Cotty’s transforms into We Got This Bar and Grill

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As we say goodbye to a Peruvian landmark, Cotty’s, we say hello to something new and very promising.

The new owner of the former Cotty’s is David Mabee of Nebraska City. The walls have been stripped of all the Peruvian gear and memorabilia and have been repainted. The feeling of the atmosphere is very classy, and has lost its sports bar feel.

Cotty’s is being renamed We Got This Bar and Grill. Mabee and his partner plan on cutting down the menu, but plan on continuing Wing Thursdays. They plan on having a daily special. They are currently in need of waitresses and bartenders.

Mabee wants the community to know that they plan on doing a lot of functions for needy families around the area and want to be very involved with the community and hold different fund raisers.

Mabee said he bought the former Cotty’s to get involved in the entertainment business and Mabee said “It’s something new to do.”

We Got This Bar and Grill should be opening sometime in March. Mabee said he hasn’t set a date yet because he and his partner are just trying to get everything done. Peru State College gives a warm welcome to Mabee and we wish them the best of luck and much success with the new We Got This Bar and Grill.

Upcoming events planned by CAB for students’ entertainment

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Campus Activities Board has a wide range of events coming up in the next couple of months for students to become a part of. For starters, CAB recently kicked off Championship Series, an annual event in which students compete in six separate events to earn points that could win them $300. These events include a pool tournament (was held February 10), a Just Dance Tournament (was held February 24), Zombie Tag, Jell-O Wrestling, Water Pong, and Quiddich. The more events you compete in, the more likely you are to win.

Other upcoming events include Mr. PSC, which will be held in the Student Center on March 19 where male students will compete in a few different “pageant-like” events for the title of Mr. Peru State College. More information will be available to students, as well as the application paper for gentlemen who wish to compete.

Spring Fling will be held April 8-12. Events are currently being planned for this and students are more than welcome to attend CAB meetings on Thursdays at 11:00 in TJ Majors 114S if they would like for their input to be heard. Concluding Spring Fling week will be the Florida Georgia Line concert on April 12 in the AWAC.

Throughout the semester, we will be having events like Sign Shop (February 26), free movie night in Auburn (date to be announced soon), free bowling night, and many more! Any questions or comments for CAB can be taken via Facebook (just search PSC CAB) or at one of the meetings.

Recently, CAB hosted an anti-Valentine’s Day dance

Photo courtesy of Ashlee Droge
PSC students attend presidential inauguration

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On January 21, 2013 history was made when Barack Obama was publicly inaugurated into his second term of office as the president of the United States of America. As some of us watched the parade, Obama’s speech, Kelly Clarkson perform “My Country” and Beyoncé sing the national anthem, we felt a great pride and a sense of wonder. It is kind of one of those bucket list things. I think that the inauguration, regardless of who is being inaugurated is really the essence of how a democracy works. The people vote, one candidate is elected; one candidate doesn’t win— if you will. All this is done with a very peaceful process. It is all for granted’ as said by Dr. Sara Crook. When asked about the trip Dr. Crook said, “I have always wanted to go to the inauguration. It is kind of one of those bucket list things. I think that the inauguration, regardless of who is being inaugurated is really the essence of how a democracy works. The people vote, one candidate is elected; one candidate doesn’t win— if not more. All this is done with a very peaceful process. It is all handled in a way that most countries would absolutely love to be able to do because they usually would have to have a civil war, a military coup, or an assassination and we do it by a ballot box. I have always wanted to go to the inauguration and this year, I had a group of students who wanted to go as well and see Washington DC. Through Student Engagement Enhancement Initiative and some fund raising we were able to make the trip possible.” The group went to Washington for a week. During that week, the group was able to see the various sights that Washington had to offer. Senior Katherine Nierman said, “The trip was a lot of fun. We were able to see a lot of museums and national monuments some of which included the Holocaust Museum, Lincoln Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, Korean Memorial, Vietnam Memorial and Supreme Court Building.” Sophomore Dean Shissler commented, “The trip was great. To experience the actual government ceremony of how the president was actually sworn in was great.”

For the group that had the opportunity to go the inauguration, it can be undoubtedly said that one of their dreams was filled. They were able to experience a piece of history that will never be repeated. Senior Susan Tangen expressed, “I gained an enormous respect for the politician service in the country. It is the best trip I ever had. To be there in a history making moment was wonderful.” Junior Richard Kepford articulated, “One of the most educational moments on that trip was from when we went and saw the Vietnam Memorial. Seeing all those names and realizing all those names were people with families and friends, was an important moment for me. It was a good learning experience that I can share with my children someday.” The entire group thoroughly enjoyed the trip and took a lot of different kind of life lessons from it. One of them gained was “to embrace the moment and notice how people are supportive of what we have here in the United States which something we often take for granted” as said by Dr. Sara Crook.

What are you doing for Mid-Term Break this semester?

“I will be completing my middle grades practicum all week long.”
Angela Zarybnicky
Senior, Secondary Education, Middle Grades Education, and Elementary Education

“I am getting my wisdom teeth pulled.”
Cassie Hunter
Freshman, Sports Exercise Science major

“I am going to Tuson Arizona!”
Sara Adams
Freshman, Elementary Education and Early Childhood Development major

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Together We Rise fundraiser provides foster children with opportunities

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The feeling of wanting to make a difference in the world is one that many people have felt. Whether it’s when you’re lying awake late at night wondering what you should do with your life, or early in the morning when you tell yourself that today will be a better day -- you’ve had the thought at least once. You’ve wanted to make a difference, big or small.

Together We Rise is a non-profit organization based in Chino, California. But their outreach doesn’t stop there. With interns and workers from all over the United States, Together We Rise helps everywhere in any way that they can. Their cause? To better the lives for children in the foster care system.

Danny Mendoza, founder of Together We Rise, started off the way many of us do. He found out his young cousin had been living in a car, but was denied the opportunity to help due to his age and that he was just a college student at the time. So he wanted to make a difference.

He started Together We Rise, and it was the first non-profit of its time. The only organization where your age doesn’t matter and you can help regardless of where you’re from. The only organization that cares about their actual cause more than they care about making money for it because at Together We Rise, it isn’t about the employees and the volunteers -- it’s about seeing that smile light up on a child’s face when he or she gets to ride a bicycle for the first time, or gets a bag full of items and necessities they’ve never known before.

The organization branches off into a few tiers of organizations. First, there’s Sweet Cases. In the United States, nearly five hundred-thousand foster children will move throughout 3 different placements with little to no warning before finding a permanent home. These children and young adults in the foster care system are generally only given a garbage bag to move their belongings.

Together We Rise doesn’t believe that a child’s belongings should be treated like garbage, so it’s how Sweet Cases came to be. The project is a part of the non-profit organization, and they provide duffel bags and suitcases to foster children filled with a range of items from pillow pets and crayons/coloring books to hygiene kits. They provide hope and excitement to foster children.

Another branch of Together We Rise is the “I’m Aging Out” branch, which deals with helping the young adults in foster care who will be aging out of the foster care system. Thirty-six percent of foster children who age out of the care system end up homeless. Even more end up without the proper resources to finding a job or a place to live. The I’m Aging Out program assists these foster children in finding ways to apply for college, to find a home or to find a job -- whichever necessary to the particular young adult.

And yet another involves the activities branch. Together We Rise provides new bicycles to foster children all around the United States, and also provides summer activity camps such as soccer, football, and other sports.

As an intern for Together We Rise, I can personally say that this group of individuals means what they say in their mission statement: a non-profit organization dedicated to transforming the way youth navigate through foster care in America.

And dedicated they are. They have provided thousands of items and camps to foster children, but not only have they provided physical donations -- they have also donated their time and effort, which in turn makes foster children feel more hopeful and excited about the future.

A child should never be without some form of hope, and Together We Rise is the organization that provides that hope. For more information, visit the website www.togetherwerise.org or contact Michaela Wolverton. Also, keep your eyes open for a fundraiser for Together We Rise in the near future!

Students should prepare for upcoming annual Career Fair

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Need a job? If the answer is yes, then on Tuesday, March 19 from 11:30 to 2:30 in the AWAC, Peru will be hosting the Southeast Career Fair. It seems easy, right? Just show up and see what potential jobs you could have, but it’s a lot more then that. When going to a career fair it’s best to do a little pre-planning. Here are a few tips to help you have the best chance of getting a job.

First and foremost show up with a positive attitude. Nothing is worse than showing your possible future employer that you have a terrible outlook on the day. Next is to bring resumes and lists of them. On average, employers only look at someone’s resume for 10 seconds so make sure your resume is unique and up to date.

The next thing to do is to make sure you get a business card. You want to make sure you know the employers name if they do call you back to set up an interview. A business card is also handy if you need to send additional information. Make sure that you talk to every possible company that fits your experience. Also, make sure to go talk to some employers about jobs that might not be in your experience category but may be in your ambition category. Getting to know people is also key, make connections as much as you can. The more connection you have the better off you will be.

Be ready to ask a few questions. Maybe ask how your skills could be put to use. The last thing that may be the most important next to having a positive attitude would be the way you present yourself. First impressions count! If you just show up with gym shorts and a t-shirt on, then that employer might not want you to represent them. Wear something that will make you look the best that you can. The ultimate best tip there is would be, to be you and relax.

Intern Spotlight: Dustin Nutsch

Beatrice, NE native, Dustin Nutsch, a Peru State College senior majoring in psychology and minoring in criminal justice, interned at Beatrice Police Department last semester. Nutsch said, “A police department is supported by a vast conglomeration of several entities, other community organizations, and elected officials working together for the good of the community. It consists of administering policies, exceptional communication, and model employees committed to meeting high standards. During my time spent with BPD I got a firsthand look at what my future life in a similar department will consist of positive & negative.”
Opposing Opinions: Pinterest

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In the fast-growing world of the Internet where “new” is a relative term, Pinterest is among the newest of the social media websites. The idea of Pinterest is that someone “pins” or links another website with an image from it to Pinterest, and then other “pinners” may “repin” what they find to their “boards.” Although Pinterest is a useful tool for remembering websites, organizing cute pictures, and finding ideas, it also presents some risks to its users.

I myself have fallen into one of Pinterest’s less deadly traps. Like Facebook, Pinterest has become a time suck for many of its users. It’s easy to scroll through the most popular feed for an hour and not notice time has passed. The irony of it is that I’ll be pinning tips about cooking, cleaning, or alternative therapies. I’m all for any of these if they actually work, but some of them seem really dangerous.

Like many websites, Pinterest may be dangerous if used to extremes or without a skeptical mind. However, for the typical everyday user its enjoyment and usefulness should outweigh those risks.

Michaela Wolverton  
LAYOUT EDITOR

I have an obsession. It’s common enough, and you might even have the same one. If you do, then you’ll easily know what I’m talking about.

It does not matter where I am. I can be sitting in class, at work, laying in bed...but it’s almost always on my mind. I’m addicted.

Pinterest, an online pinboard, can be used for organizing and sharing “pins.” To explore the website, go to www.pinterest.com.

It has to be the last thing I check online because I spend too much time “checking” it, and minutes turn into hours. No, I’m not talking about Farmville addiction. It’s way more useful than a silly game.

Any guesses? None?

Well, I’m talking about Pinterest. And I, along with many around the world, have become addicted. It’s just so convenient, and it is PERFECT for those who are awful with organization. Seriously, you can have a board for just about anything. My personal addiction is searching and pinning new, exciting recipes.

Though recently I’ve also gotten into looking at DIY designs for when I have my own home. Pinterest was created by some genius, I swear. I’m an unorganized mess. I have three different recipe books with printed and handwritten recipes thrown all over inside of them with no form of organization at all, and I try to scrape it but Lord knows I have no good ideas. And with Pinterest, I can pin any recipe I want to a board, and the link stays there forever!

Well, okay. Sometimes the link disappears, and that’s disappointing. But the miraculous thing? I can GOOGLE the recipe and find a similar one if that happens! God Bless the Internet.

Seriously though, Pinterest has some awesome benefits if you have an account. Not only can you look up recipes and awesome crafty stuff, but you can get ideas for gifts to buy or make. It also has a health and fitness board that you can look at if you’re trying to lose some weight or gain some muscle (or gain some weight and lose some muscle, I’m not here to judge!)

Now I know what you might be thinking. Why use Pinterest when you said it yourself – you can use Google or other branches of the internet to find what you’re looking for?

Because with Pinterest, you don’t have to add fifty different bookmarks to your internet browser or try to remember sixty different website addresses in order to go back to what you originally searched for. With Pinterest, it’s as simple as clicking “repin” and choosing which board to put it on.

It’s like having a planner, only on the internet.

Granted, as with anything online, Pinterest does have its downsides. For example, two hours can go by and you’ll wonder what you were even doing. But overall I think Pinterest is a very beneficial website to have an account on.

Don’t have one yet? Let me know, I’ll send you an invite! Just don’t mind the hundreds of recipes I pin.

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Peru State College Times
The over-privileged: two perspectives on a well-educated but still barbaric society

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Have you ever heard anyone say “Ahhh I hate it when my phone charger doesn’t reach my bed?” This is what is called a first world problem. Now imagine you hear someone say “I hate it when I don’t have any food or clean water.” This is a third world problem. I recently watched a YouTube video that made me stop and think. It had children from a third world country read off first world problems.

In our country we don’t have a problem with getting food and fresh water. We have houses for shelter and cars to get around. But imagine if you had to walk ten miles in the blistering heat to just get only five gallons of water that you have to use sparingly. Many people in other countries go through this everyday. I feel that sometimes we don’t realize this because it’s not happening in our neighborhood, but it is.

Have you ever stopped and thought about what like would be like without a phone, car, and television. We would be lost, we live a very privileged life here in Peru. Some children don’t have the same opportunity to learn as we do. I don’t think the problem is that we don’t care, I think the problem is that we don’t really know how bad it is in other places.

There are many things that we can do to help change this. My suggestion to people is to start learning, and start local. The problem may be bigger in countries around the world, but even though we are a first world nation doesn’t mean we are perfect. Help someone in need. The smallest things matter the most, you could change someone’s life by just stopping and asking if they need help.

I would also suggest that you look at everything and everyone in your life. Thank the people closest to you. Appreciate the things that you have and don’t complain about the things you don’t because people around the world are going to sleep hungry tonight. If you’re interested in watching the video, it’s titled “First world problems read by third world people.”

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Imagine three normally rational men are in a triangular room. Each man, not trusting the other two, sits in a vehicle, each of which are attached to one of the walls with a sturdy, short chain. The paranoid men refuse either to exit their vehicles or to cease their attempt at crashing their vehicles into each other. The chains simply will not break.

Religion, spirituality, and philosophy serve many purposes: educational, social, cultural, personal – the list goes on. However, many have lost sight of these ideals in favor of using religion as a weapon. Whether to bully, start wars, encourage legislation, or simply tear others down. Now, I do not pretend that this is recent, but I do believe that the educated persons of a college campus should be able to freely discuss personal beliefs without fear.

I return to my analogy: The men in the cars are literally spinning their wheels and getting nowhere. Finally, one man realizes he has been wasting his time, shuts down his vehicle, and exits it tentatively.

Discussing personal beliefs is innately dangerous because of how easy it is for another person to point out a lack of proof, a holy passage, a sin, or something illogical. Without first becoming vulnerable, others will fear breaking down their defenses as well. So, yes, you are a soft human being with easily hurt emotions. Everyone is. The risk of emotional pain in this country where, luckily, we may at least ensure our physical safety most of the time is well worth knowing you won’t be ignorant.

I, personally, am a family member to people of three major religions. If you count different sects of Christianity, that number grows to five. If you count friends, at least eight. I have participated in ceremonies for religions I do not identify with, not only to be polite, but to learn how and why. I have asked questions that stumped these people. I have learned about the world and my relationship to it, and none of this has made me question my religious affiliation, but quite the opposite: It’s matured and grown with the new knowledge.

Some people I’ve spoken with have been defensive when discussing personal beliefs, whether it be religion or positions on a controversial topic. On a college campus, everyone should be mature, educated, and adult enough to discuss these topics in, if not an unbiased way, then at least a way which makes others feel able to openly express their views.

So, what happens when one man stops spinning his tires? Well, maybe the other two kill him and use him as a scapegoat. But, probably they’ll realize how much time they’ve wasted, discuss their problems with each other, maybe throw a punch or two, but eventually come to an understanding.

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Africa to Peru: My American experience

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I taught myself how to ride a bike. I had wanted a bike for so long and one day, I came home from school and my mom gave me a blue BMX bike. I remember being so excited that I finally had a bike. I didn’t know how to ride one, but that didn’t matter, I was determined to learn. To start teaching myself, I would get on the bike and just walk around while I was on it. Eventually got the courage to try and pedal. When I did, I fell flat on my face and cried. The next day, I went and tried again. Eventually, I learned the art of balance and became a master of riding on any surface. One day while riding in the bike park, I saw a kid who was a few years older than me do a bunny hop on his bike onto a bench and then do a bar spin off the bench. I was so amazed that I decided that I was going to learn how to do those tricks and more on my bike. After a lot of crying, cuts, scrapes and blood I learned how to do those tricks as well as a can-can, no hander, tail whip, superman, 180, and a basic jump. I was so excited that I could do those things, I felt invincible for the longest time. It was the first time I actually believed that sometimes when you work hard enough for something you could achieve success.

Success is one of those things that I believe is stressed in any culture. However, how success is defined, varies from culture to culture. Back home, success is defined by your ability to take care of your family and what you offer the community. The better you take care of your family and community, the more successful you are. Over here success is defined by how much money you have. The more money you have, the more successful you are. That simple difference astounds me. We all want to be successful, although at what is the question we are forced to ask ourselves.

I live in, and no matter how different they are, they all seem to teach me that you can’t be successful if you are not happy. At the end of the day, this culture has taught me that even though people are different, we all roughly want the same things and success is a big part in those desires.

Sleeping on campus: The how, the where, and the why

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With classes and extracurricular activities in full swing it makes it hard for students to find time to get any sleep. Many students resort to sleeping on campus. With all of the different choices people have to sleep it can be hard to decide where to sleep.

“Sleeping right next to the fire place, is the best place to sleep in the library,” states Alyssa Karasek, junior Psychology major. The reason for sleeping by the fire place in library is because “the chairs are comfy, and the fire place is nice and warm.”

Not only is it great to sleep by the fireplace in the library, there are also many other levels of the library that work as well. When asked do you sleep on campus Ashlynn Blomstedt said “of course! Who doesn’t sleep on campus between classes? That’s what you do in college, especially with how little time I have to get a full night sleep.... The curriculum level of the library and the lower level also have good sleeping chairs.” Blomstedt is a senior Liberal Arts major concentration in Social Science and Psychology.

The library is a great place to sleep on campus, but it is not the only place to sleep on campus. The Student Center commuter lounge is a great place that many students like to sleep. One student in particular likes to sleep in the student center. Justin Salazar, senior CMIS major said, “Student Center, because of comfy couch.”

Darci Shibley, senior criminal justice, counseling major, says that she sleeps in the commuter lounge because “it is quiet and the couches are comfy.” Another student, Devin Gobber, likes to sleep in the commuter lounge as well because of the couches and how quiet it is. Gobber is a senior elementary education major with a coaching endorsement.

As you can see finding a place to sleep on campus is really easy and a great way to catch a quick nap in between classes.

Person In History

Herbert Brownell Jr.

February 20, 1904: Born in Peru, NE to Herbert Brownell Sr. and Mary Adeline Miller.

1924: After graduating from the University of Nebraska Brownell, began attending Yale Law School and earned his Law degree in 1927.

1932: Brownell began his career as a Republican, and was elected to the New York State Assembly. He served for NYSA from 1933-1937.

1942: Brownell became the campaign manager for Thomas E. Dewey’s election as governor of New York. He also worked as campaign manager for Dewey’s 1944 and 1948 campaign for president.

1945: Brownell helped convince General Dwight D. Eisenhower to run for president and worked on his campaign.

1944-1946: Brownell was the chairman of the Republican National Committee.

Healthy student: Sleep

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Sleep is more important than you think. March 3 through March 10 is National Sleep Awareness Week. Many of us think that sleep is not an important part of our healthy routine. You always worry about your diet and exercise to keep you healthy, but sleep is just as important as those. College students are among the most sleep-deprived and tired people in America. Here are 5 reasons why you should get 8 hours of sleep every night.

When you are asleep you can strengthen memory or practice skills that you learned when you were awake. You think studying all night will get you that A, but actually your brain can memorize the information while you are sleeping. This doesn’t mean you can just study once and go to sleep and your brain will automatically memorize it, you still have to practice and learn the information; your brain will just memorize the information a lot better with 8 hours of sleep.

According to huningtonpost.com, a Stanford University study found that college football players who tried to sleep at least 10 hours a night for seven to eight weeks improved their average sprint time and had less daytime fatigue and more stamina. To become the best athlete you can try to get at least 8 hours of sleep every night.

According to studies those who get 8 hours of sleep every night are more likely to weigh less than those who are sleep deprived. Ghrelin is a hormone that stimulates appetite and Leptin is a hormone that suppresses appetite. When your body doesn’t get enough sleep it creates more Ghrelin and less Leptin causing you to be hungry. I think all of us have had those days were we eat and never feel satisfied. Crazy to think it could all be related to sleep.

As college kids we have a lot of stress put on us every day. Surprisingly, sleep can help lower stress.

Sleep can help expand your life span. Sleep can make you healthier and prevent illnesses, which in return can expand your life span.

Now we know that sleep has its benefits, how do you get more of it? Here are some tips on how to get a better night’s sleep.

1. Cut out electronics before bed.
2. Do something relaxing like yoga or mediation before bed.
3. Set a bedtime and wake-up time and keep it consistent, even on weekends.
4. Take melatonin supplements to help you sleep better.
5. Exercise daily.
6. Avoid large meals before bed.
7. Avoid caffeine at night.

Saying goodbye to a legend:

Dr. Leland “Shorty” Sherwood

Leland Sherwood held many roles in his life: husband, father, artist, professor, Navy man, and so much more. Sherwood, an alumni from PSC himself, instructed at the college from 1963 to 1993.

After retiring from PSC, Sherwood continued to involve himself with campus activities and the Art Department. He continued to work as an adjunct professor until 2006. His masterful watercolors may be viewed in the aptly named Sherwood gallery in the student center.

Sherwood passed away at 82 on December 29, 2012, leaving a legacy through his watercolors, his students, and his children: Jeanne Elizabeth Bennett of Lincoln, NE; Jeanne Marie Sherwood of Lincoln, NE; Joni Lee Schmidt of Kearney, NE.

I considered him a mentor and a true gentleman. He always made himself available to students, and they held him in very high regard.”

Ken Anderson, PSC Art Professor

“Dr. Sherwood was an outstanding faculty member who was highly respected by his students here at Peru State. He had a passion for art; a passion for his students and a passion for the college. His artwork is represented in many public and private collections across the country and is especially treasured by Peru State alumni. However, his greatest accomplishment is the positive influence he has had on generations of Peru State students.”

Dan Hanson, PSC President

“I had Dr. Sherwood for Watercolor, and he made it look so easy and effortless. I remember him as someone who would go above and beyond to help you and was so patient.”

Joanne Neemann, PSC Alumni, BS in Art, 2005

“Dr. Leland Sherwood, beloved icon of Peru State College, loving husband, devoted father, fiercely dedicated faculty member, gifted artist, and man of God are some of the ways that I remember Shorty. I am, indeed, grateful that I had the opportunity to get to know him. He made me laugh with his sense of humor, amazed me with his talent and he warmed my heart with his kindness and passion for PSC.

I value the many memories I have of Dr. Sherwood. Among my favorites was visiting with him one Sunday evening several years ago at a Peru Chamber meeting. I asked him if he had any paintings of the Peru campus in the winter time. The next morning we were at the Hoyt Science Building and Morgan Hall, grace snow. The only paintings of the Peru campus in the winter time. The next morning we used the Hoyt paintings for our PSC Christmas card and I held on to the Morgan Hall painting to use this year to commemorate the renovation of Morgan Hall.

In his living and in his dying, Dr. Sherwood held Peru State College close to his heart. And his memories are held close in the hearts of hundreds of Alumni, friends, students, faculty, staff and community members.”

Elaine Hanson, PSC First Lady

1953-1957: Brownell was an important player in many landmark Civil Rights cases, including Brown v. Board of Education.

January 21, 1953: Eisenhower appointed Herbert Brownell as the Attorney General, a position he served in until 1957.

1957: Brownell stepped down from his position as the Attorney General after he helped with the Little Rock desegregation case.

1957: Brownell drafted the legislative proposal that later became the Civil Rights Act of 1957.


1972-1974: Brownell served as a special U.S. envoy to Mexico for negotiations over the Colorado River.

May 1, 1996: Brownell died in New York City from cancer at the age of 92.
Bobcat softball and baseball seasons kick off

Patrick King
STAFF WRITER

The Peru State College women’s softball season is quickly approaching. This is only the Bobcat’s second year in the HAAC conference. Last year the Bobcat’s ended their season with a 30-25 record all around and a record of 10-8 in the HAAC conference. This was a good enough record to get them into the HAAC post season tournament. This year the Bobcats hope to return to the HAAC conference and come out as champions of the tournament.

This season’s softball team consists of four freshmen, three sophomores, four juniors, and seven seniors, which adds up to a total of 18 women on the Bobcat’s roster. These players are coached by head coach Mark Mathews, who also has the assistant coaching of Alejandro Gozalez.

In preparation for the upcoming season, the Bobcats will go through a series of different events before they are able to take the field for the beginning of their season. The events that the women go through are batting practice, catching practice, and practicing throughout different times of the day. However, the Bobcat softball women also have to share times with the baseball team.

The Peru State College men’s baseball team began their season on the 15 of this month with a win at Oklahoma Baptist University. The women’s softball season began on February 23, a week after the men’s baseball team has begun their season. The first home game for the women’s softball team is not until March 12, however.

Softball Schedule

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Courtney Ward was named player of the month for January by Athletic Director Steve Schneider.

Ward was selected for this award last month after she was honored twice by the Heart of America Athletic Conference as the conference’s women’s basketball player of the week.

January 7 is when Ward received her first honor from the HAAC. Ward was a beast for the Bobcats during the prior week as she claimed a significant amount of career-high totals. For the week Ward was able to average a total of 27.3 points, 16.7 rebounds, 3.3 blocked shots, and 2.0 assists while also shooting a percent of 54.7 from the field and 80 percent from the free throw line.

The next week Ward was able to rack up a total of 30 points in a game that the Bobcats couldn’t quite pull off against Baker University, and she had a career-high number of rebounds in a win against Missouri Valley College. During that entire week Ward was allowed little rest as she played the entire time in two of the games, and had a very little amount of rest in the third game.

Then, the week after that Ward again received the honor after being able to record three double doubles during the week. In this week, Ward was able to average 15.0 points, 13.7 rebounds, and 2.7 blocked shots. During which she was still able to shoot a total of 51.2 percent from the field.

Ward is currently HAAC’s leading rebounder with a total of 12.13 rebounds per game. Also, Ward is fifth place in scoring and second in blocked shots. Nationally, as of February first, Ward is in the first place for offensive rebounds per game with 5.5, third in total rebound per game with a total of 12.125, third in total rebounds with 191, tenth in total block with 44, 12th place in defensive rebounds per game with 6.625, 14th in block per game with 1.833, 18th in field goal percentage with 51.4 percent, 19th in total scoring with a total of 372, and 48th in points per game with

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The Peru State Times gossip spies seem to have disappeared, leaving me the only person available to give you any form of celebrity gossip. But that’s okay -- I’m pretty well informed, and I am sure you are dying to know. So let’s just get started.

First of all, Britney Spears got a new puppy. It’s tiny enough to fit in the palms of her hands, so it should fit perfectly in one of her thousands of designer bags. But seriously, the puppy is pretty cute, hence why I felt it was worth reporting at all.

Something a bit more on the serious side -- Lady Gaga has recently cancelled the remaining tour dates on her Born This Way Ball Tour due to a recent hip injury that she’ll need surgery for. Apparently from whatever happened, she now has a labral tear on her right hip.

Her injury was probably caused from strenuous repetitive dance movements in her performances -- she should have just eaten an apple a day to keep that doctor away, instead of putting them on her outfits. However, fans and haters alike all wish her a speedy recovery. Her “Little Monsters” were able to get ticket refunds starting on Valentine’s Day -- a present from her to them, obviously.

Disappointed that Lady Gaga cancelled her tour? Do you have NO idea who to go see in concert now? Well, lucky for you, Bruno Mars just launched a new worldwide tour -- check out dates on Facebook or his official website for more information on that. The only restriction at his concerts are grenades -- he doesn’t want to catch anymore.

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So naturally the ladies listened and showed up in appropriate attire. Mostly. Although what’s with “puffy” skin? Are they worried about celebrities showing off yeast infections? Gross.

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Well, that’s about it for celebrity gossip. Hopefully our spies return soon with some juicier things -- although puffy bare skin is kind of juicy, right? Yuck.

Above, Fall Out Boy burns their old merchandise in a symbolic gesture to begin their new start.

Above and right, Nicki Minaj attending the grammys with the fake pope, who thinks she should dress more conservatively

Above and left, Britney Spears cuddles her new puppy

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**Poetry Corner**

**The Mind is a Weapon**

**Myneeka Childs**

Senior Psychology Major

The mind is a dangerous weapon
Using knowledge is a blessing
You've earned that privilege of being selected to withhold
valid information that could very much so take you places
Places that are not in reach of others' faces
It becomes nonexistent due to lack of possession that the brain
holds
Many choose to use their fist, their lips, and hips
Instead of their reward of pure intellect
Everything learned is thrown away by the sounds of crackles
from grenades of idiocy overflowing the literacy of a legacy
that a person is defined to be
Make your own path
Be a leader
Not a follower on Twitter
Creating that inferioriating attitude to become bitter
Reflect on yourself for the mind that you possess and hold
will overthrow any self pity that you cannot see and that we
won't recall
Make a statement bold enough that it leaves people
contemplating but not left behind
Where they are struck without grasping the concepts of a
genius able to project through the insight of encyclopedias
over the media
Where myths are truths from experience of having that prior
knowledge let loose throughout the mind creating something
is hidden underneath
always there physically waiting to unleash the brilliance that
Rely on no resource than the resource that's been ignored but
Use it don't ignore and abuse it

**Coming soon to theaters**

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**Dead Space 3 continues sci-fi game series**

**Kyle Amen**

FACEBOOK EDITOR

Dead Space 3, developed by Visceral Games, is a continuation of the Dead Space series. It once again continues the story of Issac Clarke and his quest to destroy anything Necromorph.
Necromorphs, quickly becoming the galaxies number one problem, are taking over.
They come from what are only known as Marker’s. These Marker’s have the ability to cause hallucinations, as well as bring back the dead. The cult of Untolists worship the Necromorphs and the Marker’s. Since the events of the second game, however, the cult has grown into a supreme military power. The game begins quickly, traveling through space to what is believed to be the Marker homeworld.
Dead Space 3 follows the same premise the previous games followed. Using whatever weapons you can gather, the player must sever the limbs of the Necromorphs in order to kill them. Ammo is all around, as well as upgrades and blueprints for new weapons. Thanks to an improved weapon crafting system, Issac truly feels like he is, after all this chaos, a engineer. You can create a incredible amount of weapons, each one having the capacity for different upgrades.

Thanks to the improved weapons system, Visceral Games has uped the amount of enemies coming at you. While this furthers the game from its survival horror roots, its still very intense. Enemies will constantly come out through the walls, vents, and more.
The added enemies can be overwhelming at times. However, this problem can easily be fixed by co-op mode. At anytime another player can join in on the fun. Previous games in the series were single player only. It can still be played that way. The story will adjust slightly depending on how many players are playing. There are, however, a few missions that can only be played with two people. They add a little bit more backstory Issac’s partner.

Another addition to the series are side quests. While the game is still chapter based, it’s a little bit more open. Additional objectives will pop up from time to time. While these don’t have to be played, they do add a little bit more information about the world. One side mission involved a crazy crew member, booby-trapping an entire ammo dump. Along the way, he would yell out information here and there about the world and Issac’s situation.

Dead Space 3 once again strips elements from the original game. Even without these, however, the game is very enjoyable. The story is interesting, the game-play is a blast, and weapon customizing will keep the game fresh. It’s definitely something to pick up. If anything, it’s something to play until Bioshock Infinite comes out.
Dear Maebelle,

So... I am working on losing weight, and everything was going really well! That is until I came back to school after the break. There isn’t really anything to do, so I sit in my room and play video games all day, or I sit and watch movies. The thing is that working out is really boring, and wanting to lose the weight just doesn’t seem to be enough motivation to get me moving.

So my question, Maebelle: What can I do that will be both beneficial to my health AND fun at the same time?

Sincerely,
Chubby’n’Bored

Dear Chubby One,

To be perfectly honest, if you haven’t found some sort of form of exercise that you can enjoy along with gaining benefits from, you might just be too picky. If you actually want to lose weight and get healthier, you’ll do whatever you need to improve your lifestyle. So if boredom is your excuse, then there’s no real advice I can give you other than to get over it and get on a treadmill.

But to give you some options on campus -- we have the AWAC which includes a new workout facility center full of cardio machines and weights for lifting. There’s also a wide variety of different workouts available on the internet. BodyRock.TV is one website to check out -- it’s great full body and cross training workouts that take about twelve minutes each, and the website includes different challenges for the month. But not only can you find fun exercises online, Netflix also now has a workout category.

Some ideas off campus include going to a real gym and getting a membership, signing up with a trainer or taking classes. Yoga and Zumba classes are pretty entertaining, so I hear, and Spinning classes are great for cardio.

Honestly Chubs, the best advice I can give is to set down the video games and pause the movies for twelve minutes. Do a quick workout. Then you can go back to Facebook for five hours. But seriously, if you have five hours to spend mindlessly browsing the internet, then no wonder you’re getting bored with simple workouts. Maybe challenge yourself -- every time a commercial break happens, do a different exercise for each commercial. Insurance commercial? Push-ups. Movie trailer? Crunches. And so on and so forth.

I’m sure you’ll find something eventually.

One thing I need to stress though -- there is a big difference between being healthy and skinny. Do not get obsessed about being skinny because that’s when illness happens, and no one wants that.

Best of luck in your weight loss endeavor, Chubs.

All my love,

Maebelle

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Aquarius Jan. 20- Feb 18 It’s ok for you to eat candy for breakfast, lunch and dinner today. Lucky number is: 0.333636448. You look pretty in baby blue.

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Baby, what’s your sign?

Jenny Trapp
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Pisces Feb. 19- March 20: The planets are aligning and you will notice that the love of your life is right in front of you. The planetary activity can both aid and disrupt you. This means the planets are stupid, and you are oblivious. Lucky number is 09181990. Make sure to give everyone a high five today!

Aries March 21- April 19: You need to change. It’s not me. It’s absolutely you! Remember, if you are parked on a hill, put the emergency break on. And check your oil. Yellow is not your color.

Taurus April 20- May 20: Get a little crazy. It’s as good a day as any to run around the backyard nude...who cares if it’s cold!

Gemini May 21- June 20: Beware of people wearing mustaches and door-to-door-salesmen. They are just creepy. Your lucky color is electric purple.

Cancer June 21- July 22: You may be feeling sad and depressed, but don't worry, you can have a meaningful conversation with a blade of grass.

Leo July 23 - Aug. 23: Work will be down right horrible today. Unless you don’t have a job then your day should be a piece of cake...unless you need money to buy that piece of cake! Then you are sold out of luck!

Virgo Aug. 23- Sept. 22: Often times you think that there seems to be many negative stations around every corner that would ruin your day- and you’d be completely right! Psychic! Whoa, dang! It’s a good thing this world sucks. If it didn’t we would all fall off. Get happy.

Libra Sept. 23- Oct. 22: To be really happy and fulfilled, you must sit in a sauna dressed as a hotdog. A vision will appear to you providing the meaning to life. Lucky number is 0.000000000000002.

Scorpio Oct. 23- Nov. 21 Don’t be the first to throw stones. Stop being so judgmental. This week can cause misjudgments to be made. So let others do the thinking for you. Your lucky day is February 30.

Sagittarius Nov. 22- Dec. 21 Pluto is giving out peaceful and beautiful energies this week. But you’re stuck on earth...no peace or beauty for you. Smile, everything is going to be fine. Your lucky fruit is pineapple.

Capricorn Dec. 22- Jan 19 The stars suggest there is harmony in your future but your symbols show otherwise. You’re just a little crazy, aren’t you? Wear hot pink tomorrow and say hello to a stranger.