But in most situations, we can. Surveys are there for that reason. They give us the opportunity to give opinions and share our dislikes and likes with the people who have the power to do something about it. After all, a school without its students is not a school at all. Your opinions do matter. Take advantage of the platform that you are given to express your views in a positive light that can better your stay here. When you have the time, log into your campus email, do the surveys that are currently in there, and share your voice.

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Final Exams for evening classes are scheduled for 0630 pm on the regular class meeting day.
Ama Bikoko  
FACEBOOK EDITOR

Imagine a dark night, laughter surrounding you, memories being traded, your stomach full, and the air filled with possibility. That is image is generally what you will find at a New Year’s party; the joy of being able to look forward to the future with unhindered optimism and bliss. It happens year after year, and with every passing year the optimism for it does not seem to die down. Why? Why do people celebrate the New Year? Is it just tradition pushing forward this holiday? Is it the media making it a bigger deal than it actually is? Is it something that is celebrated just because it’s another holiday?

Personally, I don’t think those statements ring absolutely true. There are some aspects of New Year’s that you can attributed to it being tradition driven, media exploited, and holiday revered. However, when it comes down to it, those aspects are the tiniest tip of the iceberg. I think New Year’s is as big as it is because it gives people the opportunity to transition. From January through December of every year, life happens. We grow older, we experience new things, we learn more about ourselves and others, we buy a couple of new outfits, cut our hair, use the bathroom thousands of times...we do the things that make us human. As we get close to the end year, we tend to wonder where the year has gone. The feeling of it just being May a few months ago and now it’s November sits in more. The question of what have I done/doing with my life might come up more often. It happens because a New Year is exactly that. NEW. We get to go into another year and experience more of. We obviously can experience more of life any time throughout the year. But with New Year’s the magnifying glass on reflecting yours life tends to be at a greater because you are more aware that time is passing and that you survived another year despite what went on in your life and the world. That simple fact makes a world of difference. It makes us more reflective and more susceptible to change. Not everyone one is going to go through a huge change. In fact, a mass majority of us are going to keep living our lives the same way we have lived them the last five years. However, I do think most of us will sit down and reflect on the past year and come to a decision about ourselves. And the fact that happens at the beginning of the year, warrants New Year’s to be a big deal. It warrants us a holiday to celebrate life, possibility, excitement, change, and everything that is human.

Rebecca Bartlett  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Many view New Year’s Eve as a time to reflect on the events on the past year, whether that is done quietly with an intimate gathering of close friends or less than quietly with a larger gathering. Reflection may be done at any given point throughout the year, however. Just because a new number is rolling over on the calendar doesn’t mean we should have any sentimental reason to think about life...

A little reflection every day could be a good thing, actually. Remembering how you got to where you are, who helped you to get here, and who has been important to you in your life can help put every day troubles in perspective. For example: upset about oversleeping this morning an missing a quiz? Yeah, it sucks, but you’ve been through worse, and you’ll make it through this, too.

Putting things in perspective is one thing, but dwelling is quite another. Dwelling on past mistakes and worrying about past regrets is just a waste of time and mental energy. Considering all these things around the transition to a new year is trivial. The calendar in and of itself is just a measurement of how the seasons change, how the Earth rotates around the sun. There isn’t anything really new about a new year. It's simply another number on the Gregorian Calendar. Another year since we started using this calendar as opposed to another (which it’s a good thing we are - if we were using the Mayan calendar, the world would have ended).

Now, I’m not saying that we shouldn’t celebrate New Year’s Eve. Any excuse to spend time with family and friends and have fun is good. And I’m not even saying that the holiday receives too much attention. Does the media make a bigger deal about this holiday than it necessarily has to? Yes. Does the media make a bigger deal about everything than it has to? Probably. What I’m saying is that every year around the new year, people suddenly become sentimental about the past and the future. Every year around the new year, people make a bigger deal about this time of year? Yes. Does the media make a bigger deal about this time of year? No (Cue grumpy cat here). If you’re going to be sentimental and reflective, do it every day. If you’re going to be sentimental and reflective, do it every day. If you’re going to be motivated, do it every ...other... day. Don’t just pick a certain time of year.

Happy New Year!
Finding someone to report crimes to on campus

Becky Bartlett
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Members of the Peru State community should report all crimes to Campus Security. In an emergency, always dial 911 to report a crime. Suspicious activities or non-emergencies can be reported to any of the following:

**Weapons Violations**

- Peru State College: 402.872.2411
- Wayne State College: approx 2,000
- Chadron State College: approx 3,500
- University of Nebraska Lincoln: approx 4,000
- University of Nebraska Omaha: approx 15,000

**Drug Violations**

- Peru State College: 402.872.2237
- Wayne State College: approx 2,000
- Chadron State College: approx 3,500
- University of Nebraska Lincoln: approx 4,000
- University of Nebraska Omaha: approx 15,000

**Liquor Violations**

- Peru State College: 402.872.2237
- Wayne State College: approx 2,000
- Chadron State College: approx 3,500
- University of Nebraska Lincoln: approx 4,000
- University of Nebraska Omaha: approx 15,000

**Sex Offenses**

- Peru State College: 402.872.2237
- Wayne State College: approx 2,000
- Chadron State College: approx 3,500
- University of Nebraska Lincoln: approx 4,000
- University of Nebraska Omaha: approx 15,000

**Robbery**

- Peru State College: 402.872.2237
- Wayne State College: approx 2,000
- Chadron State College: approx 3,500
- University of Nebraska Lincoln: approx 4,000
- University of Nebraska Omaha: approx 15,000

**Aggravated Assault**

- Peru State College: 402.872.2237
- Wayne State College: approx 2,000
- Chadron State College: approx 3,500
- University of Nebraska Lincoln: approx 4,000
- University of Nebraska Omaha: approx 15,000

**Burglary**

- Peru State College: 402.872.2237
- Wayne State College: approx 2,000
- Chadron State College: approx 3,500
- University of Nebraska Lincoln: approx 4,000
- University of Nebraska Omaha: approx 15,000

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Have you ever felt nervous to walk home alone? Has your car’s battery ever died? Ever had a flat? Ever felt a disturbance in the force? Well look no further: Peru State College has a top notch security team. EVERY student has the right to feel safe and protected on this campus. The Campus Security team is there to help. If you do not wish to walk alone at night, call security; they can give you a lift to where ever you are going.

Both men and women who experienced rape, violence, or stalking reported chronic pain, headaches, problems sleeping, and poor health in general.

School Closing Information

Students, faculty, and staff may sign up for e2campus alerts, which are sent via email, text, or phone call immediately after the school has been closed or an emergency has occurred. The form to sign up may be found at http://www.peru.edu/emergency/sms.htm.

Campus closing information can also be obtained in the following areas:

- Peru State College Web page
  www.peru.edu
- Television
  KOLN/KGIN-TV, Lincoln (Channel 10-11)
  KETV, Omaha (Channel 7)
- Radio
  KCNY, Nebraska City/Auburn (1600 AM, 103.1 FM)
  KTN, Falls City (1230 AM)
  KLZA, Falls City (101.3 FM)
  KFAB, Omaha (1100 AM)
  KMA, Shenandoah, Iowa (960 AM)
  KWBE, Beatrice (1450 AM)
  KLIN, Lincoln (1400 AM)
- Social Media (@PeruState)
  Facebook
  Twitter

In the case of inclement weather, the following schedule changes may be observed:

Late start: On-campus classes will be postponed to either 9:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. Classes prior to the late start time will be cancelled. Remaining classes will occur at their regularly scheduled time during the day, Campus personnel will report at the late start time except for those personnel deemed “essential.”

Classes Cancelled: Day and evening classes will be cancelled. Faculty will not report to work. College personnel will report to work.

College Closed: All classes, activities, and offices are closed.

In general, the following hours will be observed in the event of a campus closing, but more specific information will be available at the time of the closing.

- Cafeteria: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- Library: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Game Room: 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- AWAC: 10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. (subject to team practices)
- Fitness Center: 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Wear purple to remember

A “Purple Out” will be held Thursday, December 5 during the Bobcat women’s basketball game to mark three years since the disappearance of Peru State College student Tyler Thomas.

Those attending the women’s basketball game are encouraged to wear purple, Thomas’ favorite color. She disappeared in the early morning of December 3, 2010.

The Bobcat women will be playing Benedictine College, with the game set to start at 5:30 p.m. in the AWAC.

Campus security keeps students safe in more ways than one

Rae Carbaugh
STAFF WRITER
Every weekend, hundreds of Peru State football fans pack the stands to see our beloved Bobcats rise to victory. Decked out from head to toe in Peru Blue, we shout and yell and cheer, urging our team to fight their hardest to beat our opponent and get us yet another win on what has been a very quick journey to the top. But what would all this cheering be without someone to organize it and to prompt the crowd to be louder?

Every week the Peru State Cheerleaders spend hours tumbling, working on cheers, and practicing stunts to get the crowds excited. On the sidelines, they spend the entire game cheering and showing off their stunts in an attempt to get a response from the fans, which they always accomplish. (And this isn't just for football. This happens at many Peru State sporting events).

As if that hard work and dedication wasn’t enough, they spend even more of their time organizing and holding fundraisers to fund the squad’s needs. “Last year the squad took part in several fundraisers which raised enough money to cover all expenses including uniforms and gear,” said Head Coach Chelsea Allgood. “We even had enough left over to purchase new stunting mats for the 2013-2014 season so our athletes can be safe while practicing new stunts.”

Each year the cheerleaders sell Little Caesar’s Pizza kits, which have proven quite popular among the college students. They also host an annual Youth Cheer Camp as well as several other cheer camps at the request of local high schools. In addition to this, they also judge cheerleading tryouts at local high schools for free with donations. They even represent Peru State at anywhere from nine to twelve parades during the summer and fall. With this above and beyond attitude, it’s easy to see where their dedication lies.

This year’s Peru State College Cheerleaders include Nakita Baird, Brittney Bock, Megan Carroll, Brooke Earnest, Marissa Florian, Kelsey Gretch, Jazzmin Hernandez, Megan Ingram, Malory Luebbe, Amber Musil, McKenna Newman, Trisha Ostrander, Whitni Redman, Felicia Schlicker, Nyanen Timbek, and Alyssa Welna. They are led by Coach Chelsea Allgood and Assistant Coach Tiffany Streator.

Peru State College qualifies in Champions of Character program

Peru State College is a member of the NAIA champion of character five-star, which is a big honor. “Since 1937, the NAIA has administered programs and championships in proper balance with the overall educational experience. In 2000, the NAIA reaffirmed its purpose to enhance the character-building aspects of sport. Through the Champions of Character program, the NAIA seeks to create an environment in which every student-athlete, coach, official and spectator is committed to the true spirit of competition through five core values: integrity, respect, responsibility, sportsmanship and servant leadership,” the NAIA released.

Peru State College is a member of the NAIA champion of character five-star giving student-athletes, coaches, officials and spectators an opportunity to show their true spirit. Members get points for extraordinary work in the following’s categories: character training, conduct in competition, character recognition, academic focus and character promotion. There are 217 schools that were named five-star and 2012 – 13. This year NAIA member’s average scores were at 67.48. This year Peru State College’s NAIA members scored 77 points and were in the top third percent of the list, Peru State was tied at 63rd on the list. 80% of NAIA member’s institution scored the 60 points necessary to be named a five-star champion of character. It is an honor to be named a five-star champion of character, so for Oklahoma Baptist the top performers this year followed by Central Methodist University (Mo.) and Columbia College (S.C), who are tied for fourth place with 97 points.

Information for this article was obtained via a press release.
Bobcat Football remains in top 25 despite loss

The 2013 NAIA Football Coaches’ Top 25 Poll – Final (Nov. 17)

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Cumberlands (Ky.) closes the 2013 regular season with the No. 1 ranking in the final NAIA Football Coaches’ Top 25 Poll, the national office announced Sunday.

One-of-two undefeated teams remaining in the NAIA, the Patriots, who received nine first-place votes and 310 points, are 10-0 and claimed the outright Mid-South Conference East Division championship with a 56-14 win at Bluefield (Va.) on Saturday. Cumberlands took over the top spot in the Nov. 11 edition and now own two No. 1 rankings since 1999.

The Peru State Bobcat football finished 24th in the final Top 25 poll despite having lost their last three games of the season. However, three of the four Bobcat losses were to Heart of America Athletic Conference (HAAC) opponents who finished fourth, seventh, and eighth in the poll. The Wildcats of Baker University, who topped the Bobcats yesterday, are fourth. Missouri Valley College and Benedictine College are seventh and eighth respectively. The Bobcats fell from 19th to 24th in the final poll.

The 2013 NAIA Football Championship Series (FCS) 16-team field and first round pairings will be announced on Sunday at 3 p.m. CST via a live selection show on www.NAIA.org. The conference champions rated in the top 20 (including ties) in the Final Coaches’ Top 25 Poll will automatically qualify for the FCS. The highest rated independent team – provided it is ranked in the top 20 – shall also automatically qualify. The remaining at-large berths will be awarded based on the final ranking.

No. 2 Grand View (Iowa) tallied the remaining five first-place votes and totaled 306 points to hold its position for the second-consecutive week. The Vikings, who were inactive last week, are the NAIA’s other unbeaten team at 10-0 and receive an automatic berth into the FCS after winning the Mid-States Football Association Midwest League title – the programs third-straight.

Third-ranked Carroll (Mont.) (288 points), No. 4 Baker (Kan.) (274 points) and No. 5 Morning-side (Iowa) (271 points) round out the top five after wins this past weekend. Carroll, out of the Frontier Conference, and Morningside of the Great Plains Athletic Conference, won outright conference crowns. Baker shared the Heart of America Athletic Conference title with No. 7 Missouri Valley and No. 8 Benedictine (Kan.).

Sixteen teams moved at least one position in this week’s poll with No. 13 Sterling (Kan.), No. 18 Saint Xavier (Ill.), and No. 21 Langston (Okla.) each jumping a poll-high three places. Sterling, who opened the season unranked, has won eight-straight en route to a 9-2 overall record and its first Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference championship in program history. In similar fashion to Sterling, Langston has won six-straight and claimed the Central States Football League crown with a 33-0 thrashing of Wayland Baptist (Texas) last Saturday.

On the opposite end of the spectrum, No. 15 Ottawa slipped seven places to fall the hardest among the ranked teams. The Braves’ slide from No. 8 comes following a 23-20 loss against then-No. 12 Tabor (Kan.) on Saturday in the two sides’ regular-season finale.

No. 25 Eastern Oregon is this week’s newcomer. The Mountaineers are receiving their first Top 25 mention since Oct. 1, 2012. Bacone (Okla.), previously No. 25, fell out of the poll.

The Heart of America Athletic Conference, Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference and Frontier Conference are tied for the most programs in the poll with four teams each. The poll was voted upon by a panel of head coaches representing each of the conferences and independents.
The PlayStation 4 is finally here! Sony’s latest console hit store shelves November 15 and thus ushered in a new generation of consoles. No longer will you be forced to play in an up-scaled 720p like a peasant but in full glorious 1080p. And with this console it definitely shows.

The day of the launch itself was a bit shaky. The biggest problem was the PlayStation Network. Now, with over a million consoles trying to connect to the same infrastructure it was to be expected. Thankfully the spotty connection issues cleared up very fast and the launch went extremely smooth.

The first thing you’ll notice is the brand new interface and the improved social integration of the console. Everything runs extremely fast and the menus are super easy to navigate. The

able to download and install updates and games as you play. No more waiting around. You can also upload screenshots, videos of your gameplay, or stream your game to TwitchTV or Ustream. The console also features many of the media apps you come to expect of a gaming console such as Netflix, Amazon, Hulu, et cetera.

Along with every launch, PS4 comes a voucher that includes a PlayStation + 30 day trial, Music Unlimited 30 day trial, and a free $10 to spend on the PlayStation Store. Having PlayStation + comes one of the best games on the console, like Resogun. This game is one of the most addicting shooters since the original Galaga. It is easily the best game on the system. It’s hard to exactly explain how fun it is so your best bet is to just go try it.

The graphical improvements aren’t as steep as last generations jump but still surprisingly good. The games that were developed exclusively are strikingly beautiful, crisp, and the high frame rates are much appreciated.

For the first person shooter fans, the PS4 launches with 3 of the biggest names in the business: Call of Duty, Battlefield, and Killzone. Call of Duty: Ghosts will run at 1080p at 60 frames per second (fps), in comparison to the Xbox One’s 720p, and Battlefield will run at 900p at 60 fps. Many of the other video game staples are also present such as Madden, FIFA, NBA, Assassins Creed, and Need for Speed.

The best part is that console gaming hasn’t lost its fun. There are a whole bunch of new interesting features that I haven’t even been able to touch in this small article. PlayStation proves with it’s surprisingly powerful launch of the PS4 that it is the best place to play.
Doctor Who celebrates 50 years

Ashlynn Blomstedt
STAFF WRITER

Doctor Who, a science fiction television show from Great Britain, seems like an unlikely candidate for an international hit phenomenon. This year the show celebrates its fiftieth anniversary with a feature length special described by series producer Marcus Wilson as a “love letter to the fans.” On November 23, 2013, old friends returned to the show to face the Doctor’s darkest day.

For those of you that aren’t up to speed on the show, allow me to give you some background. The Doctor travels through space and time with various companions, getting into trouble and saving people. He is known as a Time Lord from the planet Gallifrey. Time Lords are an ancient civilization with the power to manipulate time lines and events. He uses a device called a TARDIS (Time and Relative Dimensions In Space) to travel throughout the universe. It has taken him to the beginning and the end of the universe. On a few occasions, it has taken the Doctor to an alternate universe. A spaceship with its own personality, the TARDIS is notorious for not taking him where he wants to go but to where he needs to go.

Throughout the fifty years the show has aired, several actors have portrayed the Doctor. There have been eleven official Doctors prior to the Fiftieth Anniversary special called the War Doctor, where a twelfth Doctor has been added. Within the show’s mythology, Time Lords have the ability to regenerate when they near death. Regeneration allows the Doctor to survive, however his physical appearance reconfigures into a new form. His personality is also altered. While the Doctor has been the same person. This has allowed the show to stay interesting and alive for the half a century. The original run of the show had 26 seasons from 1963 to 1989 with a TV movie in 1996. In 2005, the show restarted with the ninth incarnation. When his companion Rose Tyler (Billie Piper) meets him, he has just ended an event called the Time War by locking both the Time Lords and their enemies, the Daleks, into a separate universe effectively destroying them both and committing genocide against two races. He is the last of his kind. The day he ends the Time War is his darkest day and was revisited in the anniversary special.

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Don’t get your hopes up, but.... Baby, what’s your sign?

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Sagittarius- November 23-December 22: Let’s be honest.... today has got to be a huge improvement from yesterday. Don’t get your hopes up, but I think things might be looking up.

Capricorn- December 22-January 20: You are near the top of the ladder. That just means that you have further to fall. Hang on tight. Things might be a little rocky.

Aquarius- January 20-February 18: Error 405: Horoscope not found. -> Whoa bro! That doesn’t sound good.

Pisces- February 19-March 20: It’s best to keep a low profile right now. You might want to try going incognito. Someone is looking for you.

Aries- March 21-April 19: Watch your step! There are boo- by-traps hiding for you. Walk with caution.

Taurus- April 20-May 20: There is a monster under your bed. Watch your ankles.

Gemini- May 21-June 20: Today might be one of those days that you have to spit-shine your windshield. Things aren’t going the way you had planned yet somehow you will get it all done... in your own special way.

Cancer- June 21-July 22: Make a move or die alone. You only have two options. One ends well and in your favor and the other ends with you dying alone. Choose wisely.

Leo- July 23-August 23: The road to riches is paved with procrastination and last minute assignments. Just kidding, that’s the road to campus. The road to riches is paved with hard work and dedication.

Virgo- August 23-September 21: When life gives you lemons, make orange juice. Show the world that you are unpredictable and out of this world.

Libra- September 21-October 21: You are talented in many ways. You just haven’t found it yet. You are as clueless as a man in a dark room without a flashlight. Yikes!

Scorpio- October 21-November 22: When one door closes, sneak in the window. There is a loop hole for every problem in life.

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PERU IS...

...KNOWING HOW TO DECODE THE FINALS SCHEDULE

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Social Life, 22ish

Social Life, 22ish, Residence Halls of Peru Nebraska. Social Life passed away and went to the little party in the sky the week before “dead week.” Her untimely death came at the hand of too much stress and far too much procrastination.

Social Life was loved by all that she came to know. She went to Peru State College. She was big and beautiful. She was full of potential.

There was never a Friday night where she was bored and sitting at home. Her phone was always ringing... until that retched day where her phone went silent. Out of the blue she was off the radar. When she was found, she was in mid text.

She worked as an event planner and was always active. Social Life had won “most popular” and “most likely to have fun” in high school. The fun came to an end all too soon.

She was survived by all her peeps and homies and the empty shell of her human body. Without Social Life, the body is simply a vessel to do homework and writing papers. All that is left of the lovely young woman is her cell phone and unwritten papers.

Social Life’s funeral will be held on academic Monday in the Student Center at Midnight Breakfast. If you wish to send flowers, please send them to her professors.

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