Campus prepares for commencement as it draws near

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With graduation fast approaching, Campus Services is hard at work preparing for the May 4 commencement ceremony.

"In the weeks leading up to graduation, the Grounds Crew focuses efforts outside and the Custodial Crew begins on the inside of the buildings," said Rick Harrison, Director of Campus Services.

"All the outside has to be cleaned up; scraping off the layers of winter, preparing beds, planting of the annual flowers and the hanging baskets, seeding and fertilizing the lawns," Harrison said via e-mail. "Maintenance goes through and hand paints and services AC systems."

The graduation ceremony will be held in the Al Wheeler Activity Center (AWAC), but the entire campus is used for celebrating the special day. The buildings are open to the public and the Quad will be hosting a social for all to enjoy.

Preparing for graduation is not a short process, it is one that begins as soon as the prior graduation commencement ceremony ends.

"We started planning right after last year’s graduation! We note what worked and what didn’t," said Harrison.

Preparing and planning for graduation is not an easy task, even with planning far in advance. The weather is considerably unpredictable during the springtime, which becomes one of the biggest struggles for Campus Services when preparing for graduation.

"Just like this year, spring did not come as early so we got a much later start than last year, and that makes cleanup efforts more intense. We do the same amount of work in a shorter period of time," said Harrison. "It is a great source of pride when it is all done and how great our beautiful campus looks."

A special thanks to Rick Harrison and all Campus Services staff for the hard work they put in to keeping our campus beautiful and making graduation day a memorable experience for PSC students.

Student Center Program Statement clarifies plans for future of the building

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The most important building on most college campuses is their Student Union or their Student Center. At some point in their college career, chances are students will go into that building for some purpose. At Peru, this is especially true. Our cafeteria, Residence Life office, Student Activities offices, and bookstore are all housed within our Student Center and as of right now, it’s not in the best shape.

The Student Center Program Statement states, “It has become abundantly clear through the process of gathering information from the campus that the Student Center no longer meets the needs of today’s students. Colleges today are keenly aware of the importance of student engagement and community-building in order to recruit, retain, and nurture a growing student body. The quality of the Student Center is central to that strategy. It provides the first impression of the campus. It is the front door into the heart and soul of campus. It is the campus living room, setting the tone for the kind of campus community an institution aspires to be. Unfortunately, the existing Peru State Student Center is missing these opportunities to convey the vitality of student life on the campus.”

So what does this mean for Peru?

A group visited during the fall semester and set up an area in which students could place a little colorful sticker on a board with different types of rooms and areas on it. This assisted the architects that Peru State hired for the program statement in what the layout of the Student Center will strive to be. The College hired BVH Architects in association with the Clark Enersen Partners, MacKey Mitchell Architects and Robert Rippe and Associates, Inc. to develop a program statement for the Student Center which gave an overview of their ultimate plan for renovations, what needed to be addressed specifically, and why the Student Center is not where it should be in terms of standards. While the Student Center’s renovation date is not set, the program statement has been approved by the Board of Trustees, so the college will be moving forward with funding strategies.

One big question that has been heard from students is why the Student Center is being renovated over Delzell Hall. Don’t worry! The Delzell program statement was created at the same time at the Student Center one, only through separate architect firms. The Delzell Program Statement will be presented at the June board meeting, but it is definitely a top priority in the college’s eyes for renovations.

Unfortunately for students eager for renovations, program statements do not mean that the college has money for renovations; rather it is a way for the Board to see that Peru has a plan in place to move forward for when there is funding.
Grad says goodbye

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With graduation less than a month away, many seniors are scrambling to fight off the senioritis and wondering where the time went. Juniors are wishing it was their turn. Sophomores are happy they’re no longer viewed as freshmen. And freshmen are hoping the next three or four years fly by.

Graduation is the time where seniors get to shine, whether they’re fourth, fifth, sixth or twentieth years. Graduate students get to achieve their Master’s degree, undergrads get their Bachelor’s, and faculty get to smile and brag about their students to each other.

But it’s more than that. It is a step into the real world, once and for all. High school graduation is simply a step into higher education. But college graduation? Sure, you could go to college for a few more years to obtain a Master’s, then eventually a Doctorate. But overall, your college graduation is a wake up call.

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A day in the life of a child’s imagination: Peru State students devise a theatre piece

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The Peru Theatre Company’s latest show, “The Over Active Imagination of David Joseph McKinley,” was PTC’s first crack at a Devised Theatre piece, which is where a group of people collaborate to completely construct a show. The students spent all school year writing the script as well as working on the technical elements.

Nick Baird, senior Liberal Arts major and the President of PTC, said, “The members of PTC have put a lot of effort into this. It’s been a yearlong process that’s had its ups and downs, but it’s coming together to make a really wonderful piece of art.”

“The Over Active Imagination of David Joseph McKinley” follows a young boy as he goes through a very exciting day. David has a very vivid imagination and uses it to get through events that he finds frightening, such as a scary dentist, cooties, and even the monsters in his closet. Along the way, he meets some interesting friends who help him fight his battles and teach him many lessons, such as how to be brave.

Josh Young, the director of theatre, said, “My decisions for what shows we do are always based on the kids. This year, we have a tight niche group who are all completely capable of putting this all together. I am very proud of the student’s ownership of the show. They have taken the initiative to do everything themselves and have created a wonderful final product.”

The members of the group include Nick Baird, Ama Bikoko, Abigail Bohling, Amanda Burk, Rae Carbaugh, Michael Casonant, Grace Cole, Nick Girard, Jess Johansen, Chloe Langford, Danny Moherly, Jeremiah Villeineve, and Adam Wright. These students have worked very hard, collaborating with each other in ways they’ve never done before.

“It’s something new for all of us,” said Baird. “Because we are all working together, sharing our talents, and creating something in ways we have not necessarily had to do before, it’s a really educational experience for those of us who want to keep doing theatre.”

Young gave the show a G rating, as well as invited many of the area elementary schools to attend. It is an enchanting family-friendly show that is promising to be a good time for young and old alike.

Community Development class works with Auburn City Hall

Jacob Buss  
STAFF WRITER

Community Development helps a town reach its full potential. The process of being a community developer is a very intricate and complex process involving research, politics and a whole slew of things, and this is exactly what the new class Sociology 395 Community Development class is learning.

Community Development being taught by Dr. Julie Taylor-Costello, the Institute for Community Engagement (ICE) Director on campus. The purpose of the class is to work with the city of Auburn and help them to develop a plan to help re-establish their identity and to help them build up their community to attract more people to live, work, and play in the city.

Before the class could begin working on developing this plan and identity for Auburn, they first had to learn the basics and processes of community development. This was done with a partnership with the Heartland Center for Leadership Development out of Lincoln, a community development team that works all over the nation doing exactly what this class is doing for Auburn.

The Heartland Center came to the class on three different occasions to teach the basics of community development and what some of the most effective methods are for making a successful plan. Once the class knew how to implement community development plans they went into action to help create this plan and identity. The process begins with researching and polling the community to see what they believe the needs are for the city of Auburn. Once the research was established the class has now begun working on the plan. This includes finding applicable funding sources, creating logos and mission statements, as well as establishing strengths and weaknesses of Auburn. Once the plan is created a presentation of it will be given to key members of the community of Auburn to implement the plans of what has been discovered as needs and what some possible solutions that they may pursue. This is a very interesting, and very much a real-world class. It makes students think on their feet and under time constraints that will be present while out in the real world.
Students prepare for Fall ‘13

Ama Bikoko
STAFF WRITER

Well, everyone, it’s that time of the year again: The time where you are starting to prepare to be a better student for next semester. So here are some helpful tips to help you with that process.

Register for your classes if you haven’t already done so. Class registration is important and it will help you be better prepared. Still stuck on what classes to take? Look at your degree progress sheet and see what classes you need to take. Pay attention to the course rotation schedule because you don’t want to miss taking a class now that is only offered every other year. Meet with your academic advisor to make sure that the classes you choose are the best ones to keep you on track for graduation. When you are all set, log onto MyPSC and register.

Books are diamonds for college students. Once you are all registered for your classes and get the list of books you need start shopping for the best prices to get your books. Websites like Chegg, Amazon, AbeBook, Half.com, BIGWORDS, bookrenter, Alibris and Addall offer some really great deals on our little diamonds. Great news Bobcats, our Bobcat Bookstore is offering price match on in-store purchases. So if you find a cheap book online that the bookstore is selling bring a copy in for a price match on the same ISBN, Edition, and Author.

Be prepared when classes resume in the fall for the time and effort you are going to need to put into the classes. Set time away in your schedule to study and do assignments, projects and all that is required of you.

Have fun – You’re in college. Remember to enjoy life and take time to yourself to de-stress and just have some fun. As the saying goes, “all work and no play makes jack a very dull boy.” With that I wish you a successful next semester. Remember to try your best at everything you do.

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Prepate to dazzle with these study tips

Finals are April 30 - May 3, which is literally right around the corner. There are many ways to help prepare ourselves to succeed, to help ourselves to handle the stress, and to prepare ourselves for the aftermath of our finals.

Talk to your professor during their office hours to give you an opportunity to ask what is going to be on the test and how to study for it.

An obvious tip for doing well on your final is to know what is going to be on the exam. Some classes have material from the entire semester known as a cumulative final, while others may only be a unit test. Know what you are going to be tested on so you can focus your studies. Being surprised on a final is probably the worst feeling ever. Look at other exams that you have had in that class so far. Professors all have an “exam style.” Look at your previous test and see what material the professor thought was important and look at the format they seem to use often (essays, multiple choice, etc). This is a great way to approach studying.

An awesome studying tool is study groups. Sometimes study groups are off task and have lots of chatting involved, but you can quickly get back on task and to studying. Studying with peers is great for breaking up materials; each person can make an outline for chapters, and you can go over them as a group.

There is no doubt that dead week and finals week are stressful. All the projects, papers, and studying starts to build up, and you feel like all your hard work for the whole semester can be erased with this one grade. It is important to reduce your stress during finals week and here are some ways to just that.

Get time alone. Take a few minutes every day to yourself, and to get yourself out of the finals-week environment. If I were trying to escape I’d take a walk on the trails, walk up to the cemetery, and just have some alone time.

Make a to-do list. For some people making a list can reduce their stress immensely. It puts things into perspective, and makes you feel organized, and crossing things off your to do list gives you a wonderful satisfaction. Also, I believe a to-do list during finals week is important because you might forget something minor while thinking and worrying about all the major things you have going on.

Once the studying is done, the stress is almost gone, and you can go over them as a group.

Good luck everyone!
A generation of lost personalities

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Who are you? It seems to me that in today’s society we are all searching to find the answer to that question but we are a bit afraid of what we might find. Some people more that others are so keen on wanting to fit in that they mold their personalities to best fit with the most “popular” member of the group. We lack originality simply because we fear rejection.

In today’s society it seems as if people are too afraid to be original but that is what they strive for. People want to be remembered. They want to be extraordinary yet they don’t want to be too far out there and totally standing out. It is nearly impossible to be both extraordinary and fit in both at the same time. So in the process, we lose our originality. We lose what makes us special.

I have been quietly observing myself and those around me in different social situations and I have noticed that our personalities seem to change according to who we are sending time with. Some more than others but it is true for everyone. For instance, I am a naturally quiet person but around certain groups I become even quieter. I become extremely introverted and avoid talking altogether because I do not feel as comfortable. I fear being rejected or poked fun at in the conversation. Others in the same situation, rather than clamming up they mold their opinions to those of the groups.

The way we act in different situations can cause us to be perceived as things we are not. Because I am quiet and do not add to conversations some may think I am stuck up or I do not enjoy their company. Truth be told, I simply have nothing to add to the conversation and rather than try to fit in,

Don’t be a hater: Gingers do have souls

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Since as long as I can remember, I have been put down. I have had things thrown at me, punched and kicked at, and called names both behind my back and in my face. Others have chased me as they yelled names at me when I ran like hell the other way. Why? It’s simple. I’m a ginger.

Inspired by the ginger hatred in the United Kingdom, South Park released an episode about gingers way back in 2005. That one little episode changed the way America looked at gingers. If you haven’t seen it, I’m sure you have at least heard about it. Cartman gives a class presentation saying that gingers are disgusting, inhuman, unable to survive in sunlight, and have no souls; all because of a condition called “Gingervitis.” I won’t lie that some of it is true. I become a lobster within minutes of walking outside. I have to use the strongest form of sunscreen there is. I can’t exercise without looking like a freak because of my skin. In the summer, the light hitting me makes me glow like a lighthouse in the night. I can’t go a day without someone calling out that I don’t have a soul. The list could go on and on.

I simply listen. I try to stay true to my opinions, beliefs and morals. Subconsciously we all change a bit according to the situation we are in. I have noticed that some people like to be the center of attention. They command the conversation and say whatever is on their mind. Others however, will do just about anything to feel accepted into a group even if it means compromising who they are and what they stand for. They change their personalities to fit whatever the other person is looking for… almost a subconscious sense that tells them how to act in order to keep the other persons attention. Is it really that important to feel accepted that you lose yourself?

I am afraid that we will all become a copy of the “cool” kid. I challenge you to be more than mold-ably putty in someone’s hands. Be you. Be original. Stand out and be the person you were meant to be, not a copy of someone else. So, who are you?

I grew up watching Magic School Bus. Miss Frizzle, sprouting a head of curly red hair, was very proud of it. It taught me that I should be proud of it as well. Despite all of this, I deal with it. I am incredibly proud to be a ginger. It’s my absolute favorite thing about myself. When people aren’t talking about my hair behind my back, others walk up to me and compliment me. Old ladies will come up and just touch it while rambling about how beautiful it is. It’s odd, but I like it. My friends can spot me clear across campus. It has many other uses as well.

Did you know that sperm banks turn away ginger donors? It is believed that gingers will die off one day. Gingers are a mutation that will eventually just go away. Apparently, that just might happen thanks to the sperm bank.

Gingers aren’t bad. We won’t harm you, suck your blood, or consume your soul. Just don’t call us “firecrotch,” and we’ll leave you alone.
Students say farewell to professors who inspired them

Ama Bikoko
STAFF WRITER

As we draw closer to the end of the semester, we draw closer to the end of an experience. For seniors, it’s the end of your college experience and the beginning of a whole new section of your life; a section that is full of mystery, excitement and opportunity. For juniors, it’s the beginning of realizing that after you a few more semesters you are out of here and one must prepare for that. For sophomores, another year of learning gone that was hopefully helpful in shaping you to become the person you want to be. Finally, for freshman, it’s optimistically the realization that college is not just a walk in the park.

This year Peru State will be saying goodbye to four great professors. Dr. Tammy Trucks-Bordeaux, Dr. John Hnida, Dr. Keith Sinkhorn and Dr. Stacy Bliss will all be leaving at the end of the semester. The students and staff are sad to see them go.

Dr. Trucks-Bordeaux was hired at the University of Nebraska Lincoln (UNL). "Dr. Trucks-Bordeaux was always eager to help students inside and outside of class," said Rebecca Amen, senior Language Arts major. "She always encouraged my creative, professional, and personal growth, and I’ll miss seeing her around campus, but I hope she comes across even more wonderful opportunities elsewhere!"

After moving all around and receiving his Bachelors degree from Arizona State University, his Masters at the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee and his P.H.D at the University of New Mexico, Dr. Hnida came to teach biology at Peru State in 1998. "Discussions with Dr. Hnida over the past four years have helped shape my perspectives and broaden my interests. I would like to thank him for the time and effort he has devoted to helping his students while at Peru State College and wish him the best of luck with his new job," said Erin Buri, biochemistry major, biology minor.

Dr. Sinkhorn earned a Bachelors in Applied Mathematics from Brescia University (Owensboro, KY), and both his Masters of Mathematics and his P.H.D of Industrial Engineering at the University of Louisville. Along with being missed Dr. Sinkhorn will also miss the students and staff at Peru State. "My favorite memory of Peru State is from September of 2012, when the Peru State Catholic Union traveled to Benedictine College to meet Immaculee Ilibagiza, an author and survivor of the Rwandan genocide of 1994," said Sinkhorn. Sinkhorn has been the advisor for the Peru State Catholic Union since 2011. "I am going to miss Professor Sinkhorn’s upbeat, caring personality, active participation on campus, and stimulating math classes. Wish you the best of luck Professor!" said Mallory Sjuts, Senior Marketing Major.

Last but not least, Dr. Bliss learned her Bachelor’s here at Peru State. She then went on to receive her Masters and her P.H.D at the University of Tennessee. She has been teaching here at Peru since 2011. "I will miss the conversations we’ve had. She is funny, but she had a lot of good advice for both school and personal life,” said Kari Brunges, Senior Psychology major.

All of these great professors will be missed throughout campus and Peru State wishes them well on their future endeavors!
Healthy Student: Fall in love with health this finals season

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Summertime is right around the corner. Unfortunately, before summer we experience the most dreaded, most stressful time for a college student: finals week. Don’t let this so-called “dreaded week” ruin your healthy habits. Actually, there are great ways to stay positive, healthy, and stress free during finals week.

Don’t procrastinate. If you know you have a final, start studying a week or two in advance. Study little by little. Dedicate about 20 minutes each day. Not only does it make studying more easier but in that 20 minute you are more likely to focus on the material than if you were to study for a constant hour.

Get outdoors and get moving. Like Elle Woods said in Legally Blonde, “Exercise gives you a healthy glow.” Exercise increases your mood and energy levels. Not only does it make studying easier but in that 20 minute you are more likely to focus on the material than if you were to study for a constant hour.

Give yourself a break. Studying for a long period of time can drive you insane and start to lose motivation. Instead break your steady sessions up. Study for 20 minutes and then do something you want to do for 10 minutes then go back to studying. Not only does it make studying a lot easier but in that 20 minute you are more likely to focus on the material than if you were to study for a constant hour.

Avoid the junk food. Junk food isn’t good for you, and it doesn’t help you study better. Junk food actually makes your body feel lethargic and not motivated. Try to keep your study snacks healthy. Some examples of healthy study snacks are air-popped popcorn, fruit, vegetables, and dry whole grain cereal.

Avoid the caffeine overload and all-nighters. Lack of sleep causes lack of concentration. A lack of concentration is the last thing you want when taking a final. Avoid the caffeine to try to stay up all night. Caffeine can make you feel awake for a while, but then it soon wears off and you are more tired than you were before. Typically this leads to a crash. Most caffeinated drinks are high in calories and sugars. Besides the high calories and sugar you are consuming in energy drinks, they also contain a lot of harmful and artificial ingredients. It isn’t worth the temporary benefit when the long-term effects on your body are so bad. Don’t think you’re safe with a sugar free energy drink, either. Sugar-free energy drinks contain artificial sweeteners such as sucralose and aspartame. When you’re in need of caffeine turn to safer beverages like tea and coffee.

If you follow some or all of the above advice you will sure be ready to get through finals week with a smile and confidence and make it into summer with a healthy mind and body.

Best of luck to everyone on their finals and have a great summer.

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Intern Spotlight

Amy Michelle Wieseler, a psychology major from Elkhorn, NE recently interned at Salon Service Group in Omaha, NE. About her experience, she said, “My internship was successful because I truly love the business of Salon Service Group. I have learned that working in sales and with different types of people all day is not as easy as it first seemed. However, I have also had great success while I have been interning and would consider this as my career choice for life.”

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How to make Microwave Cinnamon Apples

Recipe and photos courtesy of http://winloseorblog.blogspot.com

Step 1. Slice apple
Step 2. Place apple in a small, microwaveable bowl along with 1/4 cup of water.
Step 3. Cover and microwave for two minutes
Step 4. Carefully drain the water.
Step 5. Sprinkle cinnamon over the apple slices.
Step 6. Enjoy a healthy, delicious snack!

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January 1, 1936: Astaire’s son Fred Jr. was born.
March 19, 1942: Astaire’s daughter Ava was born.

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Fred Astaire won about 15 awards in his life time.
Fred Astaire made about 240 appearances in shows, movies, and radio.
His wife Robyn Smith has filed many lawsuits to anyone who used Astaire’s likeness after his death.

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January 1, 1978: Astaire received the very first Kennedy Center Honor.
1980: Astaire married Robyn Smith, a famous horse jockey. There was a 40 year age difference.

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July 2, 1938: Astaire got his handprints and footprints placed in the cement in front of the Grauman’s Chinese Theater.

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PSC Women’s golf season looks bright with experienced team on the green

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With a majority of the team returning from the 2011-2012 season, the Peru State college Bobcat’s women’s golf team is looking strong for the 2013-2014 season.

Coming off a runner-up performance in their very first year of the Heart of Athletic Conference at the HAAC’s conference tournament, the ‘Cats and head coach Brett Hahn have a desire to improve their game each week as the season progresses. The Bobcats used the fall season to work on their individual games and used the off-season to prepare for a spring schedule that will culminate in their efforts to win the HAAC championship this season.

Five golfers who have had experience with matches in the fall will be returning from last year’s roster. The team will be led by senior Jordan Schaardt (Humboldt). Schaardt looks to be turning into a strong competitor this spring and should have a good ability to earn medals in most of the meets this season. Last year, Schaardt finished in second place in the HAAC tournament by shooting 83-86 for a two day total of 189 and was an all-HAAC selection.

Along with Schaardt two other HAAC medalists return for the spring. Junior Courtney Musgrave (Omaha) finished just a single-stroke behind Schaardt at 170 in the HAAC meet after playing her best tournament since becoming a Peru State Bobcat. The other HAAC medalist who will be returning will be graduate student Katie Potter (Omaha). Potter had her best finish of the season by finishing in eighth place during the conference meet with a two day total of 180. Musgrove and Potter were also select- ed for the all-HAAC selections last year as well.

The fourth returner for the Bobcat’s is Senior Jacey Stoner (Alda.). Stoner showed steady improvement during the fall and had one of the best semesters of her career as she shot fewer than 100 on three separate days. Her best score on 18 days was a 96 while her best finish was 20th place at the Graceland invite.

The fifth and final returner for the Bobcat’s will be Elizabeth Huls (Beatrice). Huls was able to gain valuable experience last season as she competed for the first time as a Bobcat. Her best score for the fall was a 104, which was good for a 22nd place in the Graceland invite.

Hahn is the coach of the Peru State Women’s golf team for the Second year this season. Be sure to come out and support your fellow Bobcats!

Information from PSC press releases were used in the writing of this article.

Randy Santiesteban: Player of the Week

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Peru State College’s Randy Santiesteban was named the Heart of America Athletic Conference (HAAC) Baseball player of the week on Monday, March 8. Santiesteban was awarded the Player of the Week for the second time this season after another impressive week of play for the Bobcat’s Baseball team. About his award, Santiesteban said, “Just really happy right now, all the hard work that I put in is paying off. Just thankful for my teammates and coaches who are the ones helping and pushing me to do better along the way.”

The sophomore from Hialeah, FL, batted a .344 or 11 out of 32 with two doubles, a triple, two home runs, ten run batted in and five runs scored as Peru State College was able to pick up five victories. Santiesteban finished off a busy week of baseball with a three for five outing of which included a double, triple, five runs batted in and a run scored to help the Bobcat’s in a 16-3 win over Benedictine College.

Santiesteban in currently leading the Heart of Athletic Conference with 34 runs batted in, and he is averaging a total of 1.13 runs batted in per game. Information from PSC press releases were used in the writing of this article.
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“Evil Dead” has a very simple idea. Five friends travel to a cabin far away in the middle of the woods to help a friend get over a drug addiction. What they find, however, is something that will be the death of them all. In the cabin, they discover a book called “Naturon Demento”. This is the fancy name for “book of the dead.” Once it has been read, it summons demons to the cabin and all hell breaks loose. One by one they must fight for their lives before they become the evil dead.

While this is a reboot from director Fede Alverez, the writer and director of the original series is produced by Sam Raimi. With his guidance, “Evil Dead” holds true to the original series while making itself stand apart at the same time. The result is something beautiful in just about every way.

From the very start of the movie, the film is full speed ahead. It moves from one horrific scene to the next with almost no dead time to absorb it all. While that’s usually a bad thing, it works for this. Every scene is like its own episode, becoming more gruesome and intense. When it finally gets the finale, your nerves are shot.

The cinematography is fantastic. From the foggy woods, the frightening monsters, and even the cabin in the woods, every shot is done beautifully. The score is equally impressive as it raises the tension at every scene.

This movie isn’t for the squeamish. In fact, it is one of the goriest movies to be released in years. Thankfully, the gore doesn’t hinder the movie like it does for others, but helps it. There is very little CGI in this film which just makes it that much more scary. Everything is done with makeup or prop special effects.

The worst part of the movie is some of the acting. The cast is made up of relatively unknown actors and actresses, but it also makes sense. A bigger star would have you rooting for them while someone unknown would allow you to cheer on their death.

“Evil Dead” sticks to its roots. It has gruesome horror as well as the charm from the original series, but also makes itself stand out. This will please both cult fans of the series as well as newcomers. Talk of a trilogy is already in the works which is great news considering this is one of the best horror movies in years. You’ll laugh, scream, and cringe within moments of each other because that’s really what “Evil Dead” is all about.

Sony announces PlayStation 4: Will it live up to expectations?

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On February 20, 2013 the PlayStation 4 was officially announced at a press conference in New York. After months of speculation, some light was finally shed on the successor of the PlayStation 3. However, this time the new PlayStation will not be featuring the cell architecture. Sony has decided to go with a more basic, developer friendly architecture. This will undoubtedly make the console cheaper and we can avoid the terrible $600 price point of the last console launch.

The console itself will feature a new 8-core processor from AMD’s upcoming jaguar line and 8 gigabytes of unified memory. The GPU is theoretically capable of outputting 1.84 TLOPS. On top of all of this, the console will also have a secondary processor in charge of background processes such as downloading, uploading, and social interaction. Basically, everything is faster, bigger, and better.

The Dualshock 4 was also revealed alongside the PlayStation 4 Eye. Many will be familiar with the design of the Dualshock 4 except for a new button called Share. This will allow players to take screenshots, upload gameplay, and share it with your friends via your favorite social media outlet. The PlayStation Vita also attempted something like this with it’s ability to take screen shots but the ultimate thing that crippled the function was many of the games not allowing you to do this because of legal boundaries. So if this can be successful is still very much up in the air.

So what does this mean for you? More games. Along with all the hardware reveal a slew of games were revealed. Familiar franchises such as Killzone (Guerilla Games), Destiny (Bungie), and Infamous (Sucker Punch) made an appearance as well as many new IPs. The amount of new IPs announced at the conference were quite surprising. With new titles like Knack, The Witness, and Driveclub, the lineup for launch looks very interesting.

The PlayStation 4 has a wall in front of it. If the console will be able to succeed will be entirely up to it being able to overcome the stigma of the PlayStation 3’s terrible launch and the increase of gaming on other platforms. However, for the gaming connoisseur the PlayStation 4 brings a lot to the table. The PlayStation 4 is slated for a holiday 2013 release.
Fall Out Boy releases a new album after hiatus

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Without sounding “hipster,” I have been a fan of Fall Out Boy since the year 2003, shortly after their second album released. That’s a long time to sit and grow with a band, regardless of who you are or what music you choose to listen to. However, it should be known that this review of their newest album “Save Rock and Roll” is unbiased in its entirety.

Reviewing 11 songs seems like more than what one would wish to read, so I will try my best to pick the highlights of this album -- be them negative or positive -- to share with all you readers.

December 16, 2008 is when the last Fall Out Boy album titled “Folie a Deux” was released. This album was the final album before the band took a hiatus. Now, almost five years later, they are back together and making music that has undoubtedly been influenced by the five years of space in between “Folie a Deux” and today’s music.

The album starts off intense, the first line in the first song being “put on your war paint.” “The Phoenix” is a very harsh sounding song, with a smoother bridge followed by the same intensity in the chorus as found in the beginning.

While this song is overall very original sounding, the chorus does have a cheesy line that almost ruins it. “I’m going to change you like a phoenix.” However, that one line is the only downside to this song, and overall is a great piece.

The next song on the album was the first released in the announcement of Fall Out Boy being reunited, and is titled “My Songs Know What You Did In The Dark.” This is where Fall Out Boy sounds a bit like the “traditional” FOB that we know and love, especially with the song title being a mouthful. The interesting part about this song is that there was already a Youtube recorded live version of a song with the same title. However, the two are completely different other than the line which the title comes from. This song overall was a good “comeback” song for the band.

The third song, “Alone Together,” starts straight with the chorus behind a soft rhythm. Lyrically it sounds exactly like the Fall Out Boy we missed from 2008, but musically it has evolved with how music has changed in the last five years. This song has potential to be a great radio hit, provided they choose it as a single.

“Where Did The Party Go” starts off with a booming bass beat, soon followed by the kick drum. Again, lyrically, this song sounds exactly like Fall Out Boy, Musically it is reminded of “Dance, Dance” but definitely not exactly the same. Once again, this song has the potential to be a good radio single, perhaps for the Summer season. Fans have expressed over and over again (tirelessly, of course) that the next song, “Just One Yesterday” featuring Foxes starts off exactly like “Rolling in the Deep” by Adele. Some fans even thought the song was going to be a cover/mash up of the 2010 hit, but other than the similarity in the beginning of the song, it is nothing like Adele’s single.

This is one of the slower pieces on the album, enough and enjoyable to listen to. “Miss Missing You,” the next song, sounds something like Owl City musically. Lyrically you can tell that Pete Wentz, bassist of the band, is still their lyricist as well. But overall the song is good. Other than the three previously released singles before the album release, Death Valley was one of the songs that had the largest amount of listeners on Soundcloud’s website. Understandably so, as it is song that leans closer to the “old” Fall Out Boy side than most on the album. “Young Volcanoes” is a cute, upbeat acoustic-styled song. It’s a nice change of pace from the rest of the album, and is placed nicely on the album. It’s a good anthem for the band and fans together.

“Rat A Tat” featuring Courtney Love is my personal least favorite song on the album. Courtney Love was a mistake to put on their album. She sounds like she is trying too hard to be edgy and comes off sounding like a teenage boy, something that does not add to this song. Honestly, this song would be okay and fun if she had not been placed in it.

The final song is where things get interesting. It takes an interesting turn in comparison to the previous four albums by the band, where the album ends in a fast, loud, powerful song. But this album ends with a ballad that it is titled after: “Save Rock and Roll.”

During this song, which features Elton John, you might find yourself humming a different one -- “Sugar, We’re Going Down.” While I’m unsure of whether or not this was purposely done, it’s easy to assume that it was. Fall Out Boy tends to sneak in things like that in at least one song, paying a homage to their roots and older fans. In “Folie a Deux,” this is heard very obviously in the ending of the song “What a Catch, Donnie.”

In this specific song (Save Rock . . .) it is a bit less blunt, but from the beginning line of “until your breathing stops forever” (“Chicago is So Two Years Ago”) to the more obvious clue of “I will defend the faith, going down swinging” (“Sugar We’re Going Down”), this song is full of nostalgia for young and old fans alike.

With this powerful of an ending, I would definitely recommend this album if only for this one song. The rest are great. But this song is both catchy and emotional, something great to listen to in any situation.

So if you’re a fan of downloads or iTunes, at least give this final song a try. If you like it, see where the rest of the album takes you. I guarantee it is much different than “old” Fall Out Boy, so if you disliked previous albums, just try out “Save Rock and Roll.” Love it or hate it, you won’t find it a waste of time.

Poetry Corner

Correction: Amanda Burk’s name in the previous installment of the Poetry Corner was misspelled.
Dear Maebelle,

How do you convince some of the people around here to take a frickin shower, or even put on some deodorant? I swear earlier today in class I could smell rotting onions and moldy feet. It is like the zombie apocalypse without the consumption of human flesh. I’m FED UP! It’s gross, unnatural, and unsanitary. Help me help them please before I start to carry a can of Febreze and begin to spray any and everyone!

Sincerely,
The Stinkinator

Dear Stinkinator,

Well...if you’re calling yourself that, maybe the stench you smell is yours-elf? Then again, if that were the case you wouldn’t be asking me about other people. Regardless of who it is, personal hygiene is an important topic and I’m glad someone finally asked me about it.

First of all, spraying them with a can of Febreze is both harmful to them and yourself. You could hit their eye with the spray, or they could punch yours for attempting to change their “normal” style. So watch yourself.

Showering is definitely important, and I can’t stress enough that not using soap and only rinsing off will not aid in making yourself smell good. If anything, not using some sort of soap or body wash will make you smell worse -- similar to how wet dogs smell. You also have to shampoo your hair. Whether you condition it or not is your business, but shampooing it is a must in order to wash away older oils and allow newer ones to replenish on your scalp. Otherwise you’ll look like a greaseball and smell like one, too.

Deodorant is another important thing. You can’t just spray on some Axe or Victoria’s Secret body spray and expect to smell amazing all day. You’ll just smell like you’re covering up some serious body odor, and that’s worse than body odor on its own. Remember that, loves, or else people will be avoiding you like the plague.

Brushing your teeth is another excellent way to take care of your personal hygiene. Brush them for longer than ten seconds, and use a nice mouth wash afterwards in order to get rid of any remaining germs you might have missed.

One thing that some students forget is that clothes do have scents cling to them. So if you wear a T-shirt one day and sweat in it, you probably should throw it in the laundry rather than hang it up for another day. It will smell bad, therefore making it seem like you smell bad even if you showered, used deodorant, some sort of spray, and brushed your teeth perfectly. Clothes sometimes are what stink, but people assume it’s the person in the clothes.

Overall, just remember that even if you think your body odor smells like wildflowers, it probably doesn’t to other people. So take care of yourself, and all will be right with the world.

All my love,

Maebelle