Fund raising effort underway for Peru State ROAR project

(KLZA)-- Peru State College at the Peru State College Foundation have announced the creation of co-chairs of Project ROAR, an effort to raise \$4 million of the \$14.6 million cost of the five-building Project ROAR.

Named as co-chairs of the fund raising effort are Jerry Joy,(Class of 1964) and Christina (Banks '88) Joy of Stella, and Paul Fell, ('67) and Arlene (Borcher '67) Fell of Lincoln.

Additionally, retired Peru State President Dr. Dan and former First Lady Elaine Hanson of West Des Moines, Iowa have agreed to return and assist with the campaign as consultants.

Project ROAR will add more than 104,000 square feet of indoor space to the campus. This more than doubles the square footage of the Peru State's largest building, the Al Wheeler Activity Center.

Three of the buildings will be near the baseball and softball fields at the Centennial Complex south of the main campus. The other two will be built on a practice field north of the Oak Bowl stadium. The largest components are large air-supported, artificially turfed domes at each site.

The Fells and the Joys are all alumni and former faculty/staff members at Peru State, and have remained engaged with Peru State throughout their adult lives.

The multi-purpose venues will allow for not only more Peru State events to occur, but for clubs, organizations, and other groups throughout the region to reserve the facilities for various activities.

Anyone with questions about Project ROAR or ways to support it can contact Ted Harshbarger ('77) at the Peru State College Foundation. Email him at <a href="mailto:tharshbarger@peru.edu">tharshbarger@peru.edu</a>, or call (402) 872-2304 weekdays.

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