Welcome back! This year at Peru State College we welcome a few new staff members on campus. Jessica Baker now fulfills the position of Director of Residence Life. She comes to us from Florida. Ms. Baker is originally from Tennessee. She has two little girls, and her husband is the volleyball coach. They have been married for 14 years, and have lived in 9 different states. However, Mrs. Baker hopes to stay for awhile. Her and her family are adjusting well! She says it’s different, but every state has something unique about it! Mrs. Baker likes how small the campus is, and how friendly everyone is. It makes the community more inviting.

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Baker’s responsibilities are to maintain halls and facilities and to be another asset to all resident assistants and graduate assistants. She hopes to make positive impacts with students and help ensure they are comfortable on campus and make the transition easily. Mrs. Baker has impeccable goals. Amongst doing her best as the director of residence life, she wants to build closer relationships with all the Resident Assistants and Graduate Assistants. With that being said, Mrs. Baker wants to go on conferences with the Residence Staff permitted they don’t fall on a date that Coach Baker has a game. The only thing she has concerns with is summer conferences. However, Bill Chaffin has set up a well-organized system to help ensure that goes smoothly. Baker is a great asset to the Residence Life Department and we all look forward to working with her.

Jill McCormick has joined the PSC as Campus Services Director. McCormick has a 22 year old son who attends the University of Nebraska-Lincoln University. He is majoring in business, and is a senior. She herself went to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. McCormick got her degree in Consumer Science. The only difficulty she is having is that it took her a couple months to get used to the commute.

Previously, McCormick worked at TD Ameritrade. It wasn’t hard for her to switch positions. She wanted to do something other than Corporate Real Estate Management, and now she has that chance. McCormick has high hopes for this career. She hopes to partner with students, faculty, and staff to ensure that the services the department provides meet, or exceed their expectations. Many people have made it easy for her to adjust. One of those people being her boss, Kathy Carroll, and the terrific team of people she works with every day!

We are happy to have both Baker and McCormick apart of the Peru State Staff. Good luck to the both of you!
Security implements new changes

Rae Carbaugh
COPY EDITOR

There have been many questions, comments, concerns, and speculations about the security changes that are happening in the 2014-2015 school year. The PSC Times interviewed Trudy Sachs, the PSC Security Supervisor. Sachs was asked a series of questions that related to the concerns of PSC students.

Q: What are the new security changes PSC is implementing this year? What are the reasons behind those changes?

A: We have instituted a lock schedule for the buildings and an approval process for being in the buildings after hours. There were no established building hours before and people were in buildings way late without supervision so we decided to steer away from that and move to a more updated security measure. Another institutional change is that Security will be accompanying Residence Life staff during Health and Safety Checks in the residence halls this semester. We are doing this to enhance the partnership between our department and the Residence Life department and to better ensure safety and security in the halls. All students who are issued any keys (outside of room keys) will be required to turn them in during finals week each semester. This is to have more accountability of who has access to our campus. The game room now requires an agreement form just like the fitness center in order to gain access to this area. This is an added security measure to be able to better identify people in this area. Last semester several high dollar items were damaged beyond repair. Parking violation penalties have been raised since last semester. This is to aid in parking enforcement and to be more in line with our other state colleges. Another change that has taken place is the Security Staff are now trained in self-defense tactics to aid in maintaining security and safety on campus in necessary situations. I am also in works to hold classes for students as well.

Q: What is the main goal for the security team this year?

A: As always our primary goal and focus has, and will always be, the safety and security of the Peru State College students, faculty/staff, and campus. On a secondary note, as the new Security Supervisor, I am working to make the Security Department more transparent and visible. I am working towards us being more involved in all aspects of college life. I am working to establish the foundation of the Security Department and to take the next step forward toward a more efficient and effective Security Department focused on more training, on current policies and regulations as well as outside training, being better prepared for situations that may arise, and to better serve the campus community. I am looking into ways to help open the lines of communication with the Security Department and the campus community.

Q: What do you feel is the biggest security problem on campus? Why?

A: Parking is always a concern around campus. We continue to look into new ways we can add parking with our growing class sizes each year. Knowing where you can and can’t park is a big help to not force someone else to park wrong as well. The appeals process is now available online for those who would like to appeal parking violations. You can find that on the Security page of the college website. Parking will be strictly enforced up to and including vehicle immobilization devices for unpaid fines.

Q: What are some security tips you would like to give PSC students?

A: Lock your rooms. Lock your vehicles. Walk in pairs or groups at night. Safety in numbers. Never leave your beverage unattended around people you don’t know. Don’t hold the residence hall doors open for people you don’t know or prop them open for any reason. We want to control the access to the residence halls to ensure the safety of the students residing in our halls. Don’t hesitate to call us with questions, if we don’t know the answers we can find someone who does. Please read and understand the parking regulations and know where you can and can’t park. We provide escorts on request and assist with vehicle issues. Get to know your Security officers, our pictures are on the Security page as well. Please keep informed by signing up and registering with e2campus emergency notification system. Go to http://www.peru.edu/emergency/sms.htm to sign up. Also view and get familiar with our Emergency Response Quick Guide found on the Security Page of the college website. Welcome back. Or for new students, welcome to Peru State College!!

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New Dean of Education, new vision

Chloe Langford
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Nissa Ingraham is the new Dean of Education here at Peru State College, and we are so lucky to have her! Dr. Ingraham currently resides in Burlington Junction, Missouri with her two sons, who are ten and eleven, and her husband, who is the director of a vocational technical school in the Northwest Missouri area. Dr. Ingraham did part of her undergraduate degree at the Manhattanville College in New York, and then moved to Missouri to finish her undergrad graduating with a degree in English and French education from Central Missouri State University (University of Central Missouri now). She then taught in Houston, Texas for a year. She then moved to Glenwood, Iowa teaching for two years. Dr. Ingraham then moved to Lenox, Iowa where she began working on her Master’s degree in ESL (teaching English to speakers of other languages) and taught for six years. Dr. Ingraham graduated with her Master’s from the University of Northern Iowa.

With a new Dean comes new requirements in the Education Department. Starting September 1st the requirements to be admitted to Teacher Education have changed. The GPA requirement of a 2.5 or higher is now a 2.75 overall GPA requirement. Also, the GPA of your content area has gone up to a 3.0. Instead of the PPST test for teacher candidates they will now be taking the Praxis I Core exam and exiting from college by taking the Praxis II exam. The reasons for these changes are because in 2015 the state requirements will change to this, and these requirements will be across the state. Peru is just a little bit ahead. The other reason for these changes comes with keeping the tradition of great teacher candidates from Peru State College alive. We want to give a huge Bobcat welcome to Dr. Ingraham and thank her for joining our campus and keeping our traditions alive. Dr. Ingraham’s office is located in the School of Education office in TJ Majors.
Peru’s Ever-growing Campus

Chelsea Turek
STAFF WRITER

It’s the 2014-2015 year and it’s already off to a big start. This year’s freshman class is one of our largest classes with 274 students. According to Heath Christiansen, Director of Admissions, for the past two years the classes have been up to 270 students. Kristiaan Rawlings, Dean of Student Life, stated they are handled the 2.4% increase on campus by opening the Oak Hill Apartments to upper classmen. By opening the Oak Hill apartments to other students, the Complex buildings had more room to house other students.

Rawlings stated that Housing will continue to watch the student growing trend, and is planning for next year’s class. Another accommodation that was needed, due to the large class size, was transportation to stores. Student Activities has partnered with Residence Life by having a transportation option for students who are without cars to travel to Wal-Mart and other Nebraska City stores.

Now the reason for the freshman boom has all to do with positive talk. More teachers and administrators are talking about Peru State College at their schools for PSC’s great value and education. Christiansen also states that our coaches and athletic teams have been wonderful about bringing student-athletes here. There is also the scholarship being offered to students who go on a visit here. If a future student takes a selfie, then hashtags it with #BobcatSelfie @PeruState, they can earn a $300 scholarship.

The last reason for the big freshman class is that Peru State College students are earning recognition everywhere. A few examples, Peru State’s Education Association (PSEA) is larger than UNL’s; Peru’s Phi Beta Lambda team won three national championships at their business conference this year; Peru State also has all those athletic teams that have won championships and athletes that have earned awards. There are also all the reasons that you readers chose Peru State as well that attract future students, from the lovely campus, shining renovations, and growing innovations. Be prepared Bobcats, if Peru State College stays this great, we can expect the same number of students for next year.

Bleed Blue, Think Green

Jacob Dean
STAFF WRITER

This semester is the first in which a recycling program is being implemented. According to the Student Senate there has been a request by the students, as well as faculty, to have a recycling program instituted for some time. Various attempts were made in the past few years with petitions for recycling, but the resources weren’t there until this year. Many offices on campus have done private recycling, but this is the first time there is a campus wide effort to become more green.

According to Vice President Michaela Willis, when asked, how long it has been in trying to get the program going, and the challenges that had to be overcome, she replied, “Student Senate has been asking for recycling on campus for about seven years I believe. Several challenges presented themselves during this process: Buy-in from across campus was necessary and took time to secure. Identification of who would be responsible for recycling. With our current process, Student Senate and student organizations are responsible for preparing and collecting recycling materials from each building on a weekly basis and delivering materials to the recycling bins behind the Student Center. Campus Services staff have graciously agreed to manage recycling during the summer months when students are unavailable to collect recycling materials for each building. This program would not be possible without the ongoing commitment of our students to this cause. Funding implementation of recycling does not come without cost. The College needed to secure funding to cover sanitation company expenses and purchase recycling containers for each building on campus.”

This year all of those challenges were met, and overcome, so that recycling could be a part of campus life.

The recycling program itself consists of various bins and containers around campus labeled for cans and paper. There are some on the outside of buildings as well as inside common places in the buildings. The containers are placed near or around trash cans to make it easier and to encourage students to recycle. There is also a giant dumpster behind Morgan to collect the recycling out all the containers.

The exact details for the recycling program including all of the rules for recycling are in the 2014-2015 student handbook, which is found on the college’s website.

When asked how the recycling program was doing since it was implemented on campus, Willis said “We are in the beginning stages of recycling implementation. The buildings on campus have been utilizing the containers to collect recyclable materials but we are just now gearing up for our first student collection on September 5. It is too early to tell the impact this program will have on campus but I have heard many positive remarks from faculty, staff and students about recycling.”

After this first collection of recyclables, it may be a little clearer just how well the recycling program is doing and how much of an impact it will have on the campus.

So far it looks like this program could continue to be a part of campus life in the future. Willis believes that, “provided students continue to do their part with collection of recyclable materials each week, I see this program continuing long into the future. This is a wonderful example of how students can make a difference on campus by implementing recycling and taking ownership of the collection of recyclable materials to improve their campus. I am pleased with the continued efforts of Student Senate to pursue implementation of recycling and am excited that they have reached this goal with the assistance of their fellow students.”
Getting the most out of your college experience

Dr. Julie Taylor-Castello
Director Institute for Community Engagement

What does it mean to be an engaged learner? It is not as hard as many of you may think, and the benefits far outweigh any uncomfortableness you may experience. To become an engaged learner it starts with that – being uncomfortable… Surround yourself with that which makes you uncomfortable – or at least break out of your comfort zone every so often. If we only allow ourselves to experience those things within our comfort zone, we will never grow or develop. Think about working out – the first time you lift weights or go running, you are sore the next few days, right? Maybe even, dare I say it, a little uncomfortable! That is because your body and muscles are changing and developing, becoming leaner, stronger. Now, imagine if you sat on your couch all day, watching the same shows and never experiencing anything new – emotionally, physically, educationally, spiritually… You as a person would never change, develop, or become leaner or stronger.

As you look at classes and programs of study, look at the faculty who teach in those programs, and get a sense of who they are, how they teach, and try to find faculty who mesh with your style. It is important to get to know your faculty – get to know them as people, and let them get to you as a person, not just as a student. Study abroad helps you learn about yourself - students who study abroad return home with new ideas and perspectives about themselves and their own culture; study abroad expands your world-view - students who study abroad return home with an informed, and much less biased perspective toward other cultures and peoples. Lastly, consider an internship. Internships are a fantastic way to: gain work experience; create a competitive edge in the job market; create networking opportunities; decide if a field is right for you; develop your resume and build confidence; apply classroom knowledge to the real world.

This list seems quite long, although if you think about it, it is very do-able. You have come to college to get a degree, so that one day you can get a great job or get accepted into graduate school. Well, by taking the steps to become an engaged learner, you will increase your chances of getting that great job or getting into the graduate program of your dreams because you will stand above all the other thousands of college graduates competing for the same job or graduate program. It all starts with allowing yourself to be a little uncomfortable…

Ashlynn Blomstedt
STAFF WRITER

In my history seminar class, Dr. Spencer Hammered us into us that we must develop our “toolbox” as budding historians. You know you have been in college too long when you start to use the ideas your professors taught you. Fear not, this is not even close to what he meant. You have been told a dozen times that you have to take notes, be attentive in class, read the assignment, and apply classroom knowledge – then find those faculty members to help you learn the best way you know how.

Study abroad enhances employment opportunities - through an employer’s eyes, a student who has studied abroad is self-motivated, independent, willing to embrace challenges, and able to cope with diverse problems and situations; study abroad will help you develop skills, and give you experiences a classroom setting will never provide; the more they will benefit as a student. College is a crazy, wonderful, heartbreaking time of a student’s life. They may experiment with the person they want to become. They may fall in and out of love, make the best friends they have ever had, then lose them in the upheaval of life. Don’t worry about it. No matter what the plan was for 10-15 years in the future, things will always change. Every experience that really leaves its mark adds to the person you are becoming.

With that in mind, don’t lose track of goals. It is really easy to forget why you came to college. Keep goals in mind; try to learn everything that can be learned to be the best at your chosen career.
In Memory of

In loving memory of Thomas Ediger

Help Wanted: Choir Director for the Choir of Angels

We are making musical memories!
As I am in my 35th year of teaching at Peru State College, somehow I think this essay should be “Why am I still teaching?” Ever since I can remember all I wanted to do was to make music—perform it, compose it or help others make music. When I was in high school, I started teaching beginning piano lessons to a class of eight students. There was a need in my community and my piano teacher at the time told me I would be able to guide these young students. I liked this experience and I have been teaching music to students of all ages since that time.

My interest in teaching is really only connected with my passion for performing and composing music. At Peru State College I get to work with vocal students in the concert choir and the madrigal singers and private pianists to perform wonderful music. It’s doubtful that I would continue teaching, if it didn’t involve performing and composing music.

It’s often said that people should find something that they really like to do. Do that activity with enthusiasm and passion. Develop as much skill as you can; if possible get better every day. Then if you can, get paid for that activity that really does make for a wonderful life.

As a music teacher and choral director my primary concern is always to provide the best possible musical experience for every student in my choirs. I strive to push every student to be better and to develop skills that will allow the choir to come together as a cohesive unit performing at a very “high level.” This means adapting the musical repertoire and the teaching techniques to the talent and skills of the current singers always working for musical excellence.

My approach is to motivate students through positive messages, high standards, a disciplined approach to time management and rehearsing the music so that we are improving every time we practice or even every time we perform the music.

In the process of preparing concerts and special projects, such as one of my favorite activities, “A Holiday Madrigal Dinner,” we hope to “build a community of singers” that both improve their musical skills, increase their love of music and are able, through their excellent performances to make lasting memories for both themselves and the people that attend our concerts and special events.

I hope that my passion, enthusiasm and expertise will help to motivate and possibly even inspire my students to be truly excellent musicians. Along the way we hope to develop sensitivity to and respect for each other and “love” for music and the arts. Of course, I also hope we will have some fun. As long as we are making wonderful music and improving all the time and I have wonderful PSC students, I hope I can continue to teach and hopefully, “to make a difference.”

Dr. Thomas Ediger is Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities at Peru State College.

The article above is a reprint of Dr. Ediger’s “Why I Teach” Essay, that was first published on October 10, 2014

Thank you, for your years of dedication, love, guidance and all around personality.
Kickoff to a fantastic season

Brittany Howard
STAFF WRITER

With the new football season approaching fast, the anticipation and excitement continues to grow. A junior football player, Logan Paben states, “I hope the Oak Bowl is packed for every home game, and Peru State College, and the surrounding community, be-ter be ready for some Bobcat football!”

Not only are the players excited to begin their season, but the coaches are as well. Athletic Director and Head Coach Steve Schneider says, “Person-ally, I just look forward to practice every day, and working with the play-ers. That’s the fun part. Also, getting ready for competition, and working with the athletes day to day.” When asked how the team will be more successful this season he responded, “We need to get better at pass de-fense, minimize giving up big plays on defense, while offensively we need to improve our pass offense, es-pecially at third and long situations.”

Nothing worthwhile comes easy and senior Briar Burr states, “Of course we know that we have to take it one game at a time, and even one practice at a time, but everyone’s effort, attitude, and focus has been outstanding, and we expect to do great things this year.” He goes on to say, “Preparation is key, and up to this point, our prepa ration has been coming along very well. No doubt we still have much to work on, but we will continue to push ourselves in practice and make improvements. We WILL be ready for September 6th.” Paben shares similar thoughts with Burr. Paben states, “The thought process has changed for us, and we no longer hope to do well we expect it.” When asked how the team will be successful this season, Coach Lou Varley stated, “Physical offense, relentless defense, solid special teams, and outstanding attitude and effort will be the keys to a successful season.” Coach Varley is looking forward to the strong competition in the HAAC and he is also looking forward to, “Seeing our players maximize their talents and ability through great effort and attitude.”

Overall, the 2014 Peru State football team is looking great for their upcoming season.

Football game schedule

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Cartoon courtesy of Susan Sisco
Among all the new changes here at Peru State College one of the hottest topics is sports. More specifically, women's volleyball. This year's women's volleyball team consists of a handful of returning players, many new players, and a new coach.

Coach Nathan Baker, from Phil Campbell, Alabama, is looking forward to many successful games this season. Baker is looking forward to getting a feel for competition and is definitely staying optimistic in how this season will go. He hopes to show and set high standards across colleges in showing that the PSC volleyball team is not only composed of good athletes but also good students. Baker said, very positively, that the mix of returning players and new players is good and they all work well on the court and off the court.

Volleyball student manager, Sarah Burnette of Erwin, Iowa said that it is good to have a new start when asked how it feels to not only have a new coach but many new players on the team as well.

Returning player Mallory Hull, senior from North Bend, Nebraska likes the style and program Coach Baker brings to the court. She said all the new players bring something good to the table and is excited for the season.

Carrie Lierz, senior from Holton, Kansas stated that the new players bring competition to the game which helps to make sure they all do their best.

Bre Brandt, Senior from Papillion, Nebraska, said that having the new coach brings working harder, on and off the court because he cares. She said he knows his stuff and is intense in a good way.

New players Shannon Liewer, Junior from Imperial, Nebraska and Lea Boras, Junior from Makarska, Croatia say the returning players are accepting, likeable, and tough which will lead to a good season working together. They both agreed that Coach Baker will help make them all better students and better athletes as well as lead them into a good season here at Peru.

**Volleyball home game schedule**

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Previews of CAB events for 2014-2015

Grace Cole
STAFF WRITER

Another school year brings with it a new beginning for clubs all over campus. This fact couldn’t be truer for the Peru Theatre Company. After working through the costume shop ceiling collapse last year, the PTC members are ready to start over with a new season. This season’s theme, The Human Condition, promises an insight into what makes humans tick.

The first show of the season will be The Vagina Monologues by Eve Ensler. It is a play made up of a series of monologues each focused around the female experience and how some women relate to their vaginas. You can expect to hear about sex, love, rape, menstruation, female genital mutilation, and so much more. This play goes far beyond just talking about woman and their vaginas. It is about how the vagina is the ultimate tool of female empowerment. This show runs October 2-5.

On November 20-23, they will perform 12 Angry Jurors. This is a stage adaptation of the 1957 film 12 Angry Men. The play starts as the jury for a murder trial begins their deliberation. Needing a unanimous decision, they are stuck, eleven to one in favor of guilty. One juror begins the nearly impossible quest to convince the others that there is, in fact, a reasonable doubt that the young man in question murdered his father. The action takes place in one room and continues in real time.

The Veldt by Ray Bradbury will begin the Spring semester. To keep things short, since this is a one-act, parents use technology to spoil their kids—and then the kids use technology to kill their parents (maybe). This will be the year’s student directed one-act and will be directed by junior, Chelsea Turek. It will be performed February 26-28.

The final performance of the year will be Unnecessary Farce. The story goes, a mayor, who is seemingly an embezzler, is supposed to meet his female accountant in a motel room. Two undercover cops watch from the next room, ready to get any evidence on film. However, things go awry when there is some confusion as to who’s occupying what room, who’s taken the money, and who’s hired an assassin. This farcical comedy is guaranteed to leave you laughing. It is scheduled to run from April 23, 2015 to April 26, 2014.

The Peru Theatre Company will be having the annual haunted house, as well as have participated in the 24 Hour Theatre Project September 4-5.

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CAB president, Ryan Bauman was kind enough to shed some light on CAB’s plans to make this year so much fun. To kick the year off, CAB hosted the sixth annual Oakstock festival that turned out to be a big success. There will be more free movie and bowling nights—this year these awesome freebie opportunities will be alternating the nights they are offered so the students won’t be missing out every chance that the opportunity is offered.

Homecoming falls on October 4 this year with the theme being “Blue Magic.” As implied with the theme, students can expect to have the opportunity to partake in numerous magical inspired activities, with an appearance of a magician or two as well as Harry Potter themed events.

Spring Fling takes place over a week sometime next semester and this year CAB will be booking a big performer for the campus to enjoy. Themes, performances and activities for Spring Fling will be decided and revealed sometime next semester. Two years ago, CAB was able to acquire country music artists, Florida Georgia Line and Claire Dunn. This performance was held in the AWAC and was a huge success. There will also be trips available to students out to baseball games. Dates and games have yet to be decided.

Around Halloween time, when students are preparing for a night of spooky fun, they will also be given the opportunity to take a trip down to Worlds of Fun where they will then go door to door asking for donations for the local food pantry. According to Bauman, Cab will be hosting several Awareness events. These events are put on with the hope that students will become more aware about issues such as; abuse, suicide, self harm, breast cancer, etc. There will also be a number of dances and mingles that students are highly encouraged to participate in—there is talk that a blacklight parties are in the works sometime this year.

CAB will also be hosting various speakers and comedians throughout the year, when asked about said performers, Bauman had this to say, “We brought Chloe Hill for New Student Weekend and as far as other speakers and comedians go, that is up to the campus/ CAB members.” This year is looking to have a great turnout for new and returning Bobcats.
Oakstock starts the school year off with a bang

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Oakstock was a big success for Peru State College students, CAB, and Dean of Student Life, Kristaan Rawlings. Oakstock is an event that features great music, food, and information about clubs and organizations Peru State College has to offer. The event was held on August 21st from 5 to 10 P.M. However, the event wasn’t just for current college students. Oakstock featured a dinner that was served from 5-7, and was free to the community, which gave the opportunity for faculty, staff, and friends to indulge in a memorable evening celebrating the end of the first week of classes.

Unfortunately, due to bad weather the event wasn’t able to be hosted outdoors, but that didn’t stop anything. The event was held in the Live Oak room located in the Student Center. This event hosted a number of singers ranging from Alternative, like Jason LeVauusseur, to R&B/Reggae, like NexCyx. All artists were from a variety of different locations, and had different styles of music.

The night started off in a comedic fashion with annual favorite Jason LeVauusseur taking the stage first for the night. He was a singer who dedicated a number of songs to students, and mashed up his play-list and having hopes in making the audience laugh. After LeVauusseur performed he became the host on stage for the evening. He had the duty of introducing the three remaining singers/bands and keeping the crowd hyped up.

Second in line for the stage after LeVauusseur was able to slowly get the crowd involved and moved to the front was Adelee &Gentry. These are two young sister singers who did a mix up of cover songs, mash-ups and country songs. This was also a duo, who in their own way, showed that there is not a limitation on how old you have to be to start singing.

The third performance of the evening wasn’t done by any individual singer or a duo, but by a band by the name of Avian. It was a band that focused on rock songs, but drew in the involvement of the crowd. Avian featured a number of songs which involved a chorus or part the band needed help singing from the crowd. Plus, it was a band where everyone was on their feet jumping up and down.

A band named NeXCyx did the final performance of the evening. This was a band that traveled all the way from Barbados to perform for PSC students. NeXCyx was a band that was hyped up and ready to go for the evening. They were able to select a large number of songs to sing, and get the audience into different dancing rhythms. This was the opportunity of a lifetime for people to get autographs, take pictures, and just have the times of their life.
Baby, What’s your sign?

Aries: March 20 to April 20
Life isn’t all that great sometimes. Tension can come from a variety of places. Take some time for yourself this month. Spend time with your family and friends. Consider taking a trip to help find your Zen. Make sure to take time to do things that make you happy.

Taurus: April 20 to May 21
The opportunity to be a social butterfly will present itself. However with all the high spirits remember to find a balance for yourself. Be motivated to complete the goals that you have for yourself, and do what works best for you.

Gemini: May 21 to June 21
Love is in the air or at least lust. Don’t be afraid to pursue your attractions; take a chance. While you are at it, clear some of the clutter in your personal space. Organize and make that space as neat as it can be.

Cancer: June 21 to July 23
Appreciate the value of a dollar. Get your accounts in order. Send a plan up on how you want to spend your money. Don’t be afraid to splurge, but keep in mind the next pay check might not be coming.

Leo: July 23 to August 23
Keep doing you, boo.

Virgo: August 23 to Sept. 23
Look at how far you have come! Things are looking up for you. Keep your stride. Be confident, be fearless, be anything you want to be. You are on a roll and don’t let the haters pull you down.

Libra: Sept. 23 to October 23
Time to rethink your life and take out the trash. If people are more of a burden than a joy, don’t associate with them more than absolutely necessary. Don’t like your job, maybe it’s time for a change. However before you make any of these changes make sure you seek wise counsel. Do not rush into any life changing decisions.

Scorpio: October 23 to Nov. 22
YOLO is not an excuse to be an idiot. Be in tune with your environment. Be smart, sexy, sharp, and maybe a little mischievous. Whatever you do, don’t be stupid.

Sagittarius: Nov. 22 to Dec. 22
When was the last time you watched a sunrise or a sunset? When was the last time you took some time to be by yourself and enjoy the little things? Personal time is in order. It might feel a bit awkward but it also can lead to discoveries and rejuvenation.

Capricorn: Dec. 22 to January 20
Just because someone told you it is true, doesn’t make it true. Be skeptical of the information that you receive. Don’t take everything at face value. Also life doesn’t always make sense. In fact, it may be more confusing than sensible. However, that confusion is there for you to sort out. Take it one step at a time and remember to breathe. It’s not the end of the world yet. Be the rockstar that you always wanted to be and grab life by the reins.

Aquarius: January 20 to Feb. 18
Have you ever appreciated how great you are? Good, because you are in for a battle. Your self-confidence may be rocked to its core. New challenges are going to be around you for a very, very long time. Indulge yourself in good food, music, and whatever else you want. After all you are in for a rough, long, life changing ride. Have fun.

Pisces: Feb. 18 to March 20
When one door closes, sometimes another one doesn’t open. That’s not a bad thing, but it is part of life. Acceptance is going to be your pal in life. Accept that sometimes we can’t change anything. Accept that we are not in control of everything in our lives. Outside influences play a major role. Accept that all you can do is control how you act and react.