The Campus of 1,000 Oaks constantly improves its atmosphere

What we commonly refer to as the Campus of 1,000 Oaks may also be known as the Campus of 1,000 Changes - in the best possible way.

The transition from fall semester to spring marks the completion, or near completion, of many ongoing projects.

Most recently, students may have noticed the changes to the Bobcat Bookstore. The bookstore has been remodeled to make for a more attractive and customer-oriented experience.

Michaela Willis, Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs, explained that the bookstore project was funded by Nebraska Bookstore as part of their five year agreement to serve PSC. The bookstore is not the only piece of the Student Center that has changed. During the summer, a new railing was installed around the Student Center and the exterior was repainted to better match the other campus buildings and landscaping. Earlier this fall, the Student Resource Room was moved to the lower level of the Student Center and the Intramural Office transitioned into the Student Organization Office.

PSC is currently in the process of upgrading the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system in the Student Center, a process that should be completed later this spring.

Another project under way on campus is the construction in Morgan Hall. Currently, Morgan is in the third phase of the construction project - renovation of the east wing.

The fourth and final phase of the project will begin this summer with the installation of a new elevator and renovation of all public spaces. This includes lounges on both the first floor and the lower level, along with a new outdoor plaza leading to the entrance of the facility and recreation space between the Student Center and Morgan.

Morgan should be completed by the fall semester of 2012. The residence hall will have new bedrooms on all floors, a small conference room/lounge on each floor, a new elevator, operational fireplaces in both lounges, a new classroom for programming, an enhanced kitchen area, new laundry space, and a new lobby area with reception desk.

Morgan will also be fully air conditioned and will have a new entry plaza and outdoor recreation space. The final three phases of the Morgan Residence Hall Project costs approximately $4.5 million.

Since 2011, the PSC campus has seen changes in security, buildings, and sports. This year PSC joined a new sporting conference. We’ve opened the much anticipated remodeling of Jindra, as well as the new Fitness Center. The cafeteria and Bob Inn were repainted, redecorated, and reorganized. Lights have gone up in parking lots around campus, and two more excellent projects have or will soon be finished.

Along with all of the changes that have already been made or are in the process of being made, we can expect many changes to occur in the next few years. In April, the Board of Trustees will approve the Peru State Campus Master Plan. Willis explained that this plan identifies priorities for campus facilities for the next ten years.

The College is currently working on funding strategies to upgrade the Oak Bowl. The college will also be developing a program statement for both Delzell Hall and the Student Center. In addition, the College is partnering with the City of Peru in plans to upgrade the campus and city entrances.

Whether it be the Campus of 1,000 Oaks or the Campus of 1,000 Changes, we can be sure that it is a Campus of 1,000 Opportunities for a more positive student experience.
E2campus provides e-updates on snow days

BECKY AMEN
Assistant Editor

As the weather grows cold this year and students start to get used to the daily grind of classes, the possibility of a snow day seems to be on the lips of many. However, the details of these days off have changed somewhat this year.

A service provided by e2campus allows students to get texts or emails when the campus is closed, as well as if there is another emergency. To sign up for text or email alerts, go to peru.edu/emergency/sms.htm and fill out a short form. To cancel the alerts, reply “stop” to one of them.

Danielle Smith, a junior Secondary Special Education major who commutes, to campus likes the idea of the e-alert system.

“As a mom of two little ones,” Smith said, “I don’t want to be driving to campus in dangerous conditions.”

On-campus students don’t mind the convenience, either. “I would love getting an e-alert because that would be easier than getting to class and the teacher not being there,” said Emily Engels, a freshman majoring in Music Education.

For those who do not sign up for e2campus, the Peru State College website, peru.edu, updates information as well, although it’s not as convenient to sit and refresh the homepage repeatedly. Also, the KOLN/KGIN and KETV news stations (channels 10/11 and 7, respectively), and area radio stations will broadcast the closing.

The inclement weather procedure does not directly effect online classes, and whether they are cancelled are up to the discretion of the professor.

If classes are closed, so are public activities and offices. Similarly, the only employees required to come to campus are the Security Supervisor, the Dean of Student Life, and the Director of Campus Services. Students will be sent e-mails on their Acornmail accounts with the shortened hours for the cafeteria, AWAC, game room, and library.

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Education clubs prepare future educators at Peru State College

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Peru State College has been well known for putting some of the best of the best people into the wonderful field of education. Across campus there are three clubs/organizations that help contribute to the education of Peru’s aspiring teachers.

One of those clubs is PSEA. PSEA stands for Peru Student Educator’s Association. This is an education-based club that has a state and national affiliation.

Megan Brown, a Junior Secondary Special Education Major and the PSEA President, states, “PSEA is an organization for teacher candidates that want to achieve greater knowledge and experience in regards to education. We focus on creating opportunities for our members that are synonymous with our three core values: professional development, teacher quality, and political action.”

For any student who wants to be a teacher, it is required in their education classes to become a member of PSEA, but the executive team of PSEA encourages all members to be active and to join them during their meetings on Thursdays at 11:30 am in TJ Majors 114N.

Another club that focuses on future teachers is CEC. CEC stands for Council for Exceptional Children. CEC’s main focus is Special Education. They provide the tools to help future educators in the field of special education by giving them unique opportunities. Tiffany Streator, a Sophomore K-12 Elementary Education & Special Education Major and the CEC President, states, “We bring together the neighboring communities’ Special Education programs for fun events. We also bring awareness to students on campus about students with special needs in a safe and positive atmosphere.” This club has been well known for its events such as Games on the Green and Wacky Day in the AWAC. They invite any education major to their meetings which are Tuesdays at 11:00 am in TJ Majors 230.

Last but not least, there is NAfME-C formally known as MENC. NAfME-C stands for National Association of Music Education-College. This is an organization that focuses on preparing Music Education Majors for their futures in teaching the fine art of music. Jacob Buss, a Junior Music Education Major and NAfME-C’s President, states, “The Peru State College Chapter of the National Association for Music Education-College is to advance music education by encouraging the study and making of music by all, and working to provide Southeast Nebraska with music and cultural events.” The club is open to all Music Education majors to come and learn some wonderful techniques and skills that will be handy later on in life. The club meets every Thursday at 11:00 am in the choir room of Jindra.

New Graduate Assistant moves into Complex

REBECCA AMEN
Assistant Editor

The introduction of Graduate Assistants in every residence hall went smoothly this past Fall. Marc Randle’s transition into Peru State College went just as well.

Randle began his position as the Centennial Complex’s Graduate Assistant this January. He lives in the Pate building and oversees the residence life staff at the complex. “I have a lot of responsibilities,” he said, “One of my responsibilities is to care for the safety of the students in the Complex.”

The new Complex Graduate Assistant chose to work and study at Peru State College to better himself as a coach and to better his education. “Coach Katen gave me that chance. Thanks Coach Katen,” he said.

Coach Katen works with Randle as his assistant men’s basketball coach. Randle enjoys learning more about basketball from Katen so that he can take that knowledge and experience to his future in sports. Randle is currently working toward the Organizational Sports Management degree and hopes to coach his own teams in the future.

Randle has loved sports since his youth. Randle has enjoyed playing basketball since he was seven years old on playgrounds, and he started playing on a team his sophomore year of high school.

Randle does have hobbies other than sports, though. He enjoys music and plays a little piano. When he gets a break from all his work, class, studying, assistant coaching, and occasional piano playing, he also likes to sleep.

This St. Louis, Missouri native is proud of his hometown, especially since it’s the home of the World Series Champs, the St. Louis Cardinals. However, he’s also enjoying his time at Peru, Nebraska. “I like the environment here at Peru State College,” Randle said. “Everybody is nice and friendly and are willing to help others if they need it.”
Better lighting on campus makes students feel safer

SARAH MATHEWSON  
Contributing Writer

Upon returning from winter break, students may have noticed some changes on campus. Lights now brighten the Complex parking lots at night, and more safety features are under way.

Students got their first glimpse of the new safety features when they drove into the Residence Halls parking lots on their first day back. Though the lights remained unlit for the first week, many students were excited to see the new change.

Maintenance Supervisor Jim Reynolds worked with OPPD to get the lights installed over break. Junior Sara Mencl, a psychology major and Morgan Hall resident, stated that, “I feel a lot safer when I return to my dorm during the evening, and the lights are a comfort.”

Additional lights have been installed in many of the parking lots, but the plans don’t stop there. Darrin Reeves, Security Supervisor for PSC, said that students can soon expect to see cameras installed on all Residence Hall entrances as well as in the parking lots.

Sophomore Tyler Durant-Allen, an undeclared major and Complex Resident, stated that, “I’m excited to hear about the expected cameras. I think that’ll make everyone feel more comfortable leaving their vehicle in the parking lots.”

The landscaping around campus is also being looked into with a safety audit.

Reeves stated that, “Although PSC is a safe environment, we are continually looking for ways to enhance the safety of the campus.”

Some of the other safety features PSC offers include Campus Security Escorts, which are offered 24 hours a day, as well as self defense classes offered each semester.

The PSC security officers are certified in CPR/First Aid and AED. You may also call them to unlock or jump-start vehicles.

The PSC Safety Committee meets the third Friday of every month at 9 a.m. in the Bur Oak Room. Meetings are open to the public.

Remember, you can aid in the safety of the campus by staying aware of your surroundings, walking with a friend, and reporting suspicious behavior to Campus Security.

With its continuous improvements, our students will undoubtedly find our campus come brighter and safer for years to come.

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Solution on p. 11
Gay marriage and why arguments against it are invalid

JACOB BUSS
Contributing Writer

We are now in the heat of election season, and what seems to be one of the big issues being discussed this year? Same-sex marriage.

Same-sex marriage is rapidly gaining momentum and support. According to Gallup Polls, a poll taken in May of 2011 shows that the majority of Americans now support this issue. This trend is changing because of the change in the population.

Our generation is beginning to have a voice and overall we are much more liberal. This is a very positive sign of change. Six states including Iowa and the District of Columbia recognize same-sex marriage, and more states are following. Currently, Washington, Colorado, Maryland, and New Jersey are looking at legalizing it as well. This topic is receiving national attention and states are beginning to get more and more pressure to legalize same-sex marriages, or at least adopt some form of recognition for same-sex couples.

So what is keeping states from legalizing same-sex marriages? To some people like me, it seems cut and dry that it should be legalized. It seems like a simple enough concept and does no harm to anyone, other than perhaps their mind-set. I look at some of their arguments and I find them to be somewhat silly.

For example, saying, “Same-sex marriage isn’t natural.” Well going with that argument, cars, modern medicine, air conditioning, and anything synthetic isn’t natural either, so should we get rid of those?

Another common argument is that same-sex marriage doesn’t fit into the ideas of traditional marriage. Well over time the definition of traditional marriage has greatly changed. Back when the United States was founded women were considered more property, and that was considered tradition. Even 50 years ago the idea of traditional marriage was different.

Back then it was looked upon for the woman to take charge in a relationship and be the one to take the lead. But look at marriage these days, women can be the heads of the households and aren’t considered property.

At least that was the case the last time I checked.
Single Mom: Nurture vs. Nature

MEGAN BROWN
Contributing Writer

To all Peru State College students: If you have taken an introductory psychology class and internalized the content then you should have a pre-conceived opinion on whether human personalities and dispositions are biologically programmed or if we are essentially a “hunk of clay” that our parents and environment molds us into who we are.

When I was pregnant with Kamber, as so many moms-to-be do, I reflected on a daily basis about what kind of child I would welcome into the world. Smart or talented, tall or short, blonde or brunette, quiet or aggressive, etc. I remember anticipating that I would demand my child to speak multiple languages, be potty trained by the time she was one, and that she would be the most well-behaved child to grace Southeast Nebraska.

Of course, now I reminisce on my vision of Kamber and think, “Was I insane?” Although these thoughts now seem eccentric to me, they continue to illustrate a valid point. As her parent, my hopes, dreams, and expectations will drastically impact who Kamber becomes. Her morals, motivation, future decisions, habits, self-efficacy, determination, and perspective of the world will be greatly influenced by the environments to which she is exposed and the parenting style I exhibit.

However, as mother and future teacher, I have to give credit to nature for shaping who Kamber will become. No matter how many Baby Einstein videos I sat her in front of as a baby, books I’ve read, or flash cards I have quizzed her on, her learning has a pre-determined capacity. Although activities I engage her in facilitate reaching her highest potential, that potential, I feel, was decided when she was developing as a fetus. Furthermore, although I have the ability to help shape her personality, I sincerely believe that much of her personality is biologically hard-wired. Through reacting to life experiences, her personality is manipulated and developed.

Nature gave me Kamber, and I love the adventure of nurturing her to become whoever she wants to be.

REMINDER

Don’t forget to stop in to AV Larson and check out Professor Waln’s Art Show. Show ends Feb. 9th.

FEATURE

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KYLE AMEN
Staff Writer

Even if you don’t watch Reality TV, it becomes increasingly hard to avoid. It’s plastered everywhere. We live in a world of mass culture. We get the news as it happens, not hours or even days later. More people read tabloids than news, important news even, and Reality TV reflects that. News about Lindsay Lohan going to jail yet again gets more attention then the people fighting for us overseas. That’s just sick.

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Women’s basketball build momentum, win two of three

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After a slow start to the 2011-12 campaign, the Women’s basketball team have begun to gain some momentum. After losing in every game prior, the Bobcats have won two of their last three contests. The first win of the season came in Lamoni, IA in a 30-point win over Yellow Jackets of Graceland University. The Bobcats controlled the game early and often, scoring the first 10 points of the contest on their way to a 41-31 half-time lead.

The Yellow Jackets came out of halftime looking to narrow the gap, scoring the first six points of the second half, cutting the Peru lead to 41-37. Those six points would be the last the the Yellow Jackets would score for the better part of the second half, with the Women Bobcats going on a 24-0 run over a 10-minute span. Peru would cruise to the victory from there, locking up their first victory of the year, 80-50.

Marlisa Lewis led the Bobcat offense with a career-high 24 points. Courtney Ward cleaned the glass for Peru in the win, grabbing 15 rebounds.

The second consecutive win came at home in the AI Wheeler Activity center when the Women Bobcats edged out the Evangel University Crusaders, 61-59.

Peru built an early, 14-4 lead in the first half before the Crusaders began to fight their way back into the mix, cutting the Bobcat lead to four at 27-23 at halftime. The second half saw the Bobcats extend their advantage, leading by 13 at 43-34 with under 10 minutes remaining in the game. The Crusaders were not done fighting, going on a 7-3 run, reducing the Peru lead down to single-digits, 47-38.

The score would remain in favor of the Bobcats for much of the rest of the game, until Evangel connected on several three-point attempts, bringing the score to 61-57, Peru.

The Crusaders would then convert on two free throws with only seconds remaining, but it was not enough as the Women Bobcats sealed the 61-59 win. Katie Potter led the offensive charge for the Bobcats, finishing with 20 points on the night. Ward again led the team in rebounds with 16. Looking for a third straight win, the Bobcats hosted the MidAmerica Nazarene University Pioneers.

Things were looking positive early, when midway through the first half, the teams had traded buckets, with Peru trailing by one at 16-15. The Pioneers then rattled off a 13-0 run and gained the momentum for the rest of the game, taking a 32-18 lead into halftime.

The first-half deficit proved to be too much for the Bobcats to overcome, as they were out-scored 45-40 in the second half, giving the Pioneers the 77-58 victory. Ward and Lewis led the Women Bobcats in the losing effort, scoring 12 points each. After the three game stretch, Peru’s record stands at 2-20 and 2-8 in the Heart of America Athletic Conference.

Peru, Neb.) – For the first part of the game, it appeared the NAIA DI 22nd-ranked MidAmerica Nazarene University (MNU) Pioneers thought they were going to come to Peru and walk away with an easy win.

However, the Peru State College (PSC) Bobcat men had other plans. Unfortunately for the Bobcats, MidAmerica Nazarene had enough to come back and pull out a 78-76 win over the ‘Cats.

The fifth-straight win for the Pioneers helped them improve their overall record to 15-7 and 9-1 in the Heart of America Athletic Conference (HAAC). MNU has a one and one-half game lead over Evangel in the conference race.

Despite playing one of their best games of the season, PSC fell to 1-21 overall. The Bobcats are still looking for their first HAAC win having dropped their first ten games.

In the first half of the game, the Bobcats never trailed. The game was tied on a couple of occasions, but PSC always came back to take the lead.

Patrick Riley (Kansas City, Mo.) put in a trey to start the game for the ‘Cats with just 11 ticks off the clock. MNU countered with a bucket before Peter Knudsen (Vanloese, Denmark) put PSC back up 5-2.

The game was knotted at 5-5 and 7-7 before Peru State went on a 6-0 run which was capped off by a Derrick Williams (St. Joseph, Mo.) bucket with just over ten minutes to go in the first half making it 13-7. Following a Pioneer hoop, Eric Donald (Omaha) drained a three and Williams had another bucket giving the Bobcats an 18-9 advantage at the 9:51 mark.

Following a MNU bucket, PSC got another four points – two free throws by Williams and a bucket by Andre Wells (Colorado Springs) on an assist from Williams. PSC lead 22-11 with 8:40 left.

The ‘Cats had three different 12-point leads in the remainder of the half before settling for a ten-point, 38-28, lead at the end of the first 20 minutes.

MidAmerica came out at the half and scored the first four points making it 38-32 with 18:00 left in the game. A Knudsen bucket put PSC up by eight at 40-32 on the next possession. A Pioneer trey cut the Bobcat advantage to five with just over 17 minutes left.

The second of two free throws by Williams made it 41-35, but the Pioneers countered with another three and then followed with a two-pointer cut it to 41-40 PSC. Richard Oppitz (Topeka, Kan.) stopped the MNU run with a hoop giving PSC a three-point margin at the 14:34 mark.

Ten seconds later the Pioneers came back with a bucket and after a Bobcat offensive foul, on their next possession, MNU tied the game at 43-43 as a Pioneer player hit the second of two free throws.

After a missed Bobcat three-point try, MNU brought it down the court and were fouled by Peru State. Again, the Pioneers hit one of two free throws and had their first advantage at 44-43 at the 13:19 mark.

Another MidAmerica bucket gave the Pioneers their largest lead into halftime at 46-43. Williams was fouled and hit both tries getting PSC back a one-point deficit at 46-45 with 12:39 to go in the game.

A 12-7 run gave MNU the lead at 49-46 with 10:15 remaining.

Another MidAmerica bucket gave the Pioneers their largest lead of the game at 63-55. This came after the officials spent a good five minutes reviewing the game tape to see if the last Pioneer shot was a three-pointer, instead of two. The MNU coaching staff convinced the officiating crew to do so and it worked to their advantage.

A 12-4 Bobcat run knot the game at 67-67 with 5:08 to go as Williams was fouled on the play. Williams scored ten of the 12 in the run to tie it up, but missed the free throw.

Following a Pioneer miss at the free throw line, the Bobcats came down the floor and Williams hit another bucket as PSC regained the lead at 69-67 with 3:53 left.

A questionable call put MNU back at the line where they made both free throws again tying the game at 69-69. The Pioneers hit a trey, but Tighe countered with one of his own to keep it tied at 72 all with 1:46 left.

MNU hit a bucket and Oppitz followed with one for PSC making it 74-74 all before the Pioneers hit one giving them a two-point advantage at 76-74 with 1:15 remaining.

Tighe stole the ball on the Pioneers’ next possession and the ‘Cats called a timeout with 26 ticks left on the clock to set up a play to tie the game or possibly take the lead. However, a turnover gave the ball back to MNU with 13 seconds on the clock and the Pioneers quickly took a timeout. The ‘Cats fouled putting the Pioneers to the line with 7.2 seconds left. MNU hit both giving them a two-possession lead at 78-74.

A Williams bucket at the buzzer cut it to two, but MNU prevailed.
Another Disney favorite morphs its way to 3D

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After twenty one years, Beauty and the Beast returns to theaters! Everyone remembers Disney’s classic tale Beauty and the Beast (1991). This enchanting tale takes place in France and is an animated musical starring the voices of Paige O’Hara (Belle), Robby Benson (Beast), Richard White (Gaston), and many other magical friends who make the movie a charming and humorous entertainment for all ages.

Yup, it’s true, Belle and the Beast are back on the big screen to retell their story. So you’re probably thinking to yourself, why you should I go see it? Are there any changes in the storyline? And what is so special about the 3D version?

Well besides the fact that you could see this Disney classic on the big screen for the possibly the first time, the main answer is that people are going to see it purely for the 3D! Yes it still has the same exact plot and storyline that it had before. Nothing has changed as far as the storyline goes. So, many are wondering what is different about seeing this tale in 3D rather than classic cinema? The overall answer, fun new graphics and it’s easier to watch!

This may sound silly but it is fun to see the characters up close! It is cool to be able to see all the details that the scenery and characters were given back in the 90’s.

For example, certain facial expressions may surprise you or seem like it’s the first time you’ve seen it, this is because the 3D just brings the characters up closer and makes their expressions more noticeable.

One interesting effect that kept reoccurring was reflection parts. The 3D makes all of the reflections more noticeable, although they are the exact same as they have always been, viewers just notice more facial features and are able to get the “full effect” feeling, as if they are in the room with the characters themselves.

Disney lovers will definitely get a kick out of seeing their favorite characters up on the big screen!

Can’t go back to the 80’s? Twin Sister brings the 80’s to you

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Many trends from the 80’s are resurfacing such as acid washed jeans, crimped hair, and who hasn’t noticed all the spandex pants around campus?

There is a huge scene erupting in the independent music movement. The 80’s sound is coming back! With synthesizers, funky bass rhythms, and quirky pop beats that have you bopping your head around before you notice what you’re doing. The scene is growing large in New York City, more specifically in Brooklyn around the Williamsburg neighborhood.

Williamsburg is the new up-and-coming art and music center of the world. Hundreds of artists and bands are working day and night to make it to the starlight, however only a few are getting noticed. One band in particular is Twin Sister.

With two LP’s and there latest EP under their belts, Twin Sister is making their name known. Originally from Long Island, Twin Sister’s most recent release was titled “In Heaven” which is a beautiful arrangement of guitars driven by the beat of sharply timed drums, and tying it all together are hypnotizing sounds of synthesizers creating catchy hooks that drag you along for the ride.

Above all of the music is the voice of front lady Andrea Estella. Her voice sounds like it was stolen right out of 1987. She sings about the simple things in life whether that is what to do this afternoon or how to act around the new boy you’ve developed a crush on. Whatever her lyrics are talking about, you can find yourself relating to every minute of it.

Twin sister is defiantly a band you will be seeing and hearing more of in the months ahead. If you want to catch a firsthand experience of their music in action, Twin Sister will be playing a show on February 15th at The Waiting Room Lounge in Omaha, NE. For more information about the band and future shows check out their website www.twinsistermusic.com

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Star Wars: The Old Republic rocks the MMORPG world

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A long time ago in a galaxy far, far-nah. I won’t go there. George Lucas is a guy we all know. Creating one of the greatest series of all time, he went on to put his creation into comics, cartoons, video games, and more. There are a few Star Wars games out there, some great, some are just horrible. When Bioware made Star Wars: Knights of the Old Republic, it became a classic. Bioware thought they could take that success and put it into a MMO. Is it the World of Warcraft killer people want it to be or something that just falls flat?

Star Wars: The Old Republic takes place in a time of peace between the Sith Empire and the Galactic Empire, taking place 300 years after the Knights of the Old Republic, and more than 3,500 years before the events of the films. The Jedi are held responsible for not stopping the Sith during the 28 year long Great Galactic War. The Jedi are now on Tython, where the Jedi Order was originally founded. The Sith are in control of Korriban, re-establishing a Sith Academy. The game starts there with conflicts starting to arise.

The character creation wasn’t what I was hoping for. There are eight classes split between three groups. The groups consist of Bounty Hunters, Troopers, and of course, Jedi. Those groups are split between the obvious sides: Alliance or Empire. While the player can change the appearance of the characters, it seems to me like there should be more to choose from. There are the basics in terms of body shape, hair, eyes, etc.

SW: TOR features a story for each one of the classes. The story itself was set to rival some single-player games, especially with the way the quests are set up. I was a Padawan, starting in my lessons to become a Jedi. The first 10 levels or so teach you about the game. They finally converge everything you have learned into a single moment: getting your lightsaber. I felt so great after doing that.

While WoW bored me to death with just the wall of text when accepting quests, Bioware achieved more, and put dialogue and speech options into each quest. The voice acting is top-notch, as expected when it comes to Bioware. While listening to the quest giver, you are given speech options to chose what happens. As with other Bioware games, certain answers give you points. These points decide where the story takes you, as well as certain items depending on which side you are on. It’s amazingly addictive, but if you already have a character of that class, you’ll probably want to skip through it all and just get the quest.

The world design, graphics, and audio are top-notch. Star Wars: The Old Republic is just mind-blowing. While I’m not the biggest fan of MMOs, I have still played a few to compare them to SW: TOR. It beats them in many ways, but still has flaws. It’s almost a single player game, only with a fee every month. The comparisons to WoW are everywhere, but those can easily be overlooked for such a great experience this game offers.

Solutions
Breaking news: Weather emergency alert system will benefit all

In efforts to relieve this stress the college had discussed using modern day technology such as cellular devises to alert the community when the college chooses to close its doors for the day. This idea was supported by many; However, the school chose a much simpler and exciting option.

The morning of the “snow day” school officials that live in the area will gather in the middle of the quad and build a massive bonfire where they will proceed to send off smoke signals to the area to inform them of the decision to close the school due to weather. Students living on-campus are in favor of this method of communication due to the availability of roasting marshmallows over the fire after the message has been delivered.

Breaking News: New ice cream flavors

Peru dining services has kicked traditional ice cream in the knees, and although it may appear they have since backed off a bit, the college community is about to get a big surprise. Last semester students experienced what seemed like a science experiment when they went to the ice cream machine for a little after dinner treat.

Although students were skeptical when they went in for a vanilla cone and a pink substance came out, this college is full of dare devils and the pink ice cream addiction began. It took a little courage for students to fully understand the magic of the pink ice cream. What flavor is pink ice cream? Some claim it was cotton candy, or cake but the majority of students simply referred to it as GOOD! Following the pink ice cream there were options such as egg nog and chocolate mint but non compared to the pink stuff.

The success of the pink ice cream seems to have been a bit overwhelming for the dinning service because they have stopped their experimental ice creams this semester while working on a big project. Students are disappointed when they walk to the machine to see that the boring traditional flavors are the only things that greet them, however they will soon be surprised with a whole new set up.

The dinning service is toying with the idea of banishing the ice cream machine all together along with the entire desert and cereal bar sections of the cafeteria. They want to replace this space with Peru’s very own “create your own ice cream flavor” ice cream shop. Flavors that will always be on hand and highly encourage will be chicken nugget ice cream, nacho cheese ice cream and cough syrup ice cream flavors. Always remember that you never know if you like something until you try it. Be adventurous.

Breaking News: Complex to get new doors

Anger management, stress, and inconvenience issues has caused for the Centennial Complex to have door issues. The entrances to this residents hall community have been mistreated and abused. They have been pulled on and have continually ripped open in attempts to enter the buildings.

Residence Life has tried several different options on how to prolong the life of the doors such as pleading with people to treat the doors with respect and having stress management programs. Their attempts have been unsuccessful to this point, however there is going to be new doors installed in the Complex that will help eliminate this issue. The new doors will be state of the art and very high-tech. They will have voice recognition and both eye and finger print scanning that residents will have to encounter prior to gaining entrance into these automatic, hands free doors.

The doors have photographic memory and will soon recognize students by their facial features and greet them at the door. It will learn more about you than your best friend knows. The school sprung for the advanced version that will also memorize the times students come and go and will link that to their class schedule and pester the students to do their homework and to stay on task.

Peru State College is the first school in the world to obtain this type of technology.