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London to Kansas: Back at Mac

Follow-Up Story on Study Abroad

By Deiah Curtis

Hiya Mac, I'm back and better than ever! Unfortunately, all good things must come to an end, and my studying abroad experience was as good as it gets.

Living in the amazing city of London, my life has completely changed without even realizing it until I finally landed back on Kansas soil. As soon as I got back into my home country, the new differences in my home and myself, came flooding in. It was inevitable that some changes were going to occur, but nothing could have prepared me for the amazing new way I look at life. Getting to be apart of a university with over 25,000 students was exciting and made everyday a new adventure. Parliament, Big Ben, the Elizabeth Tower, and Buckingham Palace were just a few of the national monuments I got to see and visit on a weekly basis. Being apart of such focused classes in England allowed me to get a real understanding of their government and culture, but surprisingly an even better look at my own.

Nothing compares to studying abroad. Sure, you can always travel and visit a country for a week or two, but that can never compete with living there, being immersed in your new city. Just

visiting London, you'd overlook the fine details in all the apartment buildings in the inner city streets. You wouldn't stumble upon the best Italian restaurant that's hiding underneath an old jazz bar. You would probably over look street performers on every corner or through each underground station exit because you were in a hurry. You also wouldn't become a regular at the coffee shop down the street where you meet people from over 30 countries and you find yourself meeting another Kansas native just getting a cup of coffee. Studying abroad gave me chances I could never replace like becoming a regular in the local pubs, joking with the new friend I've made in my cashiers, and having coffee with people from all over the world. My eyes were opened wide to every detail, the sounds of the fast city, the calm of the Thames River, and the patient hustle of so many people. Living in England enabled me the chances to hop on a train and go to the City of Love in the most inexpensive way.

Paris was the most incredible city, along with the museums, the music,

the monuments, I probably had one too many baguettes but it was all well worth it. To see the countryside of France, the shores of Ireland, and explore so many of the different cities of England, you could

trip

say my study abroad was quite

literally a dream come true. The memories I have will last a lifetime and if it wasn't for all the help I had from Mac College, my reality would have just stayed my dream.

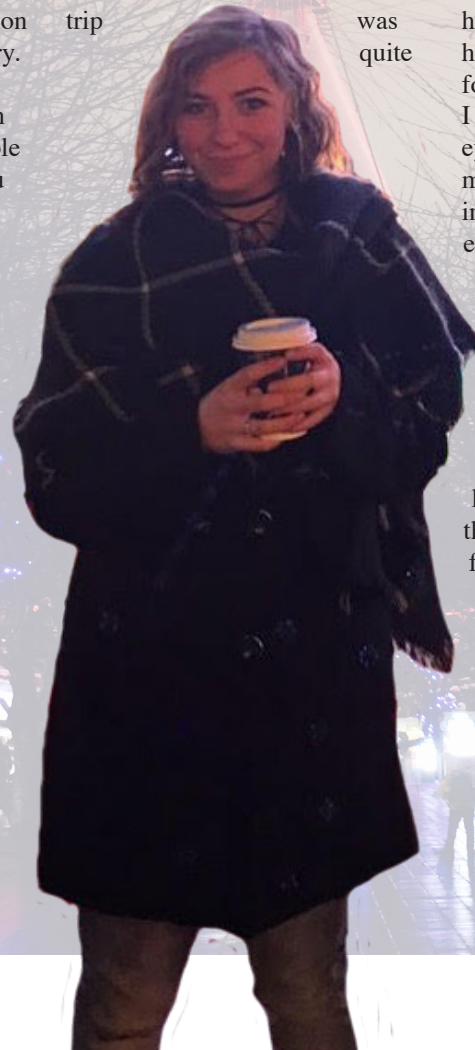
I can't explain how grateful I am for the opportunities that Mac has given me in my four years here, and I'm so excited to back for my last semester! When I left, I took an open mind and bright eyes with me. Now returning, my mind is more open to the incredible world we live in, my eyes can't wait to explore and see more, and my heart is full.

Returning to my college, I can say I am much more aware of my surroundings, recycling is easy, walking is a pleasure, and my family is a gift. I have a resounding new love for my planet as well as the people it contains. My love for exploration and travel have

planted themselves deep into my core, pushing me to go further than ever before.

This study abroad experience has become part of my life forever, inspired me, taught me more than any classroom ever could, and I couldn't have done any of it without my Mac. It's good to be back in my wheat fields, my wide open skies, my land of Oz, where all the magic began. Now to conquering my next big adventure of graduating this May, ending the greatest chapter of my life only to start the next, but never forgetting the inspiring people I've befriended or the amazing opportunities McPherson College has given me!

Until the next adventure,
Deiah



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Golden Globes Has Deeper Meaning in 2018

#MeToo Campaign Highlighted Next to Winners



By Kody Bowden

The 75th annual Golden Globe Awards ceremony was held this year on Sunday, January 7th. Guests began to arrive well before the 7:00 p.m. start at the Beverly Hilton in Los Angeles, CA. The Golden Globe Award got its start in 1994 by the 93 members of the Hollywood Foreign Press Association who believed in recognizing talent in various media platforms. This year, it's 75th anniversary, there was a special theme amongst many celebrities. Not only did the awards ceremony celebrate excellence in both film and television mediums but also included a protest against women's harassment in the entertainment business.

Celebrities such as Emma Stone, Emma Watson, Oprah Winfrey,

Kate Hudson, and many more all wore black attire to the awards to show support of this protest. Many male celebrities such as Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, Chris Hemsworth, Sterling K. Brown, Denzel Washington, and many others also wore all black attire to show their support. All of those who wore black were part of the #MeToo movement to bring awareness and support for "Time's Up". This movement was created so that one day no one will ever have to say "Me too" when talking about sexual harassment.

The Time's Up Legal Defense Fund provides support to those who have experienced: sexual harassment, assault, or abuse in the workplace. This simple act of wearing black turned heads and made a statement with all

those who participated and showed support at such a large and important event. Celebrities that wore black are now auctioning off their gowns and suits from that evening to donate towards the Time's Up Legal Defense Fund.

Although the main attention was on this Time's Up movement, many celebrities won big as the categories and winners were continuously announced. The most talked about winner of the night was Oprah Winfrey and her eight-minute speech, following her acceptance of the Cecil B. DeMille lifetime achievement award. Oprah gave a heart filled speech focusing on the #MeToo movement. After her speech, Winfrey received standing ovations and positive reviews.

Host Seth Meyers called

out the categories and winners as the awards show carried on. By the end of the night, over 20 Golden Globes were handed out for categories ranging from best actor in TV series to best original song in film. A few winners included: Best Animated Film- COCO, Best Actor in a Motion Picture Drama- Gary Oldman in Darkest Hour, and Best Actress in Motion Picture Comedy- Saoirse Ronan in Lady Bird. Some shows and actors won in multiple categories with Nicole Kidman winning best Actress in Limited Series TV with Big Little Lies as well as Big Little Lies winning Best Limited TV Series/Made for TV Movie.

The next large scale awards show is the Grammys, set to be held on January 28th, of 2018. The Grammys will air on Sunday at 4:30 p.m. PT and will also recognize talent but in the music industry instead. Awards will be handed out for Album of the Year, Song of the Year, New Artist of the Year, as well as genre awards. The Grammys and Golden Globes are the first major awards ceremonies to occur in January, with all eyes expecting a continuation of the #MeToo movement to carry on.



New Education Professor Reprint Correction

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 young 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 years 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 lot she is looking forward to here. "I have already seen progress in the students in the few months that I have been here, it makes me very excited to see what we will achieve in a year or more" said Counts.



SPOILER ALERT Star Wars Movie Review

Star Wars Episode VIII: The Last Jedi was released over winter break, which was a hit or miss it seems. But I think it was a major hit. The episode was a great addition to the trilogy, bringing old memories to the viewers along with it feeling new. The biggest things I believe the characters and the story represented in this episode are manipulation, teamwork, power and importance. These lessons are shown throughout the entire movie. We see manipulation through a new form of communication within the force between Kylo Ren and Rey. The two young Jedi can somehow have a FaceTime like communication where they only see each other for about a minute. Kylo uses this to his advantage by manipulating Rey

to turn against Luke. Teamwork is pretty obvious throughout the entire film. Rey and Chewbacca are fetching Luke, which has now turned into a training mission for Rey. Finn and a new character, Rose, are searching for codes to hack into the First Order ship so the rebellion can seek safety.

Meanwhile everyone in the ship are working their hardest not to be caught. Everyone is fighting for the same purpose, to get who and what is left of the rebellion to safety. Power and importance seem to go hand and hand in the film. Rey learns how to connect the force and uses it in many ways, some good and some bad. Kylo Ren finds his extreme power by the end of the movie which he uses to distract and kill his leader, Snoke.

We also see Luke Skywalker who is afraid his teachings are dangerous, from his past experiences, and whether or not he should teach Rey.

Yoda comes back as a ghost to motivate him and Luke eventually shows off his incredible power with the force, in a way we have never seen before, at the end of the movie. These were only a few small parts of the film that made it great. The story line is amazing and shown well by telling many stories both new and old. The feeling of memories from the past and the new stories we know will have a future are what I believe make this film amazing.



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SAB Kicks Off Interterm with Various Events

By Kody Bowden

To start off the New Year, the Student Activities Board (SAB) held a “New Year New Me” bingo. Students gathered together at the cafeteria in the student union at 7 p.m. to play for some new year prizes. Around

fifty students participated as SAB member Ben Falconer called out the numbers, and SAB member Kylee Martin called out the winning cards. The prizes given out at this special bingo included several fifty-dollar gift cards and meal certificates. Kaitlyn Heinis, sophomore, won the

‘Crazy L’ round and chose the Amazon gift card as her prize. Other gift cards prizes included iTunes, Main Street Deli, Craft Coffee Parlor, Applebee’s, and more.

Each round called for a new style of bingo to be played; it began with regular bingo and traded off

every round with blackout, loser bingo, and other fun shapes such as an anchor. Sophomore, Micah Gilbert, took pictures of winner’s faces and prizes given out as the night progressed. The night ended with ten students taking home gift cards, and many taking home a fun memory. Past

bingo game themes have included: Disney characters, where students played for Disney movies, cups, stickers, and games; as well as back to school bingo where students played for laundry baskets with laundry items, snack boxes with a movie and candy, a fit bit, and some assorted

gift cards.

Other SAB events include giant game nights, movie nights outside, and two-dollar movie Tuesdays. Look out for posters and emails about the next SAB events coming in February!



Photo by Micah Gilbert
Jonathan Dominguez and Calvin Cassida during Student Activity Board's “New Year New Me” bingo.



Photo by Micah Gilbert
Kaitlyn Heinis concentrating on her bingo card.

Elephant & Piggie:
we are in a play!

showings:
Feb. 9th @ 7:30pm in Brown
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Net Neutrality: What We Know & What's Next

By Aysia Pryor

The internet is a network providing a variety of information and communication platforms. This network allows us to be connected to whatever website we choose, without any restrictions. Our phone, internet and cable companies are held up to a high standard when it comes enabling access to all websites and applications. We, as consumers, expect to browse the internet without any interference from service providers such as AT&T, Comcast and Verizon. These expectations

that we have is known as Net Neutrality. Net Neutrality is the principle that internet service providers treat all content equally.

In 2015, under the Obama administration, the federal communications commission adopted rules in which internet would regulate internet providers as a public utility. The internet was seen as a public utility in order to give a strong legal backing. These rules prevented internet providers from blocking, throttling and paid prioritization.

In 2017, Ajit Pai,

Chairman of the FCC, under the Trump administration, had a goal to reverse the net neutrality rules passed in 2015. His goal was to remove the rules that guarantee access to the websites and services consumers want. Pai's goal and push to remove the promise to access became a reality later in December. In a 3-2 vote, the FCC approved to remove the net neutrality rules.

In large, the new net neutrality rules don't prohibit internet providers from doing anything. Which means they can block and throttle content

if they choose to. The rule that comes along with this is that the providers have to publicly state that they're going to do it.

Companies like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon will have the ability to decide which websites, content and applications go through to their consumers. They can slow down their competitors' content or block information they disagree with. Along with this, they can also charge extra fees to a few content companies that are able to pay to regulate everyone else to slower service.

Marginalized

communities, such as people of color, the LGBTQ community and religious minorities will have the short-end of the stick. Media outlets have failed to represent these groups correctly or failed to serve them in general. These communities relied heavily on the open-internet policy to access economic and educational opportunities.

Consumer advocates have argued that internet providers will begin to sell the internet in bundles. This means that in order to have access to certain social media, consumers would have to pay for a premium

package containing those websites.

As of right now, the internet is still functioning as usual, the hype over "net neutrality" and #savetheinternet on Twitter and other social media platforms has died down. When the rules went through the federal register, there was a wave of lawsuits. In recent, many states are pushing to preserve net neutrality. Lawmakers are working to propose bills to keep net neutrality and net neutrality protections.





A Puerto Rican Playcation

New Territory, Same Dogs



McPherson Basketball poses for a family style picture after bonding with the local community.

By Tomi Simmons

Over winter break, the McPherson College Men's Basketball Team went to Puerto Rico to play two games. The boys were there for a week and did a various amount of activities. The team got exposed to a new culture while simultaneously working hard to better their games. They ended the week with two wins and a closer bond to each other than ever before.

Freshman guard Jeffrey Oxford stated that the team had gone snorkeling in the ocean. "It was cool because I had never seen the ocean in person before Puerto Rico. Seeing the animals and clear water was amazing." Sophomore Forward, Lual Magot also said, "the snorkeling, putting on a basketball camp for the youth and

sightseeing was my favorite part. Giving back to the community there was really rewarding and meeting a lot of the people was cool."

The team saw battle sightings from the Spanish American War, went to old San Juan, cemeteries on the coast, and old government buildings. Magot said, "seeing the history of the area was so interesting!"

The culture was vastly different for the boys as well. Oxford said, "There was a lot of Spanish speaking and the drivers were crazy. The roads were extremely narrow and the laws did not seem to be set in stone. It was actually kind of scary driving around!" As far as food goes, the team enjoyed a various amount of cuisines. One of the days, they had gotten

Gelato together, making it a bonding experience as well. The boys also made an impact on the community, by holding a youth camp; helping kids de

As far as game time goes, the boys beat Universidad Del Sagrado Corazon 65-52; and Universidad De Puerto Rico Carolina 85-42. Lual Magot stated, "it sucked not being able to play due to my injuries, but I was proud of the team and glad to be able to watch. The two wins gave us momentum to lead into conference after break. We got a lot closer through this trip as well." Oxford also said, "the trip was one to remember forever with the boys." The McPherson College Bulldogs had an enjoyable and productive time in Puerto Rico.



McPherson Basketball takes a dip in the Ocean



McPherson Basketball finds their zen with a quick yoga session, letting go of the tension that a KCAC conference can bring.



McPherson Tennis Making a Racket On And Off The Court

By Tyler Dunn

For everyone excited about the 2018 tennis season, we're almost there! The Bulldogs stars will have been off for nearly four months when the action picks up again at Newman University on February 11th. After closing the first half of their season with a loss at Emporia State the Dogs were given a break but now they're eager to jump back in and cause a racket in the conference. Mentally they could use a break, the mid-season break serves a refresher for most of the athletes. For some of the team, that came in the form of traveling home

to the countries that they came from. Every athlete can relate to the feeling of coming home. Home is a place of comfort, safety, a place that reminds you of who you are, but it also serves as a reminder of who you want to be. So coming back to the States, some of our tennis players have redefined their goals, they have redefined why this experience is so valuable. It was once said that "Home is where our stories begin, but not where it ends." With our team we know their story is just beginning, and the only limits they have are the ones they give

themselves. While our team has a chapter titled "KCAC Tournament" the concern lies in how they're getting there. They need to keep their team commitments, and show that they are dedicated to what they love doing even though it may cost their time and energy. Sacrificing days and nights in the weight room and the courts, because that's what it takes to be Champions of the KCAC. For some, like Freshman Andi Huber, it takes overcoming the pressure of being on team that has a name known in the KCAC. It takes "Being confident and playing at

a high level despite that pressure." to further that Huber said "I have a knee problem but I would fight for every single ball for the team even though it's going hurt." That's the mindset of a player from a team that is deep with commitment and a hunger to win. It is that hunger that makes the McPherson College tennis team a team that this community can stand behind, and with that support a KCAC Championship is destined to come.



Senior Spotlight Nora Grosbach

By Taylor Cunningham

Nora Grosbach is a senior BioChem major. She has been involved in the cheer and dance program since her freshman year, and was also one of the girls who helped to restart the program. "This program took a lot to get running again. We all worked extremely hard to get it going again and I learned so much about myself in the process. By the end of the first year, there were only 4 of us. It takes a lot of confidence and bravery to get up in front of your peers and cheer and dance. I learned I can withstand much more than I think I can", Grosbach

shared. After graduation, Grosbach plans to take a year off and then attend medical school. On campus, Nora is an RA, and is involved in Alpha Psi Omega and Pre-Health Professionals. Nora's advice to underclassmen is, "You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think. Go out and try new things that might scare you. If you fail, you'll learn from it. If you think you completely embarrassed yourself, pick yourself up and keep moving forward, don't let it define you."

Racing to Victory Cross Country Season

By Tomi Simmons

The cross country team this year made a great run for playoffs during the season. The team got closer as a group, bonded and trained to their utmost potential. Freshman runner Alyssa Wilson stated, "We all got along really well and always treated each other like a family. There was absolutely no drama at all. We supported each other and we all had good and bad races, we just tried to push one another a little harder always." Overall, they did well, but did not make it to the next race of playoffs after the KCAC final. Freshman Cassandra

Valenzuela stated, "Though we didn't meet the expectations that were needed to go onto the next race, we didn't place too bad. This could be looked at in a negative aspect but I like to view it as a challenge."

Outdoor season consisted of six races including the KCAC championships, which they placed sixth in. The men's cross country team placed first place this year in the Sterling College Warrior Fest and the Tabor College Invite. They trained all fall and late August with their runs and weights becoming more and more

intense. Every Monday they ran long runs consisting of about eight and a half miles.

As far as weights go, they worked with kettlebells for strength training and abs in order to keep their bodies in shape. Cassandra said, "Training was tough but with the right work this year, next Summer and Fall will be a great season with the team." With this season, comes the time to perform for indoor track and field long and mid distance as well. The mid distance consists of six hundred meters to a mile; while the long distance is 1000 meters to a Ten K race. The team

continues to practice five days a week and sometimes even six depending on the races scheduled. The McPherson College Bulldogs are running in the right direction to victory!



Photo of Taylor Dreiling, Cross Country Runner



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

By Andrew Tanner

Jerod Fuller, a junior from Polk City, Florida, purchased his 1998 Chevrolet S10 pickup from a private seller in Orlando when he was 17 years old. At the time, the engine was a four cylinder that was done for, so he was able to purchase it for \$800. After getting the truck home, Fuller pulled out the engine and transmission and lowered the truck by four inches. Because he was young, buying expensive parts wasn't an option so he did his best to find deals.

His plan was to swap in a 5.3 liter Chevrolet V8 engine in place of the useless four cylinder and procured the proper engine for \$200 complete with

everything he needed to make it run. The T56 manual transmission came from a 1996 Camaro that he parted out to make some extra cash.

Using the money from the parts sales, Fuller was able to convert the older T56 to fit a newer GM LS engine like the 5.3 he was installing. His father's friend worked for a company that produced items necessary for swapping LS engines into almost any vehicle desired, and Fuller was able to obtain new engine mounts for a reasonable cost.

Many other modifications were performed by Fuller himself, and lots of junkyard prowling yielded him rear disc brakes and a radiator from a 2000 Blazer,

as well as many other S10 parts. All in all, it took him 8 months to get the truck running. Fuller ran into problems with the computerized engine, because unlike an older engine troubleshooting was much more complicated. Because he was about to start school at McPherson

College, he was out of time to solve the problem. After returning home for the next summer, Fuller was able to find the issue and get it running perfectly, but ended up running it a little too hard and spun a rod bearing on his way from Florida to Kansas. Thus, he did a full rebuild with the help of Professor Curt Goodwin's assistance and has since driven the S10 to Indiana, Florida, and back

to Kansas. While in Florida, Fuller installed a more powerful camshaft as well as hardened pushrods and better valve springs.

In September, with the truck running its best, Fuller had it up to 6,000 RPM and

the engine threw two rods causing catastrophic detonation. He now has a new block ready to be built with the same upgraded valvetrain and plans to install a Ford 8.8 rear axle out of an Explorer that will

provide him with a limited slip differential and full disc brakes. In the future, Fuller hopes to take his S10 to a drag strip and the dirt track, but suspects he will eventually sell it and move on to something else.



Photo By Andrew Tanner

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