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News from the Peru State College M. E. N. C. Chapter

Peru State College's chapter of MENC is busy with many different activities. In January the chapter produced its first newsletter, providing information about upcoming events and a member spotlight. This February the chapter sold singing valentines to people throughout the college and surrounding communities. Individuals could purchase a "telephone singing valentine" or "hire a men's barbershop quartet" to personally sing to their loved one. It was a huge fund-raising success, selling over 20 of the singing valentines. The event also helped to make Valentine's Day special for many individuals.

In February the Peru M. E. N. C. chapter is going to help host the Peru State College Choral Festival Honor Choir, an event where high school singers from eleven area schools recommended by their directors join with the Peru State College Choir to form the Choral Festival Honor Choir that rehearses all day and presents a final evening concert to the public. In March the chapter will also help to host the Peru State College Jazz Band Festival. The chapter will help the different schools get to their homerooms, warm ups, and performance competition.

Throughout the entire school year, the chapter is providing singers to perform the National Anthem at all home sporting events, including football, basketball, volleyball, softball, and baseball games. This has been a very good learning experience for the students who have sung. It has allowed them to do a solo performance in front of a larger than normal audience, as well as it has created a partnership between the music and athletic departments. M. E. N. C. continues to host all of the student recitals on campus and to assist in maintaining the college theatre. We are all anxious to get into our newly remodeled Fine Arts Building next year. There is a full schedule of activities for the Peru State College M. E. N. C. chapter.

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