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KANSAS TO LONDON: STUDY ABROAD

By Deiah Curtis

So I have been lucky enough to study abroad in London, England this semester and I cannot tell you how amazing this place is! I know you all are deep into the semester but over here we have only just begun the first week of classes! Now I do not live in central London where Big Ben, the London Eye and Parliament resides. London is separated into hundreds of different borrows and I live only a 20 minute train ride from central London in a borrow called Surbiton where my university Kingston resides. Traffic here is madness, people on bikes ride faster than cars and they rule the streets. There are bus stops on every street corner and they won't stop for you if you're crossing the street, so always mind the signs. But to be quite honest with you, it's so easy to walk everywhere! I went from walking 2 miles each day in Kansas to now averaging 9 miles a day here. There are pubs, clubs, grocery stores, fresh food markets, endless gift shops, clothing stores, coffee shops, ice cream stops and so much

more all along the famous Thames River that runs right through the center of Surbiton. Now I know London is a city with over 6 million people overall, but Surbiton was an easy place to transition out of the hustle of new culture and be able to adjust a little better. There certainly are no open spaces, all of the buildings are built with 1 meter of space between each one and yards aren't commonly very large. Another big difference is when walking down the street, you will hear so many new languages being spoken as London seems to be a very open, welcoming city to many diverse cultures. All these people in

the city, both British and not, have been very nice, friendly

and helpful! For example, when I first didn't know how to read the Underground rail road system or was lost searching for eggs in the grocery store because they aren't in the refrigerated section but beside the bread, people were unbelievably kind and helpful. Now grocery shopping is another big difference here! It's actually much cheaper to buy fresh fruits and vegetables than back in America and people bag the groceries themselves while also reusing bags. If you do not bring your own bags for your items, you have to pay for plastic bags to carry your items. Then remember, everything you buy, you have to carry it all back home! Walking everywhere or using the bus has also been quite an experience! Everywhere you

look there are potted flowers, smell of coffee, signs out for "Fresh Made Ice Cream." The weather here so far has been very unpredictable, very rainy then sunny, so just like Kansas it can't make up its mind. But I do love everything so far about my home away from home, most of all, my temporary new school! Although Kingston University differs from McPherson on student body with having over 25,000 students, the way they specify their courses minimizes the student to teacher ratio and my biggest class is actually only 35 students making it feel very comfortable. The teachers are also very social, one-on-one, and you can tell they get to know their students personally so it is very similar to home and it does make adjusting

much easier. With classes just starting, I'm finding they also hold one of the biggest differences from home, as they don't have homework, only readings in class and lectures once a week. All four of my courses only give one test the entire semester and then a final! So let's hope I do well on those as they will be all I am graded on. So with my semester just starting, I hope I can create a good rhythm with such a different type of college setting. The differences I'm finding here were not at all what I was expecting but this place is better than I could have ever imagined and I hope for all to continue!!

Until Next Time!

Deiah



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Breast Cancer Awareness Month

By Tomi Simmons

Every year October calls for the pink out Breast Cancer Awareness Month. It is a time to raise money towards a cure and treatment, to raise awareness, and to remember loved ones who have passed away from this disease. Throughout the month there are national events, conferences, and memorials to unify people towards the cause. There is also much education on how to be aware of your body, and to understand when to see a doctor in order to prevent

the cancer from spreading. Though there are numerous tools offered to catch the diagnosis early, there are still many losses and no cure to breast cancer.

According to the American Cancer Society, “40,610 women will pass away from breast cancer.” Many people have lost their loved ones to this disease, and so McPherson College has made this month a time to remember them. Around the dorms and on the bulletin boards there are facts about Breast Cancer with a sign where you can put up a loved one’s name

as a memorial. In addition to remembering, there is celebration for survivors of breast cancer. All month many people who have survived hold charity events for the cause, and raise awareness. In Wichita, there will be a Susan G Komen “Making Strides” walk on October 14th, where donations are accepted for the foundation. There will be a remembrance of people who have passed away from breast cancer and a celebration for the survivors or those who are in remission. It is a way to get the community involved

while simultaneously making a change for people.

Education about this disease is important, because the warning signs are quite subtle. Susan G Komen has released a list of warning signs onto their website, a couple of the items listed are, “lumps in the breast, redness or discomfort in your chest area, and rashes.” Go to susangkomen.org for more information on what to look for.

With much going on nationally, McPherson College held a “Zumbathon” for local

breast cancer fighters. It was a three hour zumba dance session for fifteen dollars on October 6; all proceeds went to a “Giving hope” cancer fund. The organizer of this event, sophomore Kylee Martin, is the zumba instructor for the event. When asked what inspired her to hold this event, her response was, “I have two aunts who are survivors of breast cancer, and doing this event with them a couple of years ago, boosted their spirits tremendously. Their mindsets really became more positive. Also, it’s

great to see a community come together, have fun, and it’s all for such a great cause.”

See the Online addition of Spectator in order to see an article about the “Zumbathon”.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month is a time not just to wear pink, but to celebrate the advances in cancer research, to remember the people who have lost their life, and the ones that are still fighting for their lives today.

October Awareness: Anti-Bullying Month

By Kody Bowden

The month of October is most commonly known for Halloween, fall colors, pumpkin carvings, and spooky movies however there is an increasingly important message being brought to light during this month. Each year the number of bullying incidents reported increases; in study done by dosomething.org, 3.2 million students were reportedly bullied in 2016. Bullying has remained a highly sensitive topic throughout the years, with emphasis on new technology,

social media outlets, and younger victims emerging everyday. As a response to this growing problem, national bullying prevention awareness month was created.

In 2006 the non-profit organization PACER (Parent Advocacy Coalition for Education Rights) designated national bullying prevention awareness month to take place in October of each year. The PACER organization extended this prevention awareness from one week to a full month in the hopes that all ages can benefit from learning about the powerful effects

of bullying on children and young adults. They believe that through personal interaction and bringing light to this growing problem, in the coming years we will hopefully see a drastic downfall of bullying incidents.

Throughout October, nationwide campaigning events and activities are held to bring awareness to the different types of bullying as well as its effects. Some of these long term effects include depression, low self-esteem, suicide risk, and anxiety. One a specific day each year, children across the U.S. are urged

to wear a unifying color to show they are united for kindness, acceptance, and inclusion. Many schools and communities will host walk-a-thons and runs to help raise awareness and support for the organizations helping to make a difference.

The activities and campaigning events aim to educate students, families, and education professionals on the warning signs and prevention methods associated with bullying situations. Schools across America partner up with PACER and other non-profit organizations, such

as STOMP Out Bullying, to tailor classes and seminars for kindergarten through the college level. Classroom activities are posted on the PACER website for all ages and grade levels so that teachers may focus on a specific age group and section.

Here at McPherson College, there is a no-tolerance policy for any kind of bullying or discrimination. McPherson College, as well as surrounding grade schools, actively participates in the activities and programs of this awareness month. One unique way that

McPherson College gets involved is through service learning. This month, several student groups will be traveling to a nearby elementary school to give anti-bullying presentations and help educate the children on different aspects of bullying. Teaching these students the warning signs and effects of bullying at a young age is one way to help avoid long term bullying problems in the future. Reaching out to those younger students in the community is a small way to make an important impact.



Movie Review: Stephen King's "IT"

By Kimberly Trice

The 2017 film "It" takes place in 1988 Derry, Maine. The film follows the "Loser Club", a group of friends standing up against their town bullies and a killer clown. Pennywise, the dancing clown lures children and murders them. As more and more kids go missing the Loser Club

decides it is time for the chaos to end. As a remake I didn't know what to expect from this film. Tim Curry made Pennywise an icon and fans including myself didn't know how Bill Skarsgård would portray the character. But what Bill Skarsgård does with the role works well precisely because he doesn't appear

to be laboring so hard to frighten us. He doesn't vamp it up. He's coy—he toys with these kids—making his sudden bursts of insane clown hostility that much more shocking. There were many differences from the novel and the mini-series. The biggest change is what has been done to the period, which has jumped

forward three decades. Instead of beginning with Georgie's disappearance in 1960, we're in the summer of 1988, which is roughly when the present-day, all-adults-now second half of King's story originally took place. There are rumors that for the next chapter the film will take place in present day for

when the children return as adults which will make the audience feel uneasy that Pennywise will be tormenting again "today". Infamously, Tim Curry's take on the character in the 1990 TV miniseries version was so over-the-top, it was laughable—not that you're looking for understatement in your homicidal clowns.

This film was well casted because the "Loser Club" makes the movie what it is. Even though there was a killer clown on the loose the group would joke around and lighten the mood. I would rate this film 4 out of 5 stars beaches it was well made but could have more intertwined with the novel.



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Modernizing McPherson College Campus

By Tomi Simmons

When passing McPherson College, construction can be seen at the entrance of campus. A landmark is being built, beginning the first of the college's modernization projects. The entrance is going to reflect the attitude of McPherson College, and it will be somewhere for students to

come to see as well as the community.

This project begins the overall five year goal of updating the student service areas. The need for the updates are due to the student growth, and the essential idea to keep progressing as the community develops. Funds for the entrance came from Don Peter's family,

who is the son of the 47th president of the college.

President Schneider has been overseeing the plan for the upcoming projects, and said

"Not only does this create an impressive entrance to the college, but it also serves as a footprint for our future plans for campus facilities,"

The new addition to

campus, began with the strategic plan "Community by Design". When asked how President Schneider decided to approach the goals for the college, his response was,

"We spent time last year thinking about how to plan our future differently," President Schneider said.

"We decided that strategic planning was the work of

our community rather than just a committee."

Though there is much plan for the future, there has been installments the past two years. The campus has had safety entrance updates regarding key-less entry, a 7.4 million energy plan, and construction regarding the streets, curbs, and gutters.

The entrance will be shown homecoming

weekend, and there will be a student involvement event at the revealing.

The plans for McPherson College have just begun, through the progression of the next five years it will become modern along with the growing population of students.

Bulldog Family Remembers Braden Bush

By Isaac Murphy

Who was Braden Bush? To meet Braden initially one might think he's a quiet and reserved individual. Once you grow to know him on a more personal level as a classmate, teammate or just a campus peer you'd find that couldn't be further from the truth.

Starting this 2017-2018

year has been somewhat of a rough start as we've had to begin the year without Braden (our angel in the endzone-15). Braden had an infectious smile and a personality that could brighten your darkest day. Braden never wanted to settle for mediocrity in everything he did he reached for the highest level of perfection in class and

on the field. In his desire for to achieve what God purposed for his life he also encouraged everyone he encountered to reach their fullest potential as well. If you knew him, you also knew he would not allow anyone to treat him with less respect than he deserved very outspoken and would defend right no matter who he had to go up

against.

I'd be remissed if I didn't mention how much of a comedian/dancer/rapper-singer he was. Braden even had his own group called the "Naughty Money Family." Since his passing many have shared through Facebook, Instagram and other social media sites all their wonderful memories they have of him. If you

are someone just seeing these posts because you know someone he might have known, you'll feel like you wished you could've had an opportunity to meet and know him for yourself.

The road to healing has just begun for all that knew him; faculty, his teammates and the entire Bulldog family. This young man has left a lasting impression on

everyone and will be greatly missed. Though his death took many by surprise, it has brought many people closer and the life he lived before the world has shown us all that we must live each day to the fullest and enjoy our family and friends. Live with no regrets! Fly high Bushy B you'll forever be in our hearts!





The Tale of Bloody Mary Comes to Life

By Kimberly Trice

We were having a sleepover at my house Halloween night. My friends and I decided to make it a horror film, scary story, junk food kind of night. By midnight, we didn't know what else to do and we didn't want to fall asleep quite yet. Hannah had an interesting idea.

"We should try the Bloody Mary thing," Hannah suggested.

Danielle, who was sitting crossed-legged on my bed, asked "Why would we want to do that?" Brittany, who was laying on the floor of my bedroom said "Come on, Danielle. It'll be fun! You stand in front of the bathroom mirror with a lighted candle and say the witch's name three times. Then her ghost appears, looking just the way she did when she died; all horrible and bloody with scars all over her face!"

"She sounds gorgeous. Just why, exactly, do you think I would want to see the ghost of Bloody Mary?" Danielle asked skeptically.

"Why not?" I said as I was putting clothes away. "I've always wanted to see a ghost! It could be fun." "Ooo, that sounds like fun! Disfigurement, death or entrapment. What a fabulous way to spend eternity," Danielle said sarcastically. "Where do I

sign up?

"It's just a story told to scare little kids. Bloody Mary isn't real," I continued to get Danielle on board

"I've heard it's real," Brittany stated. "My friend Katie tried it once and saw the ghost in the mirror. Bloody Mary told Kate that when she grows up she is going to become a research doctor who cures cancer and saves lots of lives and wins a Nobel Prize."

"There's only one way to know for sure," said Hannah. "Come on! Let's try it."

I ran to the supply closet to get a candle and matches, and all of us, even Danielle rushed to the downstairs bathroom which has no windows so it would be perfect because we needed it to be pitch black.

Once the candle was lit, Hannah turned off all the bathroom lights. As we stood before the bathroom mirror, I told everyone the story of Bloody Mary just to refresh memories.

I went on, "Bloody Mary was the name of an evil witch that lived back in Colonial times. The witch used her black arts to make her young again by killing a bunch of young girls in her village. When the villagers discovered Bloody Mary was behind the murders, they burned her at the stake. Bloody Mary used mirrors

to help her locate and enchant her victims, and she cursed all mirrors when the villagers executed her, so that anyone chanting her name three times would be pulled into the mirror with her to spend eternity in the flames!"

The candle in Danielle's hand flickered a moment and then steadied as the five of us chanted Bloody Mary's name 3 times in front of the bathroom mirror.

The five of us waited tensely as we gazed without blinking at our faces that reflected in the glass. I strained my eyes, trying to see through the mirror into some other realm that I both dreaded and hoped might be there.

Finally, Danielle said: "Nothing's happening. Let's just get out of here."

She reached for the doorknob and turned it. The door wouldn't open. After all, there was the possibility that it might not be just a scary story told to frighten little kids.

I rushed to the door, pushed Danielle aside, and unlocked it. But when I tried the knob, the door still wouldn't open almost as if someone was holding it shut.

Suddenly, Danielle screamed and pointed at the mirror. I whirled away from the locked door and saw a glowing white figure staring

at us from the mirror. Her face was twisted with malice and flames seemed to flicker around her. In one hand she held a bloody knife! Could this be Bloody Mary or were our eyes playing tricks on us?

All of a sudden, the figure lunged forward, her knife-hand coming straight out of the mirror and striking Danielle in the face. Long scratches appeared on Danielle's cheeks and she staggered backwards with a gasp of pain; hands coming up to protect her face. A wave of heat and anger poured out of the mirror in a blast that blew us against the wall. My forehead struck the wall and I fell senseless to the floor.

I woke in darkness a few moments later and groped desperately for the light switch. When I turned it on, I found Hannah unconscious beside me and Danielle blacked-out beside the bathroom sink with deep scratches all over her arms and legs and face.

Brittany was huddled sobbing behind the toilet. I pulled her out, and gasped when I saw she was also covered in scratches. She must have been standing too close to the mirror.

My eyes widened suddenly when I realized there were only four of us crouching on the bathroom floor.

I felt a burning sensation on my arm. I looked down

and carved in my arm were the words: "I AM REAL". I jumped up and ran to the door. It opened immediately.

We cleaned up the blood on Hannah, Danielle and on my arm then the four of us

huddled in my room for the rest of the night; too scared to sleep. We've had other sleepovers since that night, but my friends and I never tried to contact Bloody Mary again.





Baseball and Softball Programs Receive New Homes

By Garrett Connor

As fall practices for both the baseball and softball teams have begun, there is a new excitement flowing through both programs. After many years of utilizing facilities that were shared around town, they will finally have a place to call home. Starting this spring, both the baseball and softball teams will be playing on brand new fields to call their own.

The creation of Bulldog Park brings a new experience to the McPherson College campus. Bordering Bremyer Dog Park off of South Centennial Street, the new fields will be AstroTurf in the infield and grass in the outfield. This will benefit both programs in many ways. The athletes will now have a state of the art playing surface with the addition of AstroTurf. Head softball coach Ashley

Hickman is very excited about having a field that can withstand the crazy Kansas weather. "I am most excited for the chance to be able to practice more times than we can now," Coach Hickman said. "With the field being turf we will be able to determine when we can play games rather than having to cancel them." Bulldog Park will be the first artificial turf softball field in the KCAC and the second in baseball

behind Friends University (Lawrence-Dumont Stadium). The facilities are going to become a new attraction for the community with youth camps, summer tournaments, and hopefully summer collegiate teams. Head coach Bryan Moses sees the new facility as an opportunity to help the budget and play more games in McPherson early in the season. "Right now we are having to travel

far on the road to start the year," Moses explains. "Now I think we can play games in early February. Although (games) will be cold, they should be dry with the turf." Both Bryan Moses and Ashley Hickman praised McPherson College Athletic Director, Andrew Ehling, for the hard work that he has put forward on this project. "Andrew has done a very good job with generating revenue and

getting this off the ground," Moses commented. The first phase of this project is expected to be finished before the baseball team opens up their season at home against Evangel University on February 9th and the softball team's home opener against Dordt College on February 24th.



Baseball



Softball

Senior Feature: Hector Carillo, Setting Sights on Tennis Nationals

By Taylor Hires-Caulk

Hector Carrillo is a 21 year old tennis player at McPherson College. He is in the first semester of his senior year and has spent all of his college career here. He left the beautiful beaches behind and traveled all the way from Barcelona, Spain to pursue a business degree here at McPherson College because he wanted to keep playing tennis at the college

level while simultaneously gaining a higher education. Hector was also interested in learning the English language so that he could be bilingual, not to mention gaining the American experience that many only dream about. Hector arrived in McPherson, Kansas in the Fall 2014 and remembers the terrible ice storm from that winter, the first winter he had ever experienced. Hector says he is very much looking

forward to graduating with his degree in May of this year and getting back to Barcelona to enjoy the beach and spend time with his family and girlfriend, who he misses dearly. According to Hector, the men's tennis team is going to have a great year and is going to have a bright future, full of talent. The Bulldogs started off their fall season on a high note this past week at Regionals, where Ahmed Lahlou and

Hector qualified for Men's Doubles at Nationals and some of the freshmen were able to prove themselves showing that they will impact the lineup sooner than expected! He says, "Right now we are focused on getting as good as we can as a team as well as individually. We have our sights set on this spring so that we can make it back to Nationals, and if we are there we might as well win it all! Go Bulldogs!"



Photo By Micah Gilbert/McPherson College Athletics

Senior Hector Carillo and his doubles partner, Ahmed Lahlou, have qualified for Men's Doubles at Nationals.



Double Sporters

Two Roads Leading To One Path...Greatness

By Tomi Simmons

Ninety percent of McPherson College students are NAIA college athletes. Committing for an entire season to a team calls for much work, especially when there are also pre-seasons, and off-seasons. A collegiate athlete has much to do during the year, there are countless trainings, travel days, games, and team events one must participate in. Combine the

sports with the education and grade point average they must maintain, doing one sport is more than enough. Some students at McPherson College believe in pursuing more than enough.

Though being a collegiate athlete is tough, there are some students that have become multi-sport athletes. Much relentless dedication to being an overall athlete is required

when taking on this task. When asked about the pressures of doing two sports, soccer and basketball player, Emma Van Donselaar, sophomore, responded honestly, "Last year I worried about switching back to basketball after my soccer season because they are different running styles. As a freshman it was hard to learn the plays as well, because I could not be

a part of pre-season for basketball."

However, through these trials these athletes still choose to do both. Though there are days some athletes will have multiple practices for both sports, their passions for them do not waiver. Freshman Robert Shaw plays football and high jumps for track and field. When asked about why he decided to do both and not choose

one, his response was, "I could have gone to bigger programs for either one, but I chose here so I could do both. I wasn't ready to give one up after high school" Being in two sports at McPherson College means that one gets two teams and two coaches to come to. Van Donselaar says, "I know more people through being on two teams, and they support the soccer team, and

soccer comes to support basketball. My coaches will always come and check up on me, I know I always have somewhere to go." With the challenges, dual sport athletes still enjoy campus life and the education like any other sport athlete. The difference is they pursue athletic goals that are above and beyond because they love two sports.



Photo By Micah Gilbert/McPherson College Athletics

During a women's soccer game against Randall University on September 14, 2017, Sophomore Emma Van Donselaar plays her best in one of the two sports she plays at McPherson College.



Freshman Robert Shaw plays both football and high jumps for McPherson College.



Uncommon, Unusual, Unwanted Cars on the Corner with Andrew Tanner

By Andrew Tanner

A big part of coming to McPherson College to participate in the unique Automotive Restoration program is having a vehicle to spend countless hours repairing. Many students come from thousands of miles away, so transporting more than one vehicle is often not feasible.

Other students come here without a classic car of any sort, and are itching to get their hands on one. Jacob Scruggs, junior, was absolutely itching to get his hands on a classic Chrysler

Like many car enthusiasts, Scruggs spent plenty of time Online searching for that perfect car. After a failed attempt at purchasing his ideal restoration project, in

November 2015 he found a 1957 Chrysler Windsor for sale in Alabama and he absolutely had to have it. While searching Craigslist, Scruggs strayed from more local searches to Kansas and his native Texas and found his Windsor. Being a relatively difficult car to come by, he bought it sight unseen and had it shipped to Kansas. Upon arrival, he excitedly spent three hours helping unload his new car in freezing cold weather. Now the restoration process could begin.

This 1957 Chrysler Windsor has a 354 cubic inch polyspherical V8 engine, meaning that the combustion chambers in the heads are shaped like spheres. After rebuilding the distributor and

replacing the two-barrel Carter carburetor with a new one, coupled with some basic maintenance Scruggs had a running car. He also replaced the transmission front pump seal, brake master cylinder and booster, new wheel

cylinders, drums, and anything else brake-related. Now, not only did he have a running car, he had a driving car.

With new floor pans installed and body work currently in progress, Scruggs hopes to put a nice paint job on the Windsor

in the next year. Though he has already replaced the gauges and started making new interior door panels, he hopes to have a nicely redone interior as well. The ultimate goal is to have a nice looking and driving car that he can enjoy. In the near future,

he will be putting a larger four-barrel carburetor on it for increased power. The next time you see this car, it might look a little rough, but keep in mind how much work has gone into it to get it where it is!

