History Day celebrates 30 years
Ashlynn Blomstedt
STAFF WRITER

This year is the 30th Annual History Day competition hosted by Peru State College. On Wednesday, February 26, 2014, nearly 300 students from 6th through 12th grade will descend on the Campus of a Thousand Oaks. They will showcase the historical research they have conducted and compete for various prizes. History Day is a great event for the college, the students involved, and the surrounding communities.

Something all history students know is that to better understand the present, one must understand the past. Thirty years ago, Dr. Sara Crook, then just an adjunct professor, was charged with sponsoring the regional competition. Back then the budget was only a hundred dollars and it hasn’t increased since. Students compete at the school, regional, state, and even the national level. History Day started small: one year Crook only had one participating student and one judge. Over the years, the number of students has grown greatly, from only a few students to averaging three hundred in recent years.

History Day is beneficial for all involved. Peru State College brings many talented students to our lovely campus with prizes that entice the best and brightest to attend. The first place prize for all Sr division exhibits is a $500 “Tested for Excellence” scholarship that can be used for tuition costs. Along with the tuition prize, local historical groups offer their own special awards with various criteria. The college, which prides itself on embracing learners of all ages, also draws in family and friends for the eager scholar. As all academic centers must, the campus provides a community service by promoting interest in academic work and historical research in the surrounding area communities.

The college students assisting also get great experience with hosting academic competitions.

This year’s theme, “Rights and Responsibilities,” will challenge students to think about the various ways to apply the theme to the subjects they love. The attendees will be greeted by a historical figure whose identity will remain a tightly guarded secret until the big day. When young, eager scholars flock to our campus of higher education, think about the benefits they bring and how hard they had to work to get here.

New security supervisor brings bright ideas
Ama Bikoko
SOCIAL MEDIA MANAGER

This semester, Peru State College welcomed a new Security Supervisor, Tracy Sachs. Sachs replaces Darren Reeves, who resigned from the position late last year.

Born and raised in Nebraska City, Sachs brings a lot of experience with him to the position. Sachs severed in the military for six years and did a tour of duty in Iraq from 2006 to 2007. After leaving the military, Sachs got a job working for the Department of Corrections in Nebraska at the Tecumseh State Correctional Institution. Sachs worked as a first line supervisor, a sergeant level position, at the Institution. The position allowed him to deal with a lot of emergency response situations and gave him the opportunity to take various supervisory classes. He plans to use these experiences to help the college in the improvement of its emergency response management program.

The college is looking to advance the various roles that security plays in the program as well as advance the role that staff takes in emergency response. One other new development that Sachs plans to implement is the teaching security guard’s self-defense tactics. Sachs was a self-defense instructor for the Department of Corrections and is planning on using that experience to aid with teaching the officers. In conjunction with that, the college is looking at the possibility of opening up a self-defense class for students as well.

Sachs lives in Syracuse, NE. During his free time he likes to fish, hunt, and spend time with his son.

“Loving the new position and the new challenge,” he said. “And it is definitely a different world coming from a prison situation to a college campus situation. So it is big change for me but I love it. I love the atmosphere. I love how each department works together.”

Professional clothing drive
Jessica Merrill
COPY EDITOR

With job interviews, practicums, student teaching, presentations, and conferences consuming the majority of our daily lives, many students find themselves without the appropriate attire. Usually, professors ask that we wear a polo or button up, khakis, a dress, or appropriate length skirt but it can be hard to find those in our closet, especially when students aren’t used to wearing that kind of clothing. On March 5 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Peru State College will be hosting a Professional Clothing Drive in the Live Oak Room, in order to help students obtain articles of clothing that will boost their professional wardrobe.

Since October, clothing, hangars, and other miscellaneous items have been collected. On March 5, students will be able to pick out two clothing items and one accessory which could include scarves, watches, or jewelry.

Any questions can be directed to Jamie Eberly at jeberly@peru.edu or Jessica Merrill at jesmerrill27@yahoo.com.
What are your dream Valentine’s Day dates?

“To frolic through a tropical forest while drinking punch and then swim with the fish of Belize.”
Ryan Arnold
Junior, Business Management and Marketing

“A long walk on the beach followed by a sparkling juice and a moonlit walk to stargazing and jewelry.”
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Hands Across Campus

Above, are participants of the 3rd Annual Hands Across Campus. This year’s theme was “What are you doing for others?” President Dan Hanson gave a speech challenging students to fulfill Martin Luther Jr. King’s question in their actions. Janessa Davis, a sophomore, from Omaha, NE shared a poem that also pertained to the theme.

Photos by Ama Bikoko
Bleed blue for the blood drive

Devin Hart
AD MANAGER

Peru State College offers many ways for students to get involved around campus. With many intramurals, and clubs available students can get involved. However, if you would like to help people, then help out or donate blood at the blood drive hosted by PILOT club on Tuesday February 11 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. To schedule an appointment contact Peggy Groff.

Peggy Groff, Student Success Coordinator, states that this year’s goal for the blood drive is 65 units of blood. In order for that to happen they will need 84 people to volunteer to donate blood.

In order to improve the blood supply for this winter, Peru State College is hosting an American Red Cross We Challenge U Blood Drive. During this blood drive, all presenting donors will receive a We Challenge U t-shirt while supplies last.

Tricia Quinn, CEO of the Midwest Blood Services Region states, “We thank Peru State College for accepting the challenge from the Red Cross.”

“Donating blood is an easy way to volunteer, and it helps patients in need.”

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation’s blood; teachers skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American Public to perform its mission.

What happens prior to donating blood? Donors will register, complete a brief health-history screening have their blood pressure, pulse rate, temperature and iron level checked. The entire donation process takes about an hour, but the actual blood donation itself takes about 10 minutes. Refreshments are provided at the end of the donation process.

What can donors do to improve their chances of donating blood? American Red Cross Web Page

RHA Carnival creates fun

Above are participants of the January 18th carnival engaging in different activities. The carnival had many options for participants to choose from. A table where students were able to engage in a game of “spoons” was available. “Apples to Apples”, “Twister”, “PLIKNO”, were all offered as another options. There was a donought on a string station where students fought on their hands and knees to see who could eat a donought as quickly as possible.

At the end of the carnival, participants were given the opportunity to enter a drawing for different prizes, that included a television, beat headphones, movies, and various other things.

Images by: Ama Bikoko

SSS Study Time

Wedsdays
6:30-8:30 p.m.
CATS Lower Level
Tutors will be available
Open to all SSS members

Professor Spotlight

Why do you teach?

By Dr. Sarah Crook

A passion for all things political and historical and a love of learning has thankfully steered me to a career in teaching. I can’t imagine going to work at a job that didn’t fulfill my intellectual and creative needs. Rather, it is my intense interest in what I teach and the opportunities to continually expand that knowledge that inspires me to teach. As a student in a one-room country school (many years ago!), I had the opportunity to refine my teaching skills at a young age as I worked with students in the grades below me. Nothing was more satisfying then and still so satisfying now, than when the “light” comes on for one of your students. Combine that with a passion for the topic and you have the explanation for my career choice.

Enthusiasm for your subject matter is essential to a successful teaching career. Could you imagine a Dr. Long not excited about science laboratory experiments, a Dr. Ediger not engrossed in music, a Dr. Davis bored by great philosophers, or Professor Anderson passè about art? They love their respective academic fields and that passion can’t help but be revealed in the classroom. You can see it in their faces and hear it in their voices.

Additionally, interaction with students provides teachers an opportunity to inspire another generation to appreciate what they have spent a lifetime exploring. It is through the art of teaching that students grasp a broad and deep knowledge base, coupled with the skills necessary to interpret and critique amidst an ever-increasing avalanche of information and a constantly changing global society. It is this intellectual culture that is essential to a civilized society. Teaching also offers a plethora of opportunities to role model professionalism and integrity. Students may not always hear what teachers say, but they rarely miss what teachers do. What profession offers more chances to impact societal norms than teaching? Many a great philosopher or theologian have noted that in the end, it is not what a person has; rather it is what a legacy a person leaves behind.

Why do I teach? The answer is simple...it is the most important job for the future of a civilized society!

Dr. Sarah Crook is Professor of History and advisor to Phi Alpha Theta at Peru State College
Peru State College announces

(Peru, Neb.) Peru State College released the names of students who earned a place on the Dean’s List for the fall 2013 semester.

To make the Dean’s List, students must have a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for the semester, have completed at least 12 college credit hours during the past semester and have no incomplete grades for the semester. Students are listed alphabetically by state, hometown and last name, along with their year. International students follow and are listed alphabetically by country. Those students earning a 4.0 for the semester are noted by an asterisk (*).

### ALABAMA

- Amanda Lee* - Winder
- Derrick Davis* - Lake City
- So

### ARKANSAS

- Tony Patrick, II* - Lonoke
- So

### Arkadelphia

- Scott Ourand - So
- Van Buren
- Joni Monroe - Jr

### ARIZONA

- Arizona Marana
- Justin Harahan* - Jr
- Phoenix
- Andrew Tucker* - Sr
- Prescott Valley
- Tyler Audsley - So
- CALIFORNIA
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The 76th Assembly of National Center for Student Leadership Conference will be held in April 2014. You can find the request forms at www.peru.edu/elform/view.php?id=42739. The Senate of the Month for January is Jake Hedden. Jake is a Criminal Justice major from Corinne, Nebraska. He was named Senator of the Month for his work as Chair of the Rules and Judiciary Committee. His professionalism, patience, and dedication were all noted throughout Senate meetings. We appreciate his work and representation of the students.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at student senate@campus peru.edu
Fall 2013 Dean’s List

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Aaron Rice Jr Murdock
Arend
Justin Petersen Jr Nebraska City
Dean Wood*
Garley
Camden Grasmick Sr Austin Barnes*
Hastings
Willi Gronewold Jr Christiana De Neve
Hebron
Kory Klovers Jr Sena Hayes*
Hickman
Guenevere Arthur Jr Kassandra Holman
Lisa Malcho* Jr Holmesville
Jessica Wasing* Sr Michelle Kaiser
Humboldt
Michelle Carlin* Sr Julie Marshall*
Brandon Edmon* Jr Chelsea Shaw
Jansen
Alicia Umland* Jr Stephanie Petersen
Katrina Umland* Jr Johnson
Melissa Fowler Sr Lauren Stewart
R. Hedden Sr Audra Wetrosky
Erie Johnson Jr Nebraska
Jacey McCoy Fr Katie Nuritn* Jr Nebrara
Julian
Courtney Boos So Yvonne Bickerstaff
La Vista
Sophia Mignon So Norfolk
Lincoln
Tawny Sue Anderson So Katheryn Carlson
René Blome-Higer Sr Trevor Porter
Brittney Bock* Jr North Platte
Ryan Conrad Jr Rebekha Dostal
Rene Danley Jr North Platte
Mandy Etmm* Jr Jessica Johannsen
Tyler Ford Jr Jacklyn Kelley
Dayton Graf Jr Martin J. Owen*
Brian Hand Fr Jill Elizabeth Petersen
Alaina Henzel Fr Natalie Rae Wood
Kayla Henzel Fr Odell
Taylor Herzog* Fr Alyssa Hajek
Jessica Kadau So Angela Zarybnick*
Amber Kind Jr Omaha
Lindsey Klewer Jr Kacey Brown
Connor Long Jr Kyle Charrlin*
Lilian Martinez Jr Lauren Clark
Sarah Mertens Jr Evan Davies*
Linda Miller Sr Matthew Deden*
Abigail Moser Sr Amelia Doty
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Micah Summerlin Fr Makala Nerz
Amanda Tangeaman* Sr Anna O’Gorman
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Michelle West Jr Chelsea Reznicek*
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Taylor Zillig Jr Bert Riley, Jr*
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Fr Ryan Parker Zuhlke
Sr Superior
Sr Hunter Dean Franzen
Fr Sutton
Heidi M Hofmann*
So Syracuse
Deborah Dettmer
Sr Talmage
Kent Marburger*
Sr Amantha Tetin*
Sr Tecumseh
Sr Nakita Lynn Baird*
Sr Whitney Caspers*
Sr Mackenzie Rae Faris
Sr Laura Johns*
Sr Thedford
Sr Marissa Sawyer
Sr Tyrone
Samuel Ascherl*
Sr Urabella
Sr Taylor Berner
Jr Valentine
So Christopher Buurman*
So Wasa
Sr Abigail Hegge*
Sr Faith Nelson
Sr Codie Closen
Alexis Fudge*
Sr Weeping Water
So Alexander Wessels
So Wilber
Sr Marissa Florian
Sr Danielle Katlyn Hall
Sr Theresa Messman
Sr Samantha Truka*
Sr Katie Wollenburg
Sr Catlin Rice
Sr Wood River
Mitchell Boshart*
Fr Briar Burr
York
Sr Jordan Bedient
Julie Hoff*
Sr Sklyer Anne Petersen
Collin Harvey Pickel
Sr Chelsea Turek
NEW JERSEY
So Bayonne
Sr Jeffrey Lopez
Mount Laurel
Sr Shadrack Aigbeaka
Sr Sayreville
Ishrat Azeeem
Fr NEVADA
Las Vegas
Fr Max Estrada
Jr Theresa King*
NEW YORK
Jr Oswego
Lindsey Baker*
Sr OHIO
Athen
Jr Tyler Westminster*
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STAFF WRITER

Roses are red violets are blue, if you cross Al Capone, you’ll be red too. Many people think of Valentine’s Day as this wonderful, happy, lovey-dovey holiday. Less we forget the horrible moment in history when two rival gangs met in the Windy City and let the bullets fly. The scene is set; February 14, 1929 towards the end of the Prohibition area. Fights over turf began to increase, causing much citizen concern. Chicago was split up between two of the largest known gangsters in Chicago, Al Capone and George “Bugs” Moran. The two gangs fought back and forth and finally Capone was going to get the final say. While vacationing in Miami, Capone’s right hand man Jack “Machine Gun” McGurn went to see him after a recent assassination attempt by Moran. McGurn concocted a plan to not only take over the city, but get back at the man who has been causing so much headache and grief. Capone agreed to fund “The Plan”. “The Plan” was simple, McGurn was to locate Moran’s headquarters, acquire a stolen police car and uniforms, and get the men to take down Moran’s operation. On February 13, 1929 Moran received a phone call from someone to sell some high dollar alcohol, at a bottom dollar price. Moran’s greedy side kicked in, and he couldn’t deny the temptation. At 10:30 in the morning, Moran’s men assembled and waited for the shipment of fine booze. Capone’s lookouts told the undercover gunmen that Moran’s people were on their way; those poor souls thought the imposters were real police officers. They did everything the two undercover gunmen told them to do; they even allowed them to remove their guns. Once all seven men were facing the wall the other gunman joined the undercover gunmen, and all men opened fire onto the seven unsuspecting men. Each victim received at least 15 bullets. Moran was not one of the seven who died because he wasn’t there. He got away by a couple seconds. When Moran pulled up to his secret storehouse garage he saw the police car and booked it, afraid that he was going to get caught. No one was ever tried or convicted for this crime because Capone had an air tight alibi, and McGurn had what became known as “The Blonde Alibi.” Valentine’s Day has now become a commercialized holiday that exploits love into a do or die situation, but these men did die. Do you still think of love as a wonderful, beautiful, happy, lovey-dovey holiday?

Bri Urrutia  
STAFFWRITER

Top 10 Worst Valentine’s Days Ever

1. You’re sitting at Grisanti’s, eating your plate of pasta, tiramisu and sipping at your sparkling cider ...alone because you’re single.

2. You’re waiting at an Italian restaurant for your significant other, when all of a sudden, they burst in, guns hot, shouting, “It’s-a me-a.... Marrio!”

3. Having dinner with your significant other at their house.....in the basement......eating steak on plasticware.

4. Your significant other texts you as you’re waiting for them to pick you up saying tonight isn’t going to work. You respond with, Wanna reschedule? They reply with, no, there’s a Harry Potter marathon on ABC Family this weekend.

5. You’re at a bar, sitting next to a stranger, she smiles at you and says “I think you might be the guy I’ve been waiting for.”

6. You’re on a plane, flying to a tropical island, and your significant other walks up to you and says, “You won’t believe what I did for you.”

7. You’re looking at the menu, and the server says “Your significant other wants to order the same thing as you.”

8. You’re waiting at an Italian restaurant for your significant other.

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Always

Love cannot be found where it doesn’t exist, nor can it be hidden where it truly does.

I’d rather die tomorrow than live 100 years without knowing you.

Every atom of your flesh is as dear to me as my own: in pain and sickness it would still be dear.

Here’s looking at you, kid.

Any man, anytime, has the chance to sweep a woman off her feet. He just needs the right broom.

I’ll never let go, Jack. I’ll never let go.

I wish I knew how to quit you.

I thought we would meet only in death.

Love cannot be found where it doesn’t exist, nor can it be hidden where it truly does.

I’d rather die tomorrow than live 100 years without knowing you.

Nobody puts Baby in the corner.

Any man, anytime, has the chance to sweep a woman off her feet. He just needs the right broom.

Don’t forget I’m just a girl, standing in front of a boy, asking him to love her.

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People always forget the things when they’re in love.

I never wish to be parted from you from this day on.

My dearest friend, If you don’t mind, I’d like to join you by your side.

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Baby Don’t Hurt Me, Baby Don’t Hurt Me

Andy Medina
STAFF WRITER

What is love? Love is ridiculous, careless, unpredictable, one of the most powerful human emotions we have. Love makes us do things we wouldn’t normally do. Butterflies in your stomach may be a sign you’re in love. An overwhelming sense of nervousness may take hold of you, a tightness in your chest can be noticed if you’re paying attention to the signs.

The feeling we get when we feel attracted to someone is indescribable. It’s almost absurd, the moment when we realize we’re in love. In today’s society, how many of us can say we’ve been in love? What happened to the romantic love like the olden days? What happened to writing a poem or love letter and delivering it to the person you wrote it for? When you develop feelings for someone and those feelings culminate into one big mass in the pit of your chest and every time you see that person, whether it be in the cafeteria, in class, the library, or even walking to and from campus, you tell yourself “Now’s the time. I am going to talk to them. Oh, wait, I’m going to be late to class, next time. Next time, I’ll talk to them for sure.” You make excuses to not talk to them because you don’t want to accept the reality that they won’t or can’t reciprocate your feelings. The feelings don’t go away though, they never do. Time heals all wounds, sure, but, I’m not one to believe that time helps you forget, but maybe not enough time has passed yet for me to forget. The feelings you have only build up and become stronger and the only way to relieve the stress is to talk to them. What’s the worst that could happen? They say no? So what? If you’re anything like me, you come up with these outrageous hypothetical situations that never come to fruition. In the real world, you just have to find the courage to talk to them, and once you do, you’ll realize that it wasn’t such a Herculean task after all. If they say “No,” no big deal. No one can say you didn’t try. Talk to the person you’re in love with, or have feelings for, because if you don’t, you may never find what you’re looking for. When you develop feelings, the lyrics to all those love songs finally make sense. Love can be inconvenient, perhaps inappropriate, dangerous even, but wrong? That just depends on where we end up, doesn’t it?

Everybody put up your hands, say I don’t want to be in love

Haley Hiykel
STAFF WRITER

Tic-toc, Valentine’s Day is coming. Get out your red shirt or pink shirt and ask that special man or woman to be your valentine with a special “be my valentine” heart. Friday February 14 is coming so get ready.

Valentine’s Day or Feast of Saint Valentine started because of St. Valentine. There are lots of stories and tales about Valentine’s Day history. The most popular and most likely is that Valentine performing wedding for soldiers who were in love but forbidden to get married. While St. Valentine was in prison, he healed the daughter of his jailer. He wrote a letter to the jailer’s daughter and signed it “your valentine.” Need some gift ideas for your boyfriend or girlfriend? How about personalized soft cover book to tell your love story $34.95 at Love Book online. There are some water bottles with a storage compartment for $9.71 on amazon that is the perfect gift. If you don’t have the money to buy a big gift, a small thing you can do is buy a pack of Starburst. Open it and put the Starbursts on a piece of paper in the shape of a heart. Then write the “to and from” on it and you will be great. The more work you put in to it the more they will love it.

If you love to see Valentine’s Day decorations but don’t have the time to put them up stop be Morgan 2nd floor. 2nd floor is a great day to spend the day with some one special.

As he read, I fell in love the way you fall asleep: slowly, and then all at once.

You’re the best thing I never knew I needed

When I’m around you, I kind of feel like I’m on drugs. Not that I do drugs. Unless you do drugs, in which case I do them all the time.

So, Margaret, marry me, because I’d like to date you.

My precious.

You’re meant to be loved, not to be understood.

Women are meant to be loved, not to be understood.

Your significant other goes all out in planning your evening, having everything scheduled to a T, only to break up with you at the end of the evening. You ask why, and they respond “I wanted to go out with a bang!”

After a pleasant dinner at your home with your significant other, you make plans for a romantic day on the 14th. You wake up the following morning and go about your daily routine when you go to retrieve your mail, you notice a post-it note on the inside of your mailbox with your significant other’s handwriting, just FYI, I think we should see other people. xoxo

You’ve been waiting for hours for your significant other to take you out on an amazing date. Finally, you text them, asking where they are. They respond with, we had plans?

It’s February 13th and you’ve just received a greeting card from your significant other. You open it to read, “Happy National Break Up Day! You’re Single!”
Bobcat Karlee Stuart shoots while the other Bobcats rush for the rebound the Bobcat women's basketball team won against Evangel University last week.

Image courtesy of Ama Bikoko

Bobcats hire Nathan Baker as new coach

Peru State College hired Nathan Baker as the new women’s volleyball head coach. Baker arrived at Peru State College as a coach with 12 years of experience as a head coach or an assistant coach at the college level. He has the ability to strengthen programs by recruiting and developing skilled athletes. However, just as other coaches do, he takes pride in his student athletes being successful in the classroom.

Before Baker came to Peru, he was an assistant coach for three years at NCAA Division I Virginia Commonwealth University. Just before his position at VCU, he was a head coach at NCAA Division II institutions Tusculum College and the University of West Alabama. In his first season at Tusculum, he was able to get the team to acquire a 14-win improvement at 23-10 overall. The following year they beat that mark with a record of 25-10.

As head coach of West Alabama, he was able to lead them into their first Gulf Coast Conference Tournament with a record of 22-11 in 2009. Even before that he was an assistant coach for three at Campbell University from 2003-2006.

Baker received his bachelor’s degree in the field of human services from Martin Methodist College in 2002 while he was also serving as a student volleyball assistant for two years.

When being asked about the position Baker said, “I am excited about the opportunity to take over the Peru State volleyball program. I see the potential for growth and national exposure on the NAIA level. I believe in academic and athletic balance and Peru State College has everything in place to achieve that balance.”

We are all looking forward to the next women’s volleyball season to see what Coach Baker is capable of doing. Be sure to come out and support your fellow classmates and see what the new volleyball coach is capable of next season.

Information for this article was taken from a press release.
“Are you ready for some football?” Millions and billions of Americans and people all over this globe we call “Earth” have heard these words and turned their television sets or their radios on to watch or listen to the Game of the Year, The Super Bowl.

The first Super Bowl ever played was played on January 15, 1967, in the Memorial Coliseum in Los Angeles California. This year the teams that have fought through the struggles of this year and other issues include the Denver Broncos with their veteran quarterback Peyton Manning. The rival is the Seattle Seahawks. Their ignition comes from their defense and they balance that with their rookie quarterback Russell Wilson.

Throughout the years though many teams have risen to this magnificent charade and some have fallen, some have taken the well sought after trophy, the “Lombardi Trophy.” The trophy is made of Sterling Silver and it’s named after Vince Lombardi, the man who led the Green Bay Packers to the winning of the first two Super Bowls. Super Bowls are a great way to meet new people. Most people go to friends’ houses with a bunch of friends, some people come to see the commercials, but the real fans stay for the important part THE GAME, and the food. Average amazing super bowl food choices are usually nachos and pizza and many assortments of junk food.

Students come to these parties to eat the food and meet new people. Super Bowl commercials! That’s about enough said right there. Every year for the next few days after the Super Bowl, many students get together and talk about the commercials. From the Clydesdale Commercials with the puppy in them to the E-trade commercials with the talking baby, these commercials are sure to keep students talking for a long time about how funny that one was or how serious this other one was. After seeing half of the really good commercials and seeing a half of a game then the event of the

Halftime show comes on. What do the Black Eyed Peas, Red Hot Chili Peppers, and Stevie Wonder have in common? They have all performed in the Super Bowl. Halftime show is an experience that few of the great performers get the opportunity to do. It’s an honored and amazing experience for your band because millions of fans watch the halftime show.

Super Bowls help increase social relations, the commercials usually are there to promote businesses because everyone watches them.

Basketball Schedule

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I don’t like people. Well, I mean...I don’t get along with people or they don’t get along with me, so I tend to just keep my distance and go about my life. I had requested a private room for that exact reason. I didn’t want any issues with anyone. Of course, I just had to be part of an incoming class that was so large that I was forced to have a roommate. When I found out, I coached myself daily before I moved in. Play nice, Will...It’s not the end of the world, not really. It could be worse. You could be rooming with a bunch of other people! That made me smile. A week before move-in day though, my worst nightmare came true. I had received a letter from the president of the college stating that I had been moved into suite-style housing. So...not only did I have one roommate, but as well four other suitemates. It took every fiber of my being to not throw a huge fit and just not go to school altogether—that would just be immature. I would deal and life would go on.

Living with five other girls was actually okay. They hogged the bathroom at all hours of the day and my roommates’ friends were very noisy. I often spent my time at the library, where it was nice and quiet, but even when I returned to the room at the wee hours of the night, they’d still be up. Oh well, I wouldn’t have to deal with them forever. Too bad I didn’t realize that that forever was a lot shorter than I had anticipated.

Shortly before my 19th birthday, things started getting...weird. It was never in a college dormitory more so than usual—I was rude to everyone I came in contact with—I was usually very polite. Then there was this math class. Oh god, that math class. I can barely even remember what happened. The professor had been explaining something, I pointed out that he was wrong and thus starting an argument about some stupid equation, but there was that even possible. “How the hell is a school, let alone a freaking Academy supposed to thrive in an axe-murder town like this?” I asked myself out loud.

I could see a very large sign in the distance, ‘From the ashes of misfortune, we rise to greatness.’ That must be it, Phoenix Academy.

There were at least six or seven buildings that made up the Academy’s campus and they were freakin’ huge—much bigger than the last campus I was at. Then again, this was an Academy, not your typical, run-of-the-mill college.

The campus was pretty dead, but it was also 7:00 in the morning, so I wouldn’t imagine that many of these students would be awake so early. Then again, this is an Academy, so I wouldn’t be surprised if they were all working diligently in their classrooms.

I drove around for a few minutes before finally spotting a sign that read ‘Administration’ sitting outside of a tall, brick building that looked to be older than any I’d come across before.

I didn’t welcome the burly-looking man with dark brown hair outside of the administration office with an all too cheery smile because I don’t think that there would be anyone that happy to see someone. As I stepped out of my car he spoke, in a voice that I was not expecting to hear, “Welcome to Phoenix Academy.” His voice was an octave higher and much more annoying, “You must be Willow Goodwyn. We’ve been expecting you.”

I just stared at him, slinging my bag over my shoulder, “It’s Will,” I corrected him, “and...uhm...thanks, I guess.”

He took a step to the side, extending his arm towards the two gorgeous, intricately-designed wooden doors, “If you’ll just follow me, I’ll take you to the headmaster and we can get you settled in,” he said after I’d entered the building and he moved in front of me.

The headmaster was nice enough, I guess. He went over the basic rules that I had expected to hear, but surprisingly enough he didn’t mention anything about my little mishaps at my previous school. I tuned in and out of the conversation, doodling on the notepad I’d been given with the Academy’s logo stamped at the top. Believe it or not, it was a picture of a bird on fire with its wings outspread and held up a hand, “If you’ll just excuse me for a moment...I need to make a quick phone call.” If he said anything in reply, I didn’t hear it. I was out of his office in less than two seconds, my mom’s cell number was punched into my phone.

“Hello?” She almost sounds surprised to getting my phone call. “Was there something that you wanted to fill me in on when I register at the Academy?” I ask, trying to keep my composure.

I could hear the hesitation in her voice as she spoke, “No, I think we’ve got all your files transferred and such, so I think you’ll be all set.”

I take a deep breath, paused for a few seconds, “Oh, you mean he really was joking when he asked me what SPECIES I am?” I shout.

“We were going to tell you, sweetie,” she started, but I rudely interrupted her.

“When I grow a tail and horns?”

“No, you won’t grow those, Willow,” she replied quickly—that was a relief, at least.

“Why did you keep this from me?” I ask.

“You’re father wanted you to have as normal a life as possible. He had a rough childhood because of what he is and it was something that he didn’t want you to experience,” she explained. I could almost hear the tears that I’m sure she was crying.

I let out a breath, feeling a little bad for scolding her. After listening to her explain things, from possible reasons to my sudden mood changes back at my old college to things that I should prepare myself for in the future. I apologized, half-heartedly, and let her know that I was excited to go through ‘mythical puberty’—she didn’t find that very funny. We were about to say our goodbyes before question passed my thoughts, “Mom, you’ve given me reasons why I’ve been acting that way I have and situations that I should be prepared for in the future, but there’s something I think is very important that you’ve neglected to mention...what am I?”

Like what you read? Head on over to Peru State College Times on Facebook and vote on what species Willow is, thus determining what direction the story will take.
League of Legends keeps players on endless loop

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I love Peru! With that said, many people might tell you there isn’t much to do. Students find different ways to occupy their time with being involved with campus activities, sports clubs, intramurals, Netflix, hanging out with friends, doing school work, and of course gaming. I will admit that before I came to Peru, the only “gaming” I did was board games, with my family, on the holidays. Since I’ve come to Peru, I would say that I have played many different games. A lot of my friends on campus are really into gaming.

Over the past few years I’ve played World of Warcraft, Magic: The Gathering, various online card games, Dungeons and Dragons, and watched many of my friends play games like Minecraft, various first person shooter games, and more. The one game I am here to inform/warn you about is League of Legends.

If you go to Peru I am sure you have heard someone talking about League of Legends. Personally, I am friends with a lot of League of Legends players. My roommate freshman year, and now best friend was the first person I met that was so enticed with the game. As we became roommates again this year, she and my other two roommates that played League of Legends like it was their job convinced me that it was time I tried the game out for myself.

I had downloaded it once before, and had watched my friends play many times and was not very interested, but I had finally decided to give League a try.

For those of you who aren’t familiar with League of Legends, it is a multiplayer online battle arena game that you can easily download for your computer online. You are your own character and you’re called a champion (you can choose from many different options of champions). You are then matched against computer playing “bots” or other players in teams. I won’t go too much into detail on how the game works because it is the same thing over and over again, never ending, never changing.

While I have played League of Legends, I have never ended a match. I am here to warn you not to give League a try.

Every gamer is different so if you enjoy League of Legends please don’t dress up in a Teemo costume and come murder me in my sleep. Everyone looks for different qualities in a game, things that entice them, activities they enjoy, and that is what makes the world of gaming so interesting, everyone can find a game they enjoy.

Paint it Priceless

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Need a way to relax or a way to let your creativity flow? Or how about just another great way to spend time with your friends? Well, look no further than Paint it Priceless in Auburn. This store is a pottery shop where you can paint the pieces yourself. This store is unique in that not many small towns have shops like Paint it which makes it a community treasure. This store has been around Auburn for several years. Not only is this store unique, it is affordable. A single sitting at Paint it Priceless is an $8 fee which covers the cost paint. You get six colors and can share them with your friends. The next cost is the piece you choose; prices range from $1-$34 including tax. You may purchase refreshments at Paint it Priceless which include soda, coffee, or hot chocolate for $0.50.

At Paint it Priceless you can let your creativity flow, there are no limits other than your imagination. You can paint plates, bowls, cups, “beverage” containers, novelty items, holiday items, the list just goes on. They allow for parties there and even whole shop rental. Winter hours are: Tuesday Noon-6 pm, closed Wednesday, and Thursday through Saturday Noon-8 pm. They are closed Sunday and Monday. Walk-ins are always welcome, unless there is a big party going on. Artists are last seated 1 and a half hours before closing, therefore the last time you can go in is 7 pm on a Friday night.

By now you must be wondering, where is this wonderful place? Well, it is located at 1900 “O” Street in Auburn on the south side of courthouse. Here are the directions to Paint it Priceless from Peru. First, enter Auburn and on the first stop light turn right onto highway 136, drive until you reach “O” Street and take a left, go until you reach the courthouse and Paint it Priceless will be located just off of 19th street. You can always visit their Facebook page or their website at http://www.paintitpriceless.com/. You can also call them at (402) 274-1477.
Baby, What’s your sign?

Aquarius Jan. 20- Feb 18: There are plenty of fish in the sea. Swim to a new ocean because this pond is a little too small for your big dreams.

Pisces Feb. 19- March 20: You are going to fall madly in love with the next person you see. Wear sunglasses if you want to avoid falling for the wrong person. Love is a tricky game to play.

Aries March 21- April 19: You are beautiful. Drop dead gorgeous. Today your smile will be infectious. Change the world with your grin!

Taurus April 20- May 20: You are heading down a pretty sketchy path. It is imperative for your future success to re-evaluate your friend circle and weed out the bad ones.

Gemini May 21- June 20: Your split personalities really show today. Calm yourself before you are left friendless and loveless. With the way you are going you won’t even see the affection from your dog. Forever alone is in your future unless you decide to be nice.

Cancer June 21- July 22: You are in love with your best friend and yet you don’t even know it. Open your eyes and make this Valentine’s Day the best one ever. You sometimes struggle with being romantic so challenge yourself with doing something special and you will never be more satisfied with your life.

Leo July 23- Aug. 23: You look great today! Work it! Let the world be your oyster.

Virgo Aug. 23- Sept. 22: You are an incredible person with so much worth and love to share with the world! No matter what is coming your way, do not let anyone dull your sparkle. Great things are in store for you. Love is in the air so take a deep breath.

Libra Sept. 23- Oct. 22: Cupid struck you straight in the behind. You will be falling hard for someone. Make sure they are willing to catch you.

Scorpio Oct. 23- Nov. 21: Are you having a great day? A really special Valentine’s Day planned? Ha! Make new plans sweetheart. Things are never going to go the way you plan—especially today.

Sagittarius Nov. 22- Dec. 21: If you are in a relationship, hopefully you aren’t too attached. Rock roads are ahead. If you are not in a relationship, no worries….you are in for some rocky roads as well.

Capricorn Dec. 22- Jan. 19: Nothing but love songs will be in your head in the next couple days. Put that to use and serenade the love of your life.