Despite their importance, many students at Peru State College are not knowledgeable about the policies and procedures that govern them. PSC follows the same policies as all of the other Nebraska State Colleges. Given the impact of these policies on student life, it is important that the campus community become familiar with them.

Board of Trustees Policy 3100 and Board of Trustees Policy 3200 are two of the most significant policies for students.

Policy 3100 is Student Conduct and Discipline. This policy lists 31 student misconduct violations. The policy also explains what the different possible sanctions, or consequences, are.

For a complete misconduct list, students should look at page 34 in the Student Handbook, or look for the policy online on the PSC homepage.

Policy 3200 is Due Process: Students. This policy highlights the judicial system procedure from beginning to end. Students should look at page 28 in the Student Handbook or look for the policy online on the PSC homepage.

To summarize Policy 3200, students are notified in writing when they are accused of misconduct. At the point the letter is sent out, the process is on a ten day limit. Upon receipt of their letter, the student can choose to do one of the following, according to the Student Handbook:

1. Admit the alleged violation and request in writing that the administrative officer take what action seems appropriate.
2. Admit the alleged violation in writing, but request a hearing.
3. Deny the alleged violation. The administrative officer will then refer the student to the appropriate hearing panel.

The Disciplinary Sanctions may include warnings, fines, probation, community service, suspension, or even expulsion. However, there are no “cookie-cutter” sanctions. Students will receive their consequence based off of what their Judicial Officer deems appropriate.

Students should know that there is no statute of limitations for violations of the Code of Conduct. This means that if a student violates Policy 3100, they may be likely to face the consequences at any point during their time at PSC.

For example, code number 20 in Policy 3100 states that committing any unlawful act of indecent exposure is misconduct. This means that if you decide to run across campus naked during your freshman year and you are not caught until your senior year, you will still be placed into the judicial system if evidence is present.

Furthermore, Chief Judicial Officer and Dean of Students Karla Fraser stated that students may be put through the judicial system for misconduct that occurs off campus. To modify the example above, this means that if you streak through the streets of Auburn and someone reports this to the college, you will be treated as if you performed this activity on campus.

Judicial Officer and Assistant Director of Residence Life Seth Bingham wants students to understand that the judicial system is not here to punish the students. The idea of the judicial process is for the accused student to learn something from the experience.

“The overall goal of our judicial affairs system is educational intervention and proactive programming in an effort to foster growth and development of responsible citizenship with the Peru State community,” Fraser said.

Judicial Affairs will have a new informational web page with frequently asked questions coming soon. This web page will be part of the PSC website and can be expected to be up by the Fall semester.
PBL hosting research conference

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Contributing Writer

The Peru State College chapter of Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) is pleased to host this year’s undergraduate student research conference on April 13, 2012. The theme for the day is “Mission: IMPOSSIBLE – Overcoming Obstacles in Today’s Society.”

The conference is open to all PSC students. Conference participants have the opportunity to compete for cash awards in four categories: paper, poster, presentation, and website. Winners in each category will earn $500. Those finishing second in each category will earn $100.

The schedule for the conference will be confirmed once all registrations have been received. Conference competitions will occur throughout the day on Friday, April 13, 2012. An awards banquet and dinner ceremony will take place at the Student Center, and then the keynote speaker will conclude the evening. PBL is very excited to announce that the keynote speaker for the conference is Dr. Tom Osborne, Athletic Director at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. PBL encourages students in all areas of study to consider submitting their work to the student research conference. The theme is broad in hopes that a variety of submissions will be entered. Peru State College faculty has received specific details regarding guidelines for the competitions which can be shared with all students. In addition, a call for submissions has been sent out to local community colleges in hopes of attracting a larger number of participants.

Participant registration for the conference is due March 2, 2012. If you have questions regarding the conference, please feel free to contact Sheri Grotrian at sgrotrian@peru.edu or 402-872-2420.

Word search: Find the hidden presidents’ names in the list and a hidden phrase

Word bank

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What are your plans for Mid-Term Break?

“I’m going to home sweet Minnesota...”
Kate Langlais
Senior, Art Major

“My plans for spring break are to go home to Lincoln and see friends and family, and I will be going on a trip to Ponca State Park with PILOT club to do some community service.”
Kara Wessel
Senior, Language Arts (non teaching) Major

“I will be staying in Peru for theater rehearsal.”
Cassie Eilers
Freshman, Elementary Education Major

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Peru State College security guards work hard for students

CHLOE LANGFORD
Contributing Writer

Peru State College employs four security guards who work hard to keep us safe.

Darrin Reeves is from Nebraska City, and currently resides in Peru, Nebraska. He started working in the maintenance department and then transferred to security. He usually works 6 a.m.-6 p.m. His favorite thing about his job is working with the students, and his least favorite thing is the paperwork. His favorite color is red, and if he could be an animal he would be a deer because he thinks they are interesting.

In Reeves’ free time, he enjoys hunting and fishing. His favorite thing to eat is steak, and his favorite movie is Grease. Hopefully you wished him a happy birthday of February 6. If Reeves could have lunch with anyone famous, dead or alive, it would be Warren Buffet. According to him, the biggest mistake students make with paperwork. If he could be any animal, it would be a lion. In his free time he volunteers as an EMS in Talmage and Nebraska City, and is a volunteer fire fighter in Talmage. His favorite thing about Peru is the beauty of the campus.

Rusty Robertson is from Medford, Oklahoma. All three of his children attended PSC. He moved to Auburn in June 2011 to be closer to his six grandchildren. You can usually find him patrolling around from 6 a.m.-6 p.m. He loves visiting and helping the students, but he doesn’t like dealing with things that could be prevented, and like all the security guards he dislikes paperwork. If he could be any animal it would be a lion. In his free time he likes to watch his grandchildren and work out with his son. His favorite thing to eat is rib eye steak. Robertson’s favorite movie is Remember the Titans. The atmosphere of Peru and being able to see the deer, turkey, and animals on campus are his favorite things about PSC.

He would sit down to lunch with King Solomon who, according to Robertson, is the wisest man ever. The biggest mistake students make to get themselves in trouble is not taking the time to see the big picture. You have only three choices: right, wrong, or none and they all have consequences.

Greg Conz has lived in Arizona, Iowa, and Nebraska. He currently lives in Talmage, Nebraska. He got his job at Peru through his wife. His favorite color is navy blue. He enjoys interacting with the students, but he dislikes dealing with kids who know better but get in with and listen to the wrong crowd.

If Conz could be any animal it would be a bobcat. His favorite music artists are Ernie Haase, Signature Sound and Pentatonix. In his free time he volunteers as a part-time security officer.

Distinguished speaker passes do to a tragedy

Anthony Shadid, the Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter scheduled to be the next Distinguished Speaker at Peru State College, died February 16 of an apparent asthma attack while reporting for The New York Times in Syria.

Shadid was scheduled to speak in the College Theater on March 26. The topic of his visit to PSC was to be his critically acclaimed book, “Night Draws Near: Iraq’s People in the Shadow of America’s War.”

The winner of Pulitzer Prizes in both 2004 and 2010 for his international reporting, Shadid was 43. He was the author of two other books, including “House of Stone: A Memoir of Home, Family and a Lost Middle East,” to be published next month, according to The New York Times.

His visit was to be the final event for the 2011-2012 Distinguished Speakers Series. College officials are now working to identify an alternate speaker. PSC also hopes to announce the Distinguished Speakers for 2012-2013 later this spring.
Honor band showcases PSC students

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Five students of Peru State College were recently selected to participate in the Nebraska State Bandmasters Association Intercollegiate Honor Band. The students accepted were Michael Casavant on tuba, a junior majoring in music education; Yusheng Li on clarinet, a freshman majoring in music performance and business management; Dan Perkins on euphonium, a post graduate language arts education major; Taylor Sirman on french horn, a junior majoring in music performance; and Michaela Wolverton on trumpet, a junior majoring in music business marketing major.

“The honor band will be a great opportunity of performing in a more professional atmosphere,” Sirman said.

Casavant also added, “I’m looking forward to the challenge, as well as playing with people from other schools. Getting a concert together in two days will certainly be interesting.”

Jake Acers, a senior double majoring in psychology and criminal justice, attended honor band a year ago. “Honor band was a wonderful opportunity to meet and collaborate with fellow musicians from different institutions. It also allows for the addition of new scores to the developing student’s repertoire,” he said.

While the five have a lot ahead of them before the performance in March, it is an opportunity that they are looking forward to.

The concert will be at Kimball Hall in the University of Nebraska-Lincoln at 8 p.m. on Friday, March 2nd. It will be free to attend, so all are able to make it there should definitely go and show support for these hard-working students.

How students should prepare for the Career Fair

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Peru State College will host the Southeast Nebraska Career Fair on Tuesday, March 13, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The event, like last year, will be held in the Al Wheeler Center (AWAC), according to Alice Holtz, Director of Career Services.

Career fairs can be very daunting to a student who has never attended one before. There are people everywhere, the list of employers is long, and the atmosphere can seem like a maze. The idea behind attending a career fair is simple. It helps people looking for a job, finds places that are hiring, and lets them talk to multiple people at once.

According to Holtz, the important thing to remember before you go to this upcoming career fair, is to be prepared. Being prepared consists of many things, and the research should be started as soon as possible.

Before you even attend the career fair you should prepare your resume. If you are unsure how it is supposed to look, ask for help. Send your resume to career services at aholz@peru.edu. Your resume will be critiqued and you will get suggestions on how to make your resume more professional and competitive.

Another option is to bring your business card. On the business card, you should have your name, phone number, e-mail address, college major, and your career objective. When you attend, bring up to 20 copies of your resume or your business card.

Another thing to do before you attend is to research the companies that will be attending. The companies who are registered will be posted at the Career Services website, www.peru.edu/careerservices. Look at employer websites and see what positions they are hiring for and gain a better understanding for what the company does.

Something else that will help you prepare is to create a short introduction about yourself. It should only be about 20 to 30 seconds long. It could be something like this, “Hello my name is Derrek, and I’m a junior majoring in Psychology. I am looking for an internship related to Psychology for next summer. I read on your website that the company) has an internship program available and I believe that I have the necessary skills to fill this position. I am very interested in your program.”

Lastly, look professional! For college men, wear a pair of dress pants with polo or dress shirt. If possible, a sports jacket. For women, a pair of dress pants or skirt with dress blouse or sweater. Or, if possible, depending on the job, a suit. If an underclassman, a nice pair of jeans with sweater or shirt. Remember, opportunity knocks when you are least expecting it. So, look your best!

Overall, being prepared for a career fair is important. So, plan to attend the career fair to learn about jobs and internships. Many employers will be attending, and you must have everything available to you. Come prepared using these tools, and you will feel more comfortable presenting yourself to potential employers.

See you at the Career Fair on March 13!
He said/ She said: Is cancelled class good?

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No one likes to do homework, mostly because it usually comes in clumps and takes hours upon hours to complete. The only, if any, satisfaction that is gained from this frustrating event is the pride that is felt when you get to hand in your assignment that you spent precious sleep hours on completing. So to wake up and discover that class is unexpectedly canceled leads to a justified scream of frustration when you realize that you could have spent your wasted time on something else. A lot of negatives come from professors canceling class, but the most annoying kind of cancellation is definitely the unexpected cancellation. I can remember at least three times when I walked all the way to class, got there, sat down and waited 10 minutes for some authority figure to come in and say, “This class has been canceled for today.” It’s an awful feeling when you feel as if your time has been wasted.

What about commuters? Is it fair when they drive anywhere from 10 to 70 miles to be to class on time and then find out that their class has been canceled, and they now have three hours to wait until their next class? Or worse, they have no reason to stick around all so they basically just make a road trip for absolutely no reason?

Not only is the unexpected canceling of class inconvenient, but a well prepared cancelation can be annoying sometimes too. There is nothing more annoying than paying for something that ends up not being worth your time or money. With the average class costing about the same as a small 1 m b., students want to make sure that they get their money’s worth. Sure, one class period of material may be able to be made up to a certain extent, but it usually throws the rest of the week off schedule. Most professors will try to get the class back on track by summarizing the missed lesson and moving quickly into the next lesson, leaving students with less knowledge than intended. Some professors will try to keep class on track by assigning double the work over the weekends for students so that they don’t have to miss out on a lesson. This just makes stress levels higher. Either way ends up being less effective than the original plan.

Things are going to come up, that is just life! But when it comes to canceling class, professors need to be careful on how often they do this, for the sake of both education and time management.

JACOB BUSS
Contributing Writer

Canceled class, something everyone loves to hear and will usually without a doubt end up on Facebook within minutes of learning to alert fellow classmates of it. What I bring to question is it really such a good thing for class to be canceled?

This idea certainly applies the higher up in class level the said canceled class is. In a typical class time, think of how much work is done and how much material is taught. It is usually quite a bit. As an example in my Music History II class we take around five to ten pages of notes a day that is a lot of information to go over. Now imagine if one of those class times is missed, the instructor now has to go over that material, as well as the material that was supposed to be covered. This in turn, will make the next few class times a bit more stressful because more information has to be packed into them, because regardless of the number of class times, an instructor must still cover all of the material that they need to.

Another thing about having a class canceled is that it is costing you, the student, money. A three credit hour class costs over $500, but for the sake of understanding we will round off the cost to $500. There are 16 weeks in a semester making there supposed to be 32 class periods. Now taking the number of class times divided by the cost of the class that comes to about $16 a class period. That may not seem like much, but after awhile it adds up. This essentially means that you are paying $16 to go sit in your dorm or go sit in the library; that is not money well spent, seeing as you are already most likely paying for that in another way.

There is also the fact that by cancelling a class, it limits the one-on-one time a class period provides, and that is not good for the instructor or student. Though students may always wish for their classes to be randomly canceled, in the long run it may not be the best idea in the world for them.

Non-discrimination and sexual orientation on the Peru State College campus

JACOB BUSS
Contributing Writer

In the last issue, I wrote an article about my opinion of same-sex marriage and was asked several times why it was relevant. So with this topic now all over the news again with the overturn of Proposition 8, which banned same-sex marriage in California, and the legalization of same-sex marriage in Washington, and days away from being legal in Maine and New Jersey I figured that I would bring up this topic again and explain why I feel this belongs in the school paper.

One of the reasons I felt that this topic is relevant for the paper is because in college, it is highly encouraged to look at and analyze things that a person would normally look at, and potentially put someone out of their comfort zone. So by presenting this topic to the readers I felt that it would help to get them thinking about this subject and hopefully get some dialogue going about it. Whether it is good or bad dialogue, it is still bringing the topic to the surface and getting people to think about it.

One of the main reasons that I found this topic relevant to talk about is because on this campus, until recently LGBT issues have just been swept aside and kind of ignored. Speaking from personal experiences things are hard enough in Peru for the LGBT community, which is extremely small, and that makes things tough. A person has to drive 60 miles just to be part of any LGBT community. The same goes for if they want to date anyone, they are going to have to drive an hour to that person, and that gets very tiring on a person not to mention their budget. The travel plus the fact that sexual orientation is not recognized on campus makes this rather hard for the LGBT community; what this means that sexual orientation is not included in the non-discrimination policy as well as several other important college policies where it should be.

There is no direct discrimination taking place on campus but, there are some unintended forms. A lot of times when the issue of sexual orientation is brought up people will just turn the blind-eye and just ignore the issues as if it does not really matter. Though some of this may be from being uncomfortable with the subject, it still does not change the fact that it should be dealt with in a professional manner. Some may think that little can be done about this, but there are things.

Some things that can be done are some different workshops and trainings, but those are not for everyone. There are just different activities and programs that can be done to improve the campus climate and make it more inclusive. Now this would not just affect the attitude toward the LGBT community on campus, it would help to develop the campus as a whole, because the more accepting people become the healthier the environment becomes for everyone.
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Single Mom: Princess Potty-Time theatrics

MEGAN BROWN  Contributing Writer

The stage is set, props are in place, actors get ready, the curtain goes up, and nothing happens. For many parents, the endeavors of potty training feel like a theatrical production. The bathroom stage is made less intimidating by props like singing potty chairs, colorful step stools, and magical princess potty wands, tiaras, etc. Parents stop at almost nothing to make the potty the most fantastic, fun, exciting throne of awesomeness that a child could possibly place their bottom on. So what is the next course of action when no matter how much preparation and enthusiasm a parent puts into making potty time fabulous, the munchkin refuses to “tinkle” on the potty?

Kamber will be 3 in May and for the past few months, I have been putting on these “theatrical productions” multiple times per day with the hopes that she will be inspired at long last to go potty. On the wall beside our toilet is a “princess potty chart” that has about a dozen stickers posted representing the few times she has actually gone potty. Instead she does the deed in her diaper, gets a diaper out of her dresser, takes her pants and dirtied diaper off, and then proceeds to bring me her new diaper and says “Put it on mommy.” This is absolutely ridiculous! On numerous occasions I have sat her on the toilet and then minutes after getting a diaper back on she ditches it. It’s time for a new game plan.

The Mayo Clinic gives some tips for successful potty training including: schedule potty breaks, consider incentives, and ditch the diapers.

Schedule Potty Breaks: Kamber has been trying to go potty once in the morning and once at night. In consequence to the advice given from Mayo Clinic, we are now going to be trying once an hour until there is consistent success on the potty and she can communicate when she needs to go.

Consider Incentives: We have the princess potty chart, but according to Mayo Clinic perhaps stickers are not enough of a motivator. I picked up a Barbie that is now sitting on the shelf behind the toilet and every time Kamber goes potty, she is reminded that when she gets to 25 stickers, she gets the Barbie.

Ditch the Diapers: According to Mayo Clinic, when Kamber demonstrates that she can go a week on the potty, we need to ditch the diapers. I have packs of 'big girl' princess panties setting by the Barbie just waiting for Kamber. After looking at several sites for advice, the most common tip was to stay patient. It is important for parents to not only stay positive and patient, but to also be consistent. The show must go on and hopefully with these tips, Kamber will soon successfully rule on her new throne.

2012 presidential race progresses

KYLE AMEN  Distribution Manager

The presidential race for 2012 is on! Many have you have seen the presidential nominees airing their ads on television, as well as see a debate or two. In case you haven’t, here is some recent events in the presidential campaign.

In the United States, there are two major political parties: The Democratic Party and the Republican party. There are other minor parties, but none of them have won since the 1800’s. Each party hosts candidates who go through a nomination process to determine the presidential nominee for that party. President Obama is up for re-election for another four years in the Democratic, so naturally the Republicans are the center focus for this re-election. So far, this race has been full of wild rides. Mitt Romney and Rick Santorum has been the center of attention for most of this race. Romney won the first of the primaries, but it was later shown that Rick Santorum took the first primary. Mitt Romney has since won four Primaries, as well as Santorum. Newt Gingrich has won one Primary. The only other active nominee is Ron Paul, with zero wins.

Based on what has happened so far in the Republican race, it seems that the final two will be Romney and Santorum. However, it has been an exciting race so the end result could be neither. President Obama has recently started his campaign for re-election. His proposed 2013 budget has set the stage for his campaign, as well as changes to birth control. He has recently starting touring the United States to gather support.

It is important that we pay attention to the primaries, caucuses, debates, and when our state’s primary is. It’s important as well to know who each candidate is and what they stand for. Check out the latest information on the Republican candidates, as well as President Obama’s campaign, at http://www.politico.com/2012-election/.

Nebraska’s Primary is on May 15th.

March 7, 1876

RAEANNA CARBAUGH  Contributing Writer

"Hello? Can you hear me now?" Sound familiar? Your cell phone was only possible because one man decided that the world needed a faster way to communicate with one another. That man was Alexander Bell. On March 7, 1876 Alexander Bell patents his invention, the telephone. Bell demonstrated that the world needed a faster way to communicate with one another. That man was Alexander Bell. On March 7, 1876 Alexander Bell patents his invention, the telephone. Bell thought of the idea after the invention of the telegraph by Samuel F.B. Morse. Along with the help from Thomas A. Watson, Bell used what was considered then advanced technology to create his invention. The telephone was the American icon for communication until email, and then cell phones emerged.


Feb. 28, 1861: Colorado became a U.S. Territory.

Feb. 29, 1996: A pregnant teenage girl got shot on a school bus. The gunman was hired by the girl’s neighbor after she refused to get an abortion.

March 1, 1692: In a small village in Massachusetts Bay Colony, three women were charged with the illegal practice of witchcraft. These three women were Sarah Good, Sarah Osborne, and Tituba, who was an Indian slave woman. From here 150 men and women were incarcerated for practicing witchcraft.

March 2, 1807: Congress passed the act to "prohibit the importation of slaves into any port or place within the jurisdiction of the United States from any foreign kingdom, place, or country.

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Biology Club members in front of Hoyt Science Building

BECKY AMEN
Assistant Editor

The Biology Club has earned a reputation for bringing the campus together for community outreach projects, but with their most recent endeavor they’ve outdone themselves.

For the past three years, the Biology Club, jointly with other organizations, has conducted Trick-or-Treat for SENCA on Halloween so students can dress up in costume and collect for a canned food drive. They also do whatever outreach projects they can, for example, Saturday, February 18, many Biology Club members took part in the Cottonwood Round-Up, at which they helped retransplant about 30,000 cuttings to reduce flood destruction.

Colleen Rothe-Groleou, a Biology Club member and senior Wildlife Ecology major said, “It’s so easy to make a change.”

For their service, The Biology Club has won two awards: The Spirit Award from 10/11 news and the Extra Mile award from WWT news and Gregg Young. The $500 they won from the Extra Mile award they donated. However, their most recent project is profiting people much further away than the Midwest. “This went beyond community outreach to reaching out beyond our borders,” said Dawn Plympton, a senior Wildlife Ecology major and president of the Biology Club.

After Dr. Dennis Richardson spoke last November about the BAWA Health Initiative, the Biology Club was inspired to reach out to Africa. Specifically, they reached out to Angie Halverstadt Goering, a missionary for H.O.P.E. Center Uganda, who is building an orphanage in Uganda. The Biology Club is continually raising funds for medical supplies to fight off waterborne parasites. To buy 3,500 doses of medication is $100. The Biology Club also sends school supplies, comfort items, and other items which may be four times the price in Africa as it is here. To send a box of items to Uganda is $70.

Goering only has electricity three out of seven days, but she still has a blog where people can keep updated on the progress on her orphanage at hopecenteruganda.blogspot.com. Goering currently lives in Uganda with her husband Randy. They have seven children, two of which were adopted from Uganda.

H.O.P.E. Center Uganda’s goals are to meet the basic needs of children, teach them about Christianity, and offer vocational training for adults. To learn more, visit hopecenteruganda.org.

“One small step for the Biology Club is one giant leap for the world,” said Robert Plympton, a member of the Biology Club and a junior majoring in Wildlife Ecology. These steps are because of a small club of students: Dawn Plympton, Jessica Shefferd, Tina Helseth, Colleen Rothe-Groleou, Robert Plympton, Devin Garcia, Joe Helseth, Kimmy Miller, Seth Luedke, Justin Schoemerus, Devon Roesener, Randi Steele, Tony Yates, Clayton Osburn, and Kirsten Peterson. This project is not only thanks to the Biology Club, but many individuals and groups.

Many of the other clubs and organizations on campus have acted positively to the Reaching Beyond Our Borders project. The bookstore donated 128 pairs of flip flops, which may be the only shoes some of these children ever own. Many clubs are running their own fundraisers to supplement the Biology Club’s.

“The spirit of the campus is making movements in Africa,” said Dawn Plympton.

The Biology Club welcomes new members who are interested in outreach projects. “We area such a diverse group of people from such different backgrounds, and we really work well together,” said Jessica Shefferd, Vice President of the Biology Club and senior Bio-Chemistry major. “Come on, we’ve got room for you and work for you to do,” encouraged Dawn Plympton. The Biology Club is not only for science majors, but for anyone interested in helping with outreach projects.

Any student who would like to donate to Reaching Beyond Our Borders may do so at the wishing well at the cafeteria or at one of the fundraisers. Any students interested in becoming a part of the Biology Club or helping with any of their projects may contact Dawn Plympton at DaPlympton@acornmail.peru.edu or Jessica Shefferd at JeShefferd@acornmail.peru.edu.

**Peru State College Biology Club donates to orphans in Uganda**

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For the past three years, the Biology Club, jointly with other organizations, has conducted Trick-or-Treat for SENCA on Halloween so students can dress up in costume and collect for a canned food drive. They also do whatever outreach projects they can, for example, Saturday, February 18, many Biology Club members took part in the Cottonwood Round-Up, at which they helped retransplant about 30,000 cuttings to reduce flood destruction.

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Bobcats make a turn around

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Better late than never for the Bobcats, who have begun to round up a couple of wins recently, winning two of their last four games.

The wins come as a welcome addition for the Bobcats, who had managed only one win previous to this run.

Their second win of the season came recently in a home game against Culver-Stockton College Wildcats, a Heart of America Athletic Conference (HAAC) foe.

The 73-68 win came off of a huge comeback effort by the Bobcats who trailed by 17 at halftime.

Despite the deficit, the Bobcats refused to surrender as they came out firing in the second half, all but erasing the Wildcat lead midway through the second half, cutting the lead to 56-54 with eight minutes remaining in the game.

The Bobcats continued to trail by single digits for the next five minutes until Eric Donald connected on a three point shot that gave Peru its first lead of the game at 64-62 with three minutes remaining in the game.

After a couple of baskets by each team, the Bobcats held a one point lead, 66-65, lead before Donald came through in the clutch, again, drilling another shot from deep, extending the Peru lead to 69-65 with only a minute remaining.

After some solid defense and four important free throws, the Bobcats held a 73-65 lead with only seconds left on the clock.

The Wildcats hit a three at the buzzer, but it was too little, too late and the Bobcats held on for the victory.

Derek Williams finished with a double-double in the game, leading the Bobcats in scoring with 26 and rebounds with 11.

The Bobcats were unable to carry the momentum of their first conference win into the next game, as they fell to Baker College 31-71 in Baker (Kan).

Peru could not slow down the Baker shooters who shot 60 percent from the field including 48 percent from three-point range.

Peru on the other hand shot just 22 points in the loss.

The offensive attack for Peru was guided by Williams who had 23 points.

Peru could not pull off the come from behind victory as they were just out rebounded 36-21.

The Bobcats found trouble early as they trailed by double-digits at the half, 42-30.

Unlike in their previous game, Peru could not pull off the come from behind victory as they were again outscored in the second half, 49-41 on their way to the loss.

Derek Williams again led the team in scoring and rebounding with 21 points and five rebounds.

The Bobcats got back on track in the following game with a win over another HAAC opponent, the Missouri Valley College (MVC) Vikings.

Like their previous win, this game was not short on drama as it, again, went down to the wire with the Bobcats pulling out the 71-66 victory in the game’s final moments.

The early advantage belonged to the Bobcats who built up a 31-18 lead late in the first half.

The Vikings responded late in the half, going on a 10-5 run to cut Peru’s lead to 36-28 at the half.

The second half saw the Vikings trim the Bobcat lead down to 57-55 with only three minutes remaining in the game.

The teams traded baskets for the next few minutes bringing the score to 61-60, Peru with just over a minute left to play.

A series of free throws extended the Peru lead to 66-60 with only 40 seconds remaining.

From there, the Bobcats were able to hold on for their second win in three attempts.

The Bobcat offense was anchored by Williams who finished with 23 points.

The Bobcats looked to make it three wins in four tries when they hosted the Benedictine College Ravens.

Despite holding a lead at halftime, Peru fell to the Ravens in heartbreaking fashion, 66-61.

After trading buckets to begin the game, the Bobcats grabbed a lead with 10 minutes left in the quarter.

Peru was able to push their lead out to nine points before the Ravens narrowed the gap, giving the Bobcats a 52-26 lead heading in to the half.

The Ravens fought back in the second half, taking just their second lead of the game with 15 minutes left to play.

Benedictine would not surrender that lead for the rest of the game, eventually outscoring Peru 41-29 in the half to claim the six-point victory.

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The Bobcats record now stands at 3-24, including 2-13 in the HAAC.
Bobcat softball season predicted to be exciting

(Peru, Neb.) - RESPECT!
That is what the Peru State College Bobcat softball team will be pursuing this upcoming season as they enter their first year in the very competitive Heart of America Athletic Conference (HAAC). The ‘Cats will be giving respect to each of their opponents as they strive to earn the respect of the teams in the HAAC with their performance on the field.

The Bobcats have been picked seventh in the coaches pre-season voting. Head Coach Mark Mathews anticipated being in the middle of the pack and looks to the poll as a source of motivation for his team. Mathews noted, “We were used to being toward the top of the MCAC and now we have to prove ourselves to a top team. We are used to being toward the top of the MCAC and now we have to prove ourselves to a top team.”

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New PSC volleyball coach

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Melvin Balogh is the new head coach for the Peru State Bobcats volleyball team.

Balogh came to Peru from Lake Charles, Louisiana, but was born and raised in Michigan.

Balogh has a lot of experience when it comes to coaching. At McNeese State University, he served as the assistant coach for one year, and before that he had seven years as an NAIA head coach.

Melvin Balogh says his experience so far in Peru has been amazing; he loves it and can’t say enough good things. His goal for his new volleyball team is to compete every time they get on the court.

He is looking forward to the first season and making a difference. He is excited for the Bobcats’ chance in the “Heart of America” tournament, and hopes to be a top competitor.

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PERU STATE TIMES STAFF HAS BEEN ARRESTED. THEY ARE BEING CHARGED WITH PUBLISHING WRONGFUL AND FALSE NEWS STORIES THAT ARE TOO BELIEVABLE.

The staff members are being charged in the court of law for lying and distributing false information.

There has been an uproar of students and staff that have been outraged at these “breaking news” stories that are only breaking their hearts when they realize that all the information is false.

There have been claims that students have been overly concerned about topics of the stories on the back page of the PSC Times.

The staff members are waiting for a bail to be placed on them. Until then, they are sharing a cell with a man named Rosey and becoming very close in jail.

The PSC Times staff is planning to fight these charges and plan on continuing their works.

Breaking News: Snow day petition

MOTHER NATURE HAS AVOIDED PERU STATE COLLEGE’S CAMPUS, and as it appears, there will be no snow day this academic year. Students and staff are outraged at the lack of snow.

Fred Snowmizer, sophomore meteorology major, has started a snow day petition. He is hoping to reach 1,033 signatures of individual who want to have a random day off from school and call it a “snow day.” So far he had gotten 1,000 signature; however, his number keeps growing. Students and staff are lining up to sign the petition.

Snowmizer’s goal is that once he has the signatures, he will present the issue to the administration. Ideally, the administration will support his efforts and will grant the college a free day in loving memory of the great “snow day.”

If you are interested in helping Snowmizer’s cause, he will be picketing outside of the student center with his petition with a snow shovel in hand.

Breaking news: Hologram lectures

THE BOBCAT BOOKSTORE IS NOW SELLING THE TOOLS TO VIEW YOUR PROFESSORS IN THEIR LECTURES IN A Hologram style. Students will no longer have to get out of bed to go to lecture. They will stay in the comfort of their dorm rooms while a holographic teacher instructs them.

This is an extremely expensive option of learning so the traditional lecture hall will still be offered. Students are organizing fundraisers to help them raise enough money to buy this new space-age technology.

Both students and instructors are excited about our campus transitioning to a completely technology based campus. Instructors will not have to leave the comfort of their homes and students will be able to lay in bed while “attending” class.

If this sounds like something you would be interested in purchasing, start saving your pennies. The technology will be sold for $3,548,412,135,467,983. The college is so very excited to move forward in this technology-based world.

Breaking News: Faculty bar nights

SHOOTER’S BAR WILL BE CLOSED TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC FROM 5 a.m. Mondays until 6 p.m. on Tuesdays every week to better accommodate its eclectic customer base. The only way to gain admission into the bar is to own a Peru State College faculty ID card.

College professors have been shying away from the bar for some time now due to the fear of crossing any form of boundaries with their students who are potentially in the bar at night. This way, the bar owner believes that professors will now have the same opportunities to get inebriated as their student counterparts.

Although some may see this as being unfair, fortunately there is a great job opportunity here for students. Teachers are going to need designated drivers on Monday nights. This will be worked into the work study program at Peru State College. Keep your eye out on the job market and make sure to jump on this opportunity.