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Brett Kavanaugh Confirmed to Supreme Court

By: Matthew Melchor

In June of 2018, Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy wrote in a letter to President Donald Trump stating that he would be retiring effective July 31, 2018. This opened up another seat on the Supreme Court, allowing President Trump to appoint a second judge to the nation's highest court in his first term.

On July 9, District of Columbia Circuit of Appeals Judge Brett Kavanaugh stood alongside his family in the East Room of the White House as Trump announced his nomination to fill the empty seat on the Supreme

Court. The next day, Kavanaugh began to meet with Vice President Mike Pence and other senators to determine if they indeed agreed with his policies and him with theirs. On September 4, Kavanaugh returned to Capitol Hill to begin his confirmation hearing with the Senate Judiciary Committee, where he gave his opening remarks.

Just twelve days after the hearing began, Dr. Christine Blasey Ford accused Kavanaugh of sexually assaulting her at a party in high school. Ford stated that Kavanaugh and his friend, Mark Judge, trapped her in a

room and began to assault her, covering her mouth when she tried to scream. She continued that she did eventually get away from the two and the event caused her to suffer from anxiety for years. Kavanaugh quickly denied any incident happening "back in high school or at any time." Six days later on September 18, Dr. Ford's lawyers wrote a letter to the FBI calling for an investigation into the matter.

Over the next week and a half, two more women came forward, with one woman claiming that Kavanaugh exposed himself at a party while

studying at Yale. On September 27, both Dr. Ford and Judge Kavanaugh testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee. The committee hired a sex-crimes prosecutor to pose questions to both individuals. Dr. Ford states that she was "100%" certain Kavanaugh was the man that sexually assaulted her. Much of the information Dr. Ford brought forward was damaging to Kavanaugh's character. She was not able to give a means of how she got to the party, how she got home, the location of the party, or when the party was going on. Kavanaugh responded later that day

giving an emotional testimony and denying any act of sexual assault. The next day, the Senate Judiciary Committee called for an FBI investigation into the accusations. On October 1, Mark Judge's lawyers released a statement saying that he had been interviewed by the FBI, the next day stating that the interview was over. Later that night, President Trump mocked Dr. Ford's testimony while at a campaign rally in Mississippi saying, "How did you get home? I don't remember. How'd you get there? I don't remember. Where is the place? I don't remember. How many

years ago was it? I don't know."

Finally, on October 4, The FBI delivered its findings to the committee, allowing senators to review the information before voting on the confirmation the next day. The next day, the Senate voted 51-49 in favor of advancing the nomination process of Judge Brett Kavanaugh. Two days later, Kavanaugh is confirmed by the Senate 50-48, one of the closest confirmations in the nation's history. Later that day, Kavanaugh was sworn in by Chief Justice John Roberts and retired Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy.

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Why Do We Need the Newest?

By: Matthew Melchor

Almost two months ago, Apple announced three new phones: iPhone XS, iPhone XS Max, and iPhone XR. Shortly after the release of the new iPhones, Samsung announced “A Galaxy Event” set for October 11. On October 3, Google announced a new Pixel phone coming and has recently burst onto the technology scene,

purchasing YouTube, part of HTC, and Nest, a smart home company. The question is, why do we always need a new product and what race is everyone running? Are companies trying to be the fastest to the ultimate product? Do they just want to offer the best technology they can release? As much as we question the companies, we should question ourselves. Why do we continue to purchase the newest

products? Why do we always need the newest, most advanced products these companies offer us?

Since the release of the first iPhone, Apple has released a new phone every year, occasionally releasing multiple models at the same time. It’s not just technology, though; the sports teams order new gear each year, athletes purchase new shoes, and every student is guilty of shopping for something

you don’t really need. As Americans, we always need something before others. Rather than using products until they can no longer be used, we seem to throw away functioning units for newer ones. This may be the reality of the generation we’re apart of and the world we live in, which is very unfortunate. No one cherishes what the past brought us and the technology that has lasted for years (except

the automotive restoration students, those folks like OLD stuff). The world has found a product we do not completely understand, and it is evolving at a rate no one could have thought possible: the computer.

We need new items because of how fast our world is changing. It’s not our fault or the scientists, engineers, and computer geniuses that are discovering these advances. Technology

has allowed doctors to create body parts specific to patients, clothing companies to produce new fabrics and weaves at a quicker pace, and even enabled regular, every-day people to access every question and answer in the world in the palm of our hand. The generation or the world we live in today has not changed the fact that humans always want the newest thing, it has just offered it to us faster.

Hurricane Michael

By: Tyler Dunn

Hurricanes have been in full force over the last few months. Recently Hurricane Michael slammed into the Florida Panhandle, leaving Mexico Beach and Panama City Beach in shambles. The latest death toll was said to be around 18, with city officials still on the hunt for survivors among the wreckage. City manager for Mexico Beach, Tanya Castro, told ABC News that they were still trying to locate those who didn’t evacuate.

Michael has been recorded as one of the most powerful hurricanes to hit the U.S. With 155 mph winds at landfall,

Michael was nearly a Category 5 storm that smashed records as the strongest ever to roar onto the state’s exposed Panhandle. Residents compared the damage to that of an atomic bomb over the cities.

Despite the damage and evacuations some cities were denied a voter registration extension. Opening the door for many injunctions to be filed, they believe this is necessary for city residents. In the words of Kristen Clarke, president and executive director of the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, “Our lawsuit is about protecting the right to vote for people impacted by Hurricane

Michael in a moment where state officials have been unresponsive and unwilling to do the right things,” and many residents agree with her. With a country already in a state of dissonance, not allowing people a constitutional right has people up in arms, rallied together to make sure their voices are heard.

So while Michael decimated cities and left people struggling to recover, it has also sparked a fire in people and become a catalyst for a movement. In a way the destruction has fostered reconstruction for more than cities, it has fostered the reconstruction of voices that have been silent for far too long.

Pink Out

By: Tomi Simmons

October marks Breast Cancer Awareness Month. These thirty-one days are a time to continue to raise awareness, funds, and compassion for those who have been affected by this disease. Throughout the month there are national events, conferences, and memorials to unify people towards the cause. There is also 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 is still 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 are celebrations for survivors of breast cancer. All month many people who have survived hold charity events for the cause. In Wichita, there will be an American Cancer Society “Making Strides” walk on October 20, 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.

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.



Governor Face-Off

By: Anonymous

L*aura Kelly* is the Democratic nominee in the upcoming election for governor in Kansas. She has been a member of the Kansas Senate since 2004. Growing up in a military family, Kelly was exposed to the important values of service, accountability, and integrity. These values have stayed with her and are influencing her campaign. During the campaign, Kelly has advocated for fiscally responsible budgets, more funding for education, and a better healthcare system. She plans to increase the funds for education and replace the money

taken from KDOT (Kansas Department of Transportation) by the Brownback Administration, of which Kris Kobach was a part. Kelly has also been endorsed by 27 former and current Republican lawmakers in our state. The fact that they do not see their own party's candidate as fit for office speaks volumes. Kobach wants to repeat the so called "Brownback Experiment," slashing taxes and taking money from schools and KDOT to compensate. Because of this, many moderate republicans are considering voting for Kelly.

Laura Kelly Vs. Kris Kobach

By: Anonymous

N*ominee Kris Kobach* plans to "Make Kansas Great Again" through protecting what matters most to Kansas residents. He has the background to make Kansas thrive socially and economically. Kobach has served as the Kansas Secretary of State and also served in the Department of Justice in Washington following the 9/11 attacks. Kris Kobach plans to instill traditional family values into his political

movements as governor. He plans to keep taxes low to ensure jobs flourish. Kobach plans to put more job training programs into schools and his promise is that 75% of education spending will be put towards classrooms. Fighting illegal

immigration and terrorism has been Kris Kobach's incentive in politics since the beginning. Kobach is also the co-author of Arizona's SB 1070 illegal immigration law, one of the models for legislation. In addition, the governor nominee wants end in-

state tuition for illegal aliens, sanctuary cities, and the providing of welfare to illegal immigrants. Overall, Kris Kobach plans to better Kansas through following President Trump's lead. Kobach will make Kansas great.



Photo: Laura Kelly

Photo: Kris Kobach

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One Big Family

2018 Family Day

By Colin Parks

On September 29, 2018, McPherson College hosted its second Family Day here on campus. The many families that came not only enjoyed spending time with their bulldog student, but also enjoyed the many activities that the school had offered on campus. The athletics department had a host of sporting events including multiple volleyball games vs. Friends University and also Randal University (OKLA.) at the Sports Center, a softball tournament at both Bulldog Park and Lakeside Park, and a football game vs. Friends University at McPherson Stadium. Events not sports related included a family photo session at the campus entryway, a campus scavenger hunt, SAB Family Feud, SAB bingo, a color run hosted by SAB and M-Club, lunch and dinner in the Dining Hall, and also the opportunity for siblings

to stay in the dorms overnight. Freshman student Peyton Ohnoutka stated that she enjoyed her first family day. Her family participated in multiple events including SAB bingo, the campus scavenger hunt, attended the volleyball games to watch her play, and also watched the football game that night, saying that her family “enjoyed every moment.” Another Freshman, James Cooper, also said that his step mom “enjoyed” her time here. “My step mom loves the campus here and also the people here having their arms open,” Cooper stated. Cooper and his step mom participated in the scavenger hunt, and also bingo, and took in the volleyball games, and the football game. Cooper summed up his experience by saying, “Definitely my most memorable moment was when my step mom filled me in on all that was happening back home.”

Photo by Micah Gilbert

Mac Fall Traditions

By Taylor Cunningham

Traditions, customs and beliefs are passed on generation to generation. There are many traditions here at McPherson College, but let’s talk about fall ones specifically. Those include homecoming, Bulldog Madness, and even two new traditions. Homecoming is one of the largest traditions at McPherson College. This tradition helps to bring alumni together and back to campus to meet students and the reunite with fellow classmates. Monica Rice, Director of Alumni and Constituent Relations, says that the Young Alumni Award is one of her favorite things about homecoming. “It celebrates what cool things young alums are

doing,” Rice said. There are a few components to homecoming, including the Honors Convocation and Young Alumni Award, the activities fair, the homecoming theater production, the church service and choir concert, and the homecoming ceremony itself. Jd. Bowman, Professor of Theater, shared some of his memories about homecoming. “There has always been a show on homecoming. We’ve done six alumni shows since 1993. A former alumni contacted Rick Tyler about doing an alumni show, and they did. The first one was a murder mystery in the fall of ‘93. It used to be students did tech and alumni performed, and now it’s typically students perform one weekend

and the alumni perform one weekend.” This year, the students will perform Thursday, alumni Friday, and a blended cast on Saturday due to an early fall break. “We have alums come from in and out of state, and they rehearse for 10 hours a day. I’m excited for the student response,” Bowman said. He also appreciated that homecoming has been about alumni, the amount of activities that go on, and especially hearing about the Young Alumni Awards. President Schneider was a student from 1992 until 1996. He says that since being a student and becoming President, homecoming has changed in a few ways. “Homecoming has been going on for a long time. It was always a really big deal, I remember the student booths going all morning until gametime. When I was on Spec staff, I wrote an editorial about homecoming. I wrote about welcoming alums, and how students were frustrated it wasn’t as student driven. I think now we are doing a good job of balancing alumni and student activities. I love getting to see all of the alumni and meeting new people,” President Schneider said. He also remembers Bulldog Madness. “It used to be called Midnight Madness, and it was always at midnight on

the first day basketball was able to practice,” Schneider shared. This year, Bulldog Madness will be held on Sunday, October 21st at 9 p.m. in the Sports Center. This is the 11th annual Bulldog Madness. It is the kick off to basketball season, and there will be snacks, a free t-shirt for the first 300 people, performances, and a scrimmage. Two new traditions at MC are the fall sports preview, and Family Day. The fall sports preview is a new tradition this year. Each fall sports team was introduced, and SAB hosting games for students to participate in. The cheer team also performed fight song and various chants. Family Day began in spring of 2018, and although it began in spring, it will be held in the fall each year. This year, Family Day took place on September 29th. Families participated in a variety of activities throughout the day, including Family Feud, bingo, a scavenger hunt, and sporting events. Many traditions come and go, but these are the ones McPherson College has seen throughout its history. The new ones are hoped to be carried on for many years to come, much like the ones already in place. These traditions help to make MC what it is today.





Freshman Transitions

By Cali Godwin

We are three months into the new school year, and events around campus are at an all-time high. Freshmen were welcomed in August with open arms and an abundance of activities to do. Last year a returning tradition took place the day freshmen moved in. The sea of red was brought back, where all freshmen followed a bag piper through the campus. The upperclassman, staff, faculty and families of the freshmen cheered on the new members of the McPherson College family while wearing red.

A group who had a big contribution to helping with the new freshmen are the ACE mentors on campus. This group of students help the freshmen make their transition into college a little easier in many ways. ACE mentors help with ACE class, act as a role model to their mentees, as well as help get freshmen involved with many events on campus.

I interviewed sophomore, Courtney Weesner, about her transition as a freshman compared to this year's group. Weesner is an ACE mentor who could shed the light on an incoming freshman this year. Last year a new concept was born, called the "First 40 Days." Weesner explained

that, "The first 40 day's events are held by a group of student leaders called the SEALS. They either are at events to check students in, or come up with ideas of events to be held, just so there's something going on for the first 40 days that the freshmen are here."

We discussed how the McPherson campus wants their freshmen to see that there is always something to do on campus and be involved, and the first 40 days are a great example of that. Besides the first 40 days, McPherson College offers a variety of events for all students. Weesner talked about her experience as a freshman, "I went to a lot of RA programmings and SAB events. I probably went to about 20 different things my first semester and maybe even double that my second semester." With many events to choose from last year, this year's events have increased. The resident assistants put on programmings throughout each month, clubs on campus hold events, and a new addition called "Pound Nights" have begun this year, as well. With everything going on, Weesner stated that "They [freshmen] seem super involved, and loving the different things that are offered around campus." McPherson College does all it can to make their

students feel welcome and involved their first year and the years after. Weesner said it best, "You can tell the college wants their freshman and their new students to succeed here."



Photo by Cali Godwin

MC Confessions

"I know a girl that is dating a guy and she wants to break up with him so she can date around, but he is head over heels for this girl."

"I have a crush on Alanna Wren. She lights up my world with her smile. She is very beautiful and smart and athletic. She gives me reason."

"Sometimes I make hair-artwork on the dorm shower walls. I disgust myself."

"There's a crusty oatmeal bowl in my dish drawer that hasn't been washed for like two years. The longer I leave it there, the less I want to try to scrape it clean."

"I love the smell of musky basements. They remind me of my childhood. (That's because I used to play dress up in my Grandparents' basement, not because I was abducted or something)."

"Cheese makes me REALLY pooty, but I eat it anyway and my roommate hates me for it."

"I used to have a crush on my coach"

**Want to add your confessions?
Check your bulldog email for the link!
Next issue will be published on November
16th, 2018.**

Alumni Advice

By Karlie Sneed

McPherson College alum Deon Shorter recently shared his inspiring story of how failure can teach one to "make adjustments" in all aspects of life. Shorter transferred to McPherson College as a junior and graduated in 2014 with a Bachelors in Communication. He played football, participated in various clubs, and included himself in ministries like the New Hope Church.

Shorter briefly described his time as a college student: "College was the overall best decision I made for myself." However, he still had "rollercoaster moments." There was one moment in particular that stood out among others and helped to teach him an important lesson. After receiving a C- on a paper, a disappointed Shorter sat down with Ben Coffey in the Writing Center. "Ben walked me through what thesis control meant, what grammar meant, what sentence structure meant, what flow meant... he worked with me for the remainder of the semester" stated Shorter. Overall, Coffey encouraged him to work harder at his writing skills.

Due to his dedication and the help he received from Coffey, Shorter went on to excel in academics.

This experience led him to adapt a new way of thinking: "Maybe you're good, but you're not great...you gotta correct some things, and make things better... you need to get help and ask for help," said Shorter on the matter. "Be coachable all the time."

When asked to give advice to the current students at Mac College, Shorter leaves this important message: "Compete with yourself, today... do everything you can to be the best version of you...because once you leave college and you're in the professional world, that same behavior and that attitude that you have...transfer it over. It's a natural thing for me, I don't have to relearn it."

Though that specific moment of failure stood out to him, college was an overall positive experience for Shorter; it helped to teach and shape him. Today, Shorter spends his time working as a case manager for high school students and lives with his wife in his hometown Pasadena, California. Deon Shorter's story is inspiring to not only the people he centers himself around now, but also those he left behind in small-town McPherson, Kansas.



Football Team Faces Up and Down Season

By: Joseph Robben

Adversity. That is the word that comes to mind when you think of this year's football team. The team came into camp this year with nearly one hundred players, the highest attendance MC has had in the last four years. The players went through camp with the knowledge that some guys would be ineligible or that some may leave. By the time

week one arrived, many players were dealing with injuries. They had to overcome them, somehow. The team played rival Bethany in week one and, thankfully, left with a 30-13 win. That was the first win. The following week they traveled to Kansas City to face Avila. This is Avila's first year in the conference as they were in the Heart of America last year. The conditions were not the best; it

was rainy and gloomy. After a hard-fought battle, the Bulldogs lost by a score of 54-31. The bus ride back to McPherson was not the best ride; the team came together and realized that they have bigger and better things for the rest of the season. The next week was the annual Blake Reed memorial game against Southwestern broadcasted by ESPN. This game meant a lot to the Reed

family and the town of McPherson. After being down in the game, the Bulldogs rallied and came away with a win of 45-35. The team would have a week off to prepare for Friends. The Bulldogs beat the Falcons 37-21, which put the team at three wins, the total amount of wins they had all season last year. Senior defensive end Joey Hale said that this team has come a long way. "The

number of guys on this team is incredible. Just creating that bond with your teammates is special and that creates brotherhood, and that is how you show that you are here for your team and your brothers" said Hale. Next, they faced Bethel. The conditions were not great; there was rain and cold wind. The game was back and forth, but the Bulldogs could not prevail with a score of 56-42. The

team has overcome a lot of adversity with injuries, conditions, and not winning a road game yet. "We have to keep fighting for each other to get over the adversity; if we have things that go wrong and arguments then we need to come together as a family and fight to be great," stated Hale.



Tennis Players Earn Spots to Nationals

By: Alex Burger

To say that the McPherson College tennis players didn't perform well this past season would be an understatement. Not only did some of them make it through the season with a winning record, but some of them earned a ticket to the NAIA Tennis Championships. In the NAIA, tennis season takes place in the spring. In the fall

however, tennis focuses more on the individual aspect as top tier programs participate in tournaments that are put on by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA). McPherson College had four athletes make it to the tournament, two men and two women. On the men's side, Jacob Turley and Julien Bodin will be competing in the tournament as a seed that is to be determined for doubles. Turley and

Bodin's road to the tournament was not an easy one. The week prior to this tournament they played Texas A&M Texarkana, a team that had previously beat the McPherson doubles team. It contained a couple close matches, one being a final score of 6-2. Despite being counted as the underdogs, they overcame the stigma. That match won them the ITA Regional Championship, giving

them a secured spot in the NAIA Tennis Championships. On the women's side, Brittany Zipf and Erika Paradise will be competing also as an unknown seed for doubles. Zipf and Paradise marched through the tournament field to win the ITA Regional Championship locking up their slot in the NAIA Tennis Championship. Zipf will be the lone Bulldog that is also competing in the tourney

as a singles competitor. This is Zipf's first year making it in singles after losing multiple hard fought battles in the Regional Championship two years in a row. Knowing that she had finally done it, Zipf described the feeling as "a surreal moment that was everything that she had been working towards." Also, the fact she was able to make it with her teammates made it

that much better. The tournament will be held in Rome, Georgia. Tipoff for the matches are as follows: Zipf will start Thursday off facing Anais Gabriel from Keiser University at 9:00 a.m. followed by Zipf/Paradise's match against San Diego Christian College at 1:30 p.m. To end the day at 3:30 p.m. Turley/Bodin will face Georgia Gwinnett College.

Photo by Micah Gilbert/McPherson College Athletics

Senior Feature: Joey Hale

By: Taylor Cunningham

Joey Hale is a senior majoring in business management and marketing. He is from

Hutchinson, Kansas and transferred to McPherson College from Hutchinson Community College. Joey is a defensive end for Mac, and has played

football since third grade. "Honestly looking forward to finishing out the season strong, and beating some of the best teams in our conference,"

Hale said. Hale is also the 2018 Blake Reed Memorial Scholarship recipient.





Volleyball Success: Hard Work Pays Off

By: Kim Hill

Recently, I was able to speak with the head volleyball coach Jessica Cleveland. Cleveland told me how the team is doing this season, as well as mentioned their previous season. Last season, the volleyball team did awesome. They lost only one senior due to

graduation and filled the hole back in February. The team has been together for six months and they get along great as a team. Recruiting basically never ends, they recruit based off of skills and techniques. They got rid of goals and replaced it with values. The team has three values they go by: “Camaraderie” is family

friendly and mutual trust in team and friendship, “Bounce Back” means to come back from failure, and finally, “I bite no bark”, or is to be humble through success. The volleyball team is 22-1 this season. While watching them in the stands, I see them play as a team and get along well with each other. They help each other

out during practice and during the game. Practice started August 13th so they could get ready for the season head of them. The volleyball team is focused on winning this season. They will lose only four seniors this year, but they will fill those shoes for next season. They will do well every season as they stay focused and

work as a team. The KCAC tournaments starts November 8th and goes through November 10th. First round of nationals are November 17th. Sixty-four players will play in Iowa on November 27th to December 1st. I love watching them play in the games and in practice. I know they want to go all the way,

that is why they practice hard before the season starts. They are playing good teams in the states. I remember when they were excited about going to Florida over Labor Day weekend. I really enjoy bonding with team it helps me to get know the team better.



Above Photos by Micah Gilbert/McPherson College Athletics

Pictured above (L to R): #14 Rianne Richard and #15 Kelsey Doll

Senior Feature: Devrie Sombers

By: Antonio Snyder

Devrie Sombers is a senior volleyball player at McPherson College and has been a large part of the team’s success.

Sombers is from Colorado Springs, Colorado and

had previously attended Pine Creek High School. Sombers is a member of the Pre-Health Professions Club. She chose McPherson College because of the short 6-hour drive and its exceptional science program. Sombers was also grateful for the

drop-down game day net in the gym. “I really liked [the net] so that we wouldn’t have to set it up on game days. Setting up normal nets can really be a pain, so I appreciate it.”

Sombers has been playing Volleyball for about 14 years. She is a

biology major and plans to continue her education, but hasn’t decided between dental school or becoming a physician’s assistant. When Sombers isn’t hitting the books or playing on the court, she enjoys skiing, hiking, relaxing in hammocks, or

anything else that brings her closer to her friends while exploring nature, including skydiving. “The spirit squad didn’t [cheer for volleyball] in previous years and we’ve loved having them on the sidelines!”





Cars on the Corner with Mason Duffey

By: Mason Duffey

Many of the students in the automotive restoration program have gained their love for classic cars over the years from all kinds of places, such as toys they played with when they were kids or from a tv show they watched that inspired them. Some of the students seemed to have been surrounded by cool cars since they were born. This is the case for Billy Farkash who has been around vintage Jeeps nearly his entire life. He claims that his aunt and uncle really boosted his love for these off-road machines. Farkash remembers their

seventies Jeep truck that was built for driving off the beaten path. His aunt and uncle weren't his only inspiration; his father and grandma also own Jeeps. In total, his family has 8 Jeeps including a 1967 Jeep Kaiser M715 military truck.

While living here in Kansas, Farkash spends his free time working on the three Jeeps he has here. The Jeep on the left, shown in the picture, is a 1963 Gladiator. It is one of the first five hundred ever built of that model. He plans on keeping the original patina but also making it drivable. The Jeep in the middle is a

Photo by Mason Duffy



1971 J200 short-bed pickup that is going to be used

as local town of Roxbury. The town originally

purchased this car for the fire department, and it still

wears its hand-painted fire department logos today. Farkash plans on keeping the original style of this Jeep and continuing to drive it daily.

Farkash is a sophomore in the restoration program and is hoping to work in a restoration shop after he graduates, preferably one that specializes in Jeeps or military vehicles, which sounds perfect for a guy like him.

Himpathy

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Minor Thoughts Poem

By: Cara Hudson
Rogue Writers President

Everyone claims some sort of minority, But are we right to assume all minorities alike? Whether our minorities are major or minor, No one person is made up of either. A man with a mole, for instance, Claims his gender as majority And his mole-having as minority. A baby with a light

complexion Could fear her pink blanket, But at least there is white skin underneath. So do we fairly compare a mole-having minority To a gender minority? To a race minority? To an ability minority? Like a rich white man in a rich white house Who tries to understand (or doesn't) The struggles of an

immigrant family, We are quick to relate our moles To the pain of our neighbors.

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