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## Updates From Across the Pond

nother month of the Asemester for me across the pond has come and gone, and I can

hardly believe it! As this month has passed by, I've now gotten well acquainted with school, classes and my little borough, Surbiton. I've also been able to get more familiar with the way the school system differs from that of the U.S., and I've been lucky enough to travel to many places

in just these last four weeks with having a bit of a longer weekend than I'm used to.

Now getting well

under why with our

semester, classes are still just lectures which is something I am not at all used to! We read several articles to discuss in class, but there is no homework we have to do and turn in, nor are there several tests covering each chapter as we go. We will have one accumulative test and that will be 80% of my grade in 3 of the 4 modules I'm taking. Another huge difference I've found with Kingston University, as well as most U.K. Universities, is that their modules are very specific to what each person is studying. In America, we have a bit of freedom as to what classes we take as long as they fit our academic requirements. Here, they lay out your module for

you and you must take those set classes. I've been lucky though as an exchange student, I am taking courses from four different modules which makes my class schedule quite fun and gives me tons of variety. It does take less time for students to finish though as each module is often set up to only take three years instead of America's average four. Then students can move on to their work experience year, getting set up in internships that will make them much more likely to be hired. Graduate schools are also much more affordable in the U.K. than home and most Master's programs only require a year of more schooling, making me even more interested in doing mine here now that I have fallen in love with the lifestyle and the culture.

Now with having courses that don't have nearly the homework I'm used to, it's still important that I keep up on articles as I use all my free time and long weekends traveling! One huge benefit of coming to Europe to study abroad is the endless accessibility this country provides here and to other European countries. I have been lucky enough to finally figure out the train system, the underground rail ways, and not struggling too much with the insanely low airfares from one country to another. With my long weekends and free time, I often find myself

going to Central London as there's all my different lectures for the always new things to see, hear, and do, London itself is endless. But some of the best parts of it all are taking advantage of that free time! I've now been to Stonehenge, to the Royal Pavilion in Brighton, the live rock concerts in Camden Town, to the Roman Baths in the beautiful city of Bath, as well as taken a long and incredible weekend to Ireland! Studying abroad has not only given me the opportunity to fall in love with just one city, but I've now been able to experience many other cultures and countries and can't explain how incredible each place is. Each city I've been to is lined with tradition, character, is full of life and the streets are always buzzing. Going to Ireland and standing on cliff's edge at the Cliffs of Moher was absolutely breath taking and a nice step away from the busy city. But Dublin was the way down to the spellings the most fun, lively city I've been able to visit during my stay here yet! So being able to freely travel on my time off is definitely worth it and just makes this experience even more worth it.

So as sad as it is that another month has gone by, I've been lucky enough to see the Lion King Live in the West End Theatres, indulge in the best foods any place I wonder to, and go to several new and extremely interesting, exciting places all while still enjoying

new perspective they are giving me. Studying here in London has definitely brought more attention to me as an outsider looking in, that although I fit in well here, there are many things I've had to adjust to. The U.K. is still very different from the United States and all the people in it are just as curious about it as I am about the U.K. I often find myself talking about Trump and his 'policies' at least once a day, as well as answering questions about health care, schooling, and even the food as best I can. It's incredible what being in a new place can do for your perspective, how much it opens your eyes to how big our world is. Even though I didn't have to learn a new language to come here, it's still a very different place with a whole new set of cultures and beliefs, all and interpretations of words. I love being surrounded by all the different accents and languages everywhere I go and find myself just walking throughout London to experience it as much as I can. But these differences are what have made my stay so incredible and will continue to make my study abroad experience well worth it.

Until Next Time,

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## Black Friday: Is It Worth It?

By Isaac Murphy

 $\mathbf{B}$  lack Friday is what everyone likes, and it is what everyone wants to do. It is a madness that we've made a holiday for, that everyone seems to enjoy. Now, to me the holiday season is supposed to be about coming together as friends, family or strangers, showing love

and ultimately caring for one another despite all differences. Black Friday is a deadly holiday that we have right after we give thanks to everything we are and have. People give up precious family time to go race with hundreds of people who care only about themselves, and getting the hottest thing out. How are we being thankful if

in just a few hours we're being greedy and not only fighting, but killing over materialistic things? Yes, Black Friday has some of the best deals you will ever see, but is it really worth everything it turns out to be? Black Friday brings out the worst in people, and that is not what the holiday season is for. Stores used to open up for Black Friday

around midnight, after everyone got plenty of time with their families. Now, there are stores that are open all day or will open up as early as 4pm to 5pm. When stores start opening up that early, there is no real time being spent with family. Most retail stores do not open on major holidays, so why do we start allowing it now? To me,

Thanksgiving is a holiday that all people should be spending together. Employees should not have to worry about being at work all day and not being able to spend this time with their families. Not only is it unfair, it is not right. Thanksgiving should not be broken up, or rushed just so we can go wait in line to go shop around for the

newest things out. Black Friday has a lot of pros and cons, for me the cons just tend to outweigh the pros. Shopping is something everyone loves, it just shouldn't be something so out of hand and crazy like

#### **New Education Professor**

By Joyce Muhizi

April Counts has recently filled the assistant professor of Education position and though she is new at teaching at this level, she is taking it well by the horns. She has been teaching for 24 years, 18 of which has been with special education. The position at McPherson College was suggested by a friend, she went for it and is loving her new job. "Switching from teaching voung children to college level is a big change but I like it" said Counts. April is a University of Central Missouri alumni and when asked what she enjoyed the most during her college vears she said. "I loved going to the homecoming parades because all the fraternities, sororities and bands were in it. I just love going back and watching the game" said Counts. She also enjoys spending time with her family, watching movies and exploring new places. Besides taking the time to get on her feet and finding a tempo she has a

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#### **DRC to McPherson College**

By Choucra nie Kayembe

Thave been in Kansas for 4 months now and to say the least; this is a big difference with where I come from. I could list more than a thousand differences between here and DRC, but I think that even the entire newspaper wouldn't be enough. The first day I arrived in Kansas, I landed in Wichita and a guy from the college came to pick me up from the airport to McPherson. When I saw him, I remember telling myself: 'If all the boys in McPherson are like him, girl I think this will be fire!" It makes more sense when I say it in French.

But, the closer we got to McPherson, the worse I was feeling; no buildings, no people on the street, only cows and farms. "Am I really in the United States? I think I made a mistake because this is not like the movies." We finally arrived

to the college and I got to know some new people from here especially Jen Pollard, Christi Hopkins or even Joyce Muhizi and this was very pleasant. I found out that people were very friendly, homey and above all: they smile a lot. At the beginning it was so awkward because in my country people don't smile that much so I always was like: 'Why are they smiling, what is so funny?' but with time I acclimated with it and I even started to smile more often. Now let's talk about the food... To be honest I don't know where to begin. I miss Congolese food. I think that American food is really too grassy and not really varied at all. In my country, I used to eat many variety of vegetables of all the colors possible, meat seasoned by all kind of spices, traditional beverages made from pounded roots mixed with bits of

maize (Yes... I know that this one sounds very strange but I swear, it is really healthy and so delicious) and that was every day. The weather in McPherson is so unpredictable and cold now. I am from a hot and humid country. I have never faced the winter, only in Game of Thrones, so if now I think that it is too cold, I think I'm going to die in Decem-

To sum it all up, being here in McPherson is one of the greatest experiences of my life yet: I met awesome people who think differently from me, every day I learn more about my about myself. I feel more independent but above all, even though I am away from my direct family, I found a new family here which makes me want to say that every day is a great day to be a bulldog and I know that it is only the beginning.

## Viewpoints



#### **Racial Barriers**

By: Diamond Blaylock

The beauty of education **I** is that it is endless. I have been fortunate enough to be given opportunities to further my education but as my schooling advances my awareness of stereotypes placed upon me does as well. My melanin infused skin, curly hair, curves and spunky attitude does not weigh out the option for me to be intelligent. For all eighteen years of my existence, I've been presented with the same absurd questions regarding the properness of my speech or the sound of my voice and needless to say, I'm tired of it. To identify properness with a certain race is not only prejudice but is undeniably ignorant. It creates an even thicker barrier between all of the races within our society. A barrier, activists and other accepting individuals have been working militantly to knock down. When someone suggests

that I can't be black due to my ability to form grammatically correct sentences or ability to recite all of the 'Bye Bye Birdie' script, I feel disrespected. Why is the adjective smart equated with the Asian and Caucasian races? Why are the terms "gangster" and "ghetto" associated with African Americans and Latinos?

All of these assumptions and the impare flawed due to the isn't "selling presence of white education is tolerance."

of white criminals and individuals like that and would

and individuals like that of my black grandfather who've obtained degrees for Ivy League schools. Believe it or not, It's possible for a Black and White Americans to be equally intelligent because fortunately in today's society we are presented with the gift of education. A gift I've cherished since I've understood the value and thus, I am able to present myself in a manner some have considered 'proper'.

Instead of commenting on someone's intelligence by identifying them with a race outside their own, just simply compliment their wit. Instead of thickening the barriers between races help rid them by accepting that all races and genders have the potential to acquire knowledge.

Please also understand that a passion for schooling and the improvement of self, isn't "selling out your race" tracult of or culture.

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I love my blackness and wouldn't rid myself of such a beautiful culture.

of such a beautiful culture ever. I love my chicane side also and wouldn't ever want to hide that piece of me either. We should refocus our efforts to achieve tolerance of other people and aid in the advancements of minorities. We can begin doing this by embracing the achievements of others. Erase the "sell out stigma." Make the effort to lift up one another instead of trying to hinder the progression of

individuals that don't fall under our racial umbrella. It's important to understand that the acquisition of knowledge is not a jab or a way of saying the next person is less than. Acknowledging another person's greatness and attributes won't rid you of your own. I want to make it clear that I'm not asking for people to "not see color' but instead learn how to be tolerant and more accepting of others different than what society has deemed normal. Helen Keller said it best.



#### "Happy Death Day" Review

By: Garrett Connor

Released on October 13, 2017, "Happy Death" Day" is a comedic-horror movie that shows some romance throughout the story. Tree Gelbman is a college student who has to live her birthday over countless times. For most people, celebrating their birthday everyday would be enjoyable. That is not the case with Tree, who wakes up in a dorm bedroom of a student named Carter. Most of the time she is waking up in a panic from getting killed the night before. A masked murderer continues to follow and attack Tree every night. After she is attacked, Tree will wake up with scars from the death she experienced the night before. Tree realizes that she has to continue to relive her birthday over and over again until she can solve the mystery of who her killer is. As an avid movie fanatic, I quickly compared this movie with Groundhog Day starring Bill Murray.

The two movies are very alike by the repetition of days and events that occurred during those days. Personally, I was not a very big fan of this movie. The previews made me believe that the film was an action packed horror movie, that would have me on the edge of my seat the whole time. I could not be more wrong. After the first two deaths, I found myself less intrigued on the plot. The repetition started to become old and did not keep me engaged. Also as the film continues, it becomes easier to predict when the attacks would occur. I enjoyed the ending of the film as it throws a curve-ball at the viewer. All in all, I would recommend this movie to a younger audience. There is very little blood in the attacks and some good comedic lines throughout the film. I would rate this film a 3.5 out of 5 stars because it had a good plot but it becomes very repetitive and loses focus at some points.

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## Campus



### Resident Assistants Focus on a Healthy Lifestyle



Resident assistants, Kaitlyn Heinis and Jamie Siess, during their "Healthy Heart and ILifestyle" program in Dotzour hall.

By Kody Bowden

Throughout the ■ month, various resident assistants have hosted programmings to bring people together and provide a wide selection of learning opportunities. This week in Dotzour Hall, the R.A. programming was healthy hearts. On Monday, November 13th at 7:30 p.m. students were invited, via posters hung in the hallways, to come learn about how to have a healthy heart. While listening to the different ways to have a healthy lifestyle and heart, assorted snacks were provided.

Hosted by R.A's Jamie Siess and Kaitlyn Hienis in the second floor lobby. Jamie and Kaitlyn brought healthy snacks such as oranges, blueberries, dark chocolate Hershey's kisses, and almonds. As residents came through the lobby they were encouraged to grab a snack or two and sit in the chairs while the two girls talked about heart health. Kaitlyn went over ten easy things you can do to have a healthy heart. Giving up smoking will add years to your life and help you have healthy heart tissue, getting active by exercising everyday makes

the heart stronger, managing your weight reduces strain on the heart and other organs in your body. Others included eating more fiber (at least 30 grams a day), cutting down on salt intake, watching your blood pressure, drinking less alcohol, getting plenty of sleep, eating more fish, and reading food label's. These are only a handful of things that you can do to stay healthy and improve heart function and longevity.

While Kaitlyn talked, Jamie encouraged student's to try the assorted snacks. Each snack provided something different to benefit your heart and other organs. Healthy foods that you can eat to maintain your health include: flax and chia seeds, spinach, fruits, avocados, olive oil, oatmeal, walnuts, vegetables, dark chocolate, and beans. It is important to eat different colored foods because each color provides your body with different antioxidants and nutrients. Eating right and exercising can help reduce stress and susceptibility to sickness.

Keep your eyes open for fliers in the dorms signaling the next unique R.A. programming.

The Pound Hosts Events for Campus Community

#### Basement of Student Union Remodeled

By Kody Bowden

ver the summer as staff and students prepared to return for the fall semester, some new changes were happing here on campus. The student union basement, located underneath the cafeteria. underwent some remodeling over summer break to make the space more inviting and usable. The basement of the student union contains a small gym, mail services, and a space for students to congregate and enjoy various campus activities. The updates and changes have helped increase student involvement in activities and social events. The remodeling began

with a fresh red paint job including two large bulldog logos and 'Welcome to The Pound' painted around them. All together there are now black couches, small black bar tables and red bar stools, two waterpong tables, a pool table, a ping-pong table, and two TV's. The space is now equipped to host various campus activities all in one space. Events already held this school year include: movie nights, water-pong tournaments, McPherson Murder Mystery, board game nights, and karaoke sessions. Intramural President Krystal Huerta Krystal Huerta is our current Intramural activities

president, when asked about the new updates to the basement of the student union her response was, "I think the new space is awesome. It gives us students a relaxing place to go here on campus that is conveniently located. For intramurals it allows us to host small tournaments like water-pong during the lunch hour. Being located underneath the caf. makes it easier for students to come participate."

During the 2017-2018 school year, The Pound will be hosting events every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings. Thursday evenings are designated game nights.

Snacks, mockeritas, board games, and various table games will be provided for all students. Friday evenings are designated movie nights. Before the movie (8 p.m. to 10 p.m.) students can come socialize while playing water-pong, ping-pong, and pool; at 10 p.m. there will be a movie showing with popcorn provided. Saturday evenings are designated game and music nights. Students can come enjoy water-pong, pool, ping-pong games, darts, and other games while listening to music; snacks and mockeritas will also be provided.

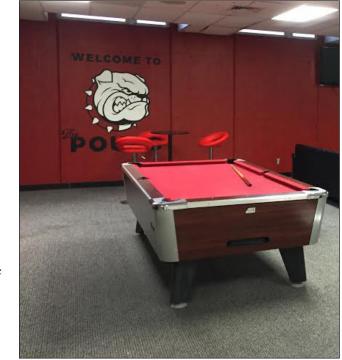


Photo by Kody Bowde

Recently remodeled, the Pound offers a place for students to enjoy themed events, such as movie nights, game nights, and music.

## Campus



## Claudias Caesar the Snail

Remembering a Well-Known Snail

By Emmy Goering

Claudia's life was cut short on November 7th due to an unforeseen snail illness. A celebration of life ceremony was held on Tuesday, November 14th. While he spent most of his life in the community fish section at the Salina Petco, he moved to McPherson College campus, where his life continued until his tragic death. Claudias, you will be missed.



### Claudias Diversity Shared Throughout Programming

By Kody Bowden

hroughout each month here on campus, resident assistants host programmings to bring people together and provide a learning opportunity. These programmings vary with each R.A. and each month. Previous programmings included campus awareness themed jeopardy where each question provided answers on how to stay safe on campus and where offices are located on campus. Others included Halloween themed pumpkin painting, plagiarism awareness with a Simon says contest, doorstop painting for residents dorm rooms, and finger painting. The first November Dotzour Hall R.A. programming was themed 'Diversity Soup' and was held on Thursday, November 2nd at 6 p.m. Hosted by R.A.'s Nora Grosbach and Liz Thornton in the second floor lobby. Nora prepared three soups

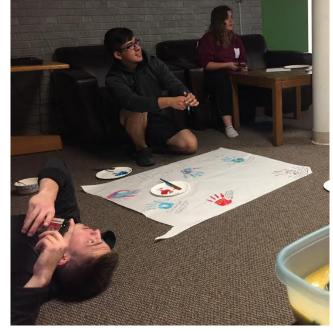




Photo by Kody Bov

"Diversity Soup" program, hosted by resident assistants, Nora Grosbach and Liz Thornton on November 2 at 6 p.m. in Dotzour hall. Focusing on sharing diversity with various soups and a hand print activity.

for residents to eat, all of which were gluten free and dairy free. The first soup prepared was an Italian Zappa Toscana; this soup was made with coconut milk, chicken broth, fresh spinach, Italian sausage, potatoes, and onion. The second soup prepared was White Chicken Chili; this soup was made with chicken broth, beans, shredded chicken, and served on a bed of white rice. The last soup made was a Tuscan Veggie soup; this soup was made with tomato juice, broth, and assorted vegetables.

While waiting to get a bowl of soup, residents

were encouraged to pain their hands and place them on the sheet of white roll paper provided. Underneath each hand print students wrote what they identify as. Examples included statements such as "I am a male" and "I am creative", any statement that residents felt identified them the best. After the paper sheet was filled it was hung up on the wall in the Dotzour second floor lobby as people enjoyed their soups. The purpose of this programming was to show that diversity is a positive thing and the characteristics each person possesses makes them unique.

#### "I am Thankful for..."

By Kody Bowden

With Thanksgiving and Christmas break right around the corner, many Resident Assistants are centering their programmings on the holiday season. Previous programmings this month included heart healthy education and diversity

soup; more are to come as the semester closes to an end. Junior R.A. Aysia Pryor chose to use both holidays as inspiration for her programming this week. Titled "I Am Thankful For", her activity was held on Tuesday, November 14th at 7:30 p.m. in Bittinger Hall. Residents from all dorms were invited to come

enjoy a holiday activity and snack. Fliers were hung in Bittinger Hall and other locations around campus to encourage students to attend.

Aysia prepared some delicious Cinnabon cinnamon rolls for students as they came through the Bittinger Hall lobby. The activity she choice to pair with her snack was a craft mini poster for which students could decorate what they are thankful for this year. Craft poster paper, glitter, markers, glue guns, crayons, pipe cleaners, and pom-poms were provided to decorate each student's cards. After the cards were decorated, students were given the choice of taking their cards with them or allowing Aysia to hang them up in the Bittinger

Hall lobby for everyone passing by to enjoy.

"I picked this activity as my programming because of the importance and appreciation that this season evokes," said Aysia Pryor. "I think crafts are fun and allow people to show individuality for the holidays. As for the cinnamon rolls, I think they add to the holiday spirit and are a tasty treat to enjoy on a cold day." While

the cinnamon rolls were enjoyed and the crafts were being made, Aysia also took pictures and played holiday music to keep the atmosphere lively and cheerful. Several students shared their excitement for this activity and allowed Aysia to hang their crafts in the lobby, increasing the holiday spirit as Thanksgiving draws close.

## **Sports**



## Double Sporters

### Multi Sport Athletics with Brooke Racette

By Tomi Simmons

At McPherson
College, students
make the bold decision to
balance both sports and
academics. Many choose
one focus, while there are
the select few that go above
and beyond. Women's
basketball captain, Brooke
Racette, is one of the select
few in this. She has done
Javelin in track and field
and women's basketball
all of her three years at

McPherson College.

Double sporting does not come without pressure though. Racette has said, "the pressure from going to basketball to track is maintaining a balance and making sure that my skills from one sport to the other is not lost. I want to continue to get better at both, and so making sure that I put in time for both outside of practice is the biggest pressure." Nevertheless she persists

because of her love of sports.

Deciding to do both sports is a task but it does not come without reward and a great amount of passion. Brooke stated, "I love both sports, they both have done so much for me in my life, and I couldn't give either up." Many multi-sport athletes love both sports evenly, it is quite evident in Racette. In addition to the sport itself, athletes receive support

from their teams and coaches. Brooke Racette has said, "I absolutely love having two coaches. I am extremely blessed with a huge support system because of this. They are the reason I get to do this and it is so fun having a relationship with both basketball and the track team."

Being in a sport keeps student- athletes accountable for their grades and education at McPherson College. Double sporters really have to stay on top on time management in order to be an all-around person academically and athletically. Racette has learned how to prioritize her time from an early age. She has stated, "Being a part of two sporting teams keeps me academically motivated. Getting an education is my top priority. I have goals on going to graduate school, so

getting good grades is most definitely priority. And I learned how to prioritize my time from my early years in life." Multi-sport athletes have many trials to overcomes. However, they are taking over athletics at MAC college with full force and determination to be all around athletes and students.



Photo By Micah Gilbert/McPherson College Athletics



Photo By Micah Gilbert/McPherson College Athletics

Junior Brooke Racette plays both basketball and throws Javelin for McPherson College.

## **Sports**



#### McPherson Hoopers with High Hopes

By Tomi Simmons

November first was tip off for the beginning of basketball season. Though season is in full force, pre-season was just as intense. It began with 6 a.m. trainings with agility and track workouts. In addition, a six-mile fitness test was expected of the boys this year as well.

When asked about how he feels about the future of the team this season, Senior Captain Reno Gurley responded with; "Though we started out with a couple of injured guys, our team is going to be better than last year, our leadership has improved tremendously. The new guys bought in are going to help. The, confidence in each other is there, and we are playing for each other."

The other senior captain Aaron Bachura had this to say,

"I feel as if it's the best team I've been on since I've been here. I'm expecting to do big things this year, the team's chemistry is strong. We really want to get to the national tournament, and getting to Hartman arena which is the championship game of conference. We have a strong core group of guys coming back, we have a great addition with point guards and

post positions. All we need is support."

The team's style is fast paced- up-tempo and pushes the ball up. Most importantly they believe in solid defense.

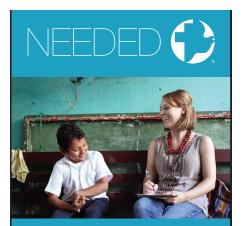
The four core principles that the bulldogs follow is:

- -toughness
- -selflessness
- brotherhood
- trust

Be sure to come out and support the team this season.



Senior Aaron Bachura doing everything in his power to make his Hartman arena expectation a reality.



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#### Senior Feature: Issac Murphy, Dedication to the Game and Bush

By Taylor Hires-Caulk

Isaac Murphy is a senior football player at McPherson College. Isaac is from Houston Texas and came to McPherson College his freshman year without knowing what to expect. Before he came out to Kansas for football and school, he had never been out of state, so everything was a dramatic change for him. He stated that McPherson College made

him feel very welcomed as soon as he arrived. He says that he was happy it was not a big school because all the staff had time to answer all of the important questions he had. He is happy that he made a decision to come to McPherson College and not a big university because he would not get the same experience there as he has had here. He said "coming to McPherson was one of the best decisions I have ever made." He

went on to explain that the football team this year is doing very well being 4-4 and competing in the conference, considering the previous years. Isaac mentioned that this last season has been for his brothers and playing for McPherson College representing that red and white! Isaac said that watching the team change over the years has been crazy, going from coach to coach and watching players

come and go, but these last couple years the coach has been leading them in the right direction and changing the program in a positive way. Isaac has lead the team in tackles this season and he's hoping to continue doing everything he can to help this program rise to the top. "Ultimately, this season has been dedicated to number 15, one of my brothers, Braden Bush", said Isaac. As most of you know Braden Bush was one

of the most positive people on campus and on the field, always putting others before himself. Isaac expressed that this football team has become extremely close this season and there is nobody else he would rather go to battle with. McPherson Football is having a good season and we look forward to seeing what the future holds.



Photo By Micah Gilbert/McPherson

Senior Issac Murphy poses for the camera.

## Viewpoints



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

By Andrew Tanner

If you have spent any Lamount of time on or around campus, then you have almost certainly seen Philip Reinhardt's big black Ford dually. With a large MAINE sticker on the back window made to look like the AC/DC logo this truck is nearly impossible to miss. This truck is equipped with the 7.3 liter International T444E, also known as the "Powerstroke", hooked up to a 5-speed manual transmission. The F-Super Duty is the predecessor to the F-450 and is a 1.5-ton

truck. Reinhardt, a junior from Tenants Harbor, Maine purchased his 1997 Ford F-Super Duty in 2013 and began to do the necessary work to make it his own. Reinhardt bought the truck from a local construction company where it had been utilized as a mechanic's service truck. It had a very heavy service bed on it complete with toolboxes, an air compressor and more, which he promptly removed in lieu of a flatbed he built himself. The mechanic within the company who used the truck was

a personal friend of Reinhardt's father. After the mechanic passed away in 2008, the truck sat unused until 2013. This is not his first car, but it is the vehicle that he has driven the most. At 238,000 miles Reinhardt has clocked 70,000 himself since 2013. Since his ownership the truck has been painted, had the front end rebuilt, extensive engine work performed, had dual exhaust stacks installed, and even had the frame replaced from the cab back due to rust issues. Out of the long list of upgrades,

Reinhardt says that the upgraded diesel injectors and custom adjustable tuner chip, the slightly larger turbo, and water methanol injection are his favorites. This truck has also had the rear gears changed to 3.73s for better highway cruising. Of all the vehicles he owns this one is his favorite. "I've lived my life in that truck for four years now... back and forth across the country 10 times at least," says Reinhardt, "It's a ton of fun." All of the work that has been done to this truck has been performed

by Reinhardt himself or with the assistance of a more experienced friends including the black paint. He has no intentions of getting rid of this truck and is enjoying it as his daily and tow vehicle.



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