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Denise McCluggage Scholarship Recipient Announced at Amelia Island Gala

By Abigayle Morgan

The 24th Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance was held in Florida the weekend of March 9 with gorgeous cars lining the field and sunny weather to match. Featured marques of the event included 540K Mercedes and custom bodies Porsches. The two best of show winner, crowd favorites, were the 1957 Ferrari 335S and the 1938 Mercedes-Benz 540K. During Saturday evening, entrants, judges and their guests gather

for a pre-show gala celebration hosted by Mercedes-Benz. Awards were presented during this time to highlight those in the industry and Amelia Island Concours staff who had made an impact this past year.

Denise McCluggage was a racing driver, journalist, author and photographer. She was a pioneer in her respective fields, paving the way for women in male-dominated industries. Denise passed away mid-May 2015 and left behind instructions

for funds to begin a scholarship in her name. During their senior year at McPherson College, automotive restoration students complete an all-encompassing capstone project, applying the skills learned during their time in the program; these projects may be hands-on, or emphasis driven. Abigayle Morgan, a senior in the program has chosen to study restoration and communication as a blended focus. She proposed to create and grow a scholarship

campaign in Denise's honor to be debuted at the Amelia Island Concours. This scholarship will benefit women at McPherson College with an interest and passion for automotive restoration, journalism, photography, communication, media arts, and/or writing.

Emma Critz, a senior in the automotive restoration program at McPherson College was awarded the inaugural Denise McCluggage Scholarship for Women. "I was so

surprised by the honor! Denise was a legend and a great role-model; it is a great accomplishment to be lifted up and presented an award in her memory." Emma's passions for cars began later in life, leading her to pursue a career at McPherson College. She is the current president of the college's automotive club (C.A.R.S. Club) and leads efforts to promote and raise money for the group.

Additionally, Emma was given the opportunity to shadow judge the Concours under Wayne Carini and

Paul Russell, two very well-respected gentlemen in the industry. "I felt apart of the team and they listened to my opinions and observations", said Emma.

"This weekend was a highlight in my McPherson career!"



Pictured above, George Pell. Picture by *Wikimedia*

Cardinal Convicted

By Kenzie Jansonius

George Pell, a cardinal from Australia who served as an advisor to Pope Francis and the chief financial officer for the Vatican, was found guilty and sentenced to six years in prison for the molestation of two young boys after Sunday Mass in 1996. The 77-year-old is the first bishop to be found guilty of sexually

abusing minors. The most important evidence in the case came from an anonymous complainant, who testified that after a Sunday Mass in Melbourne he and another 13-year-old boy snuck into the sacristy of the priests where Pell discovered them. According to the testimony, the cardinal forced the boys to perform oral sex. A separate charge came weeks later when

the same boy was pushed up against the wall and grabbed by his genitals. Defense attorneys focused on Cardinal Pell's position in the community and in the church; why would a man who held such a lucrative position within the church and the community, who was respected and to whom others looked for guidance, risk it all? This approach worked and the original

case ended in a mistrial, but a second trial began in November and led to a conviction. A handful of other allegations have been very close to coming to trial over the years. He was accused of sexual abuse in the 1960s while attending seminary, as well as in the 1970s when two boys accused him of touching their genitals when he played with them in a swimming pool.

Judge Kidd, who presided over the case, wants the public to remember that Pell was only being sentenced for the crimes he committed in 1996. Survivors of sexual abuse at the hands of officials in the Catholic church are hopeful that the guilty verdict will lead to more accountability within the church in the future.

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Anti-Semitism in France

By Kenzie Jansonius

A series of vandalisms and attacks have led French President Macron to declare that anti-Semitism is at its worst in the country since World War II. The nation has seen a 74% rise in anti-Semitic acts from 2017 to 2018. In 2019 alone, a cemetery has been vandalized with swastikas,

a tree memorializing Ilan Halimi (a French Jew who was murdered in 2006) has been chopped down, “Juden” was spray painted onto the window of a bagel shop, vandals defaced a memorial for the Strasbourg synagogue, and swastikas were painted on a kindergarten building.

Mounir Mahjoubi, France’s Digital Affairs Minister, vows to stand up

to Yellow Vest protesters who have been behind many of the attacks by purging social media of hate speech. Social networking sites were given just twenty-four hours to dispose of any content containing homophobia, anti-Semitism, or ethnic slurs. Heavy fines were imposed on platforms that refused to comply.

Despite the measures to protect French Jews, many are considering flight to Israel. According to the Israeli Immigration Ministry, 3,120 French Jews immigrated to Israel in 2018, 63% higher than in 2017. Salome Roussel, who has faced many an anti-Semitic remark and gesture, is considering immigrating to Israel “because it is a Jewish

state, so you can be Jew, no big deal! You have other problems, but not this one.”

Even though Jews make up around one percent of the French population, Jews are the victims of 40% of the country’s hate crimes. Numbers from the Jewish Community Protection Service show that Jews are more likely to be subject to verbal

harassment and physical aggression than any other ethnic group in France. Many blame this on the nation’s large Muslim population, but Yellow Vest members who are perpetrating the majority of these crimes are typically far right militants, royalists, and traditionalist Catholics who also oppose the presence of Muslims in France.

Shooting in NZ

By Tomi Simmons

On March 16, 2019 a terror struck two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand. According to CNN, a twenty-eight year old named Brenton Harrison Tarrant was charged with murder. Officials found an eighty-seven page manifesto that contained anti-immigrant and muslim remarks. At least fifty people were killed and another fifty were wounded.

Quickly after the situation, the Prime Minister of New Zealand, Jacinda Ardern, released a statement that New Zealand will soon be administering strict gun control laws. The Police Association President also released a statement saying, “There is no

place in the upcoming debate for the radical gun lobby which has made its presence felt in previous attempts to make our country safer,” he said. “That input undoubtedly contributed to the rejection of most of the select committee recommendations on tightening our gun laws.”

He continued to speak about America saying, “We have seen what happens in the United States when gun radicals are involved. Nothing. That is not good enough for New Zealand.”

According to NPR, a gun control bill will be placed on April 12 for New Zealand. This new law, the Arms Amendment Bill, will ban many semi-automatic weapons and prohibit the sale or importation of shotguns

that hold more than five cartridges,

Both parties in New Zealand agreed to this bill, and gun lobbyists claimed that gun control is necessary to the safety of the country. After this bill, a second wave of legislation that addresses gun registry will occur.

Due to the tragedy, the community of New Zealand and rest of the world has come together to support one another and to mourn those who were lost in the attack. After the terror attacks, memorial services were held and women around New Zealand wore hijabs to commemorate the dead.

New Zealand is currently in a place of healing with the chance to move forward.

Sao Paulo Shooting

By Kenzie Jansonius

Eight people were killed in a high school near São Paulo, Brazil after the nation’s second school shooting since 2011. Although the nation’s murder rates are sky high in comparison to other countries, school shootings are relatively uncommon. The two attackers, both former students of the school, opened fire on students during a break using a .38 revolver, a crossbow, an axe and bow and arrows. They also carried fake explosives. “In 34 years of service, I have never seen [an attack] with a crossbow. It is totally unthinkable.” Local police chief Colonel Marcelo Salles told reporters. The

attackers, Guilherme Tauci Monteiro, 17, and Henrique de Castro, 25, committed suicide when police arrived on the scene. Thousands attended a wake for the victims two days after the shooting took place. No motive for the killings has been discovered, but investigators believe that Monteiro had been planning the attack for over a year. Just minutes before the attack, the 17-year-old posted photos where he was wearing a mask with a skull and carrying a gun. Officers also found a notebook in their vehicle that contained drawings of weapons and disturbing slogans. One that showed up repeatedly was a drawing of the words “Can’t run.” While we may

never really understand why these former students opened fire on former classmates and teachers, Monteiro’s mother told investigators and the press that her son had been the victim of bullying because of his acne. One of Monteiro’s friends told reporters that he was being harassed by a fellow student. Rossieli Soares, São Paulo’s education secretary, tells a different story. He told the press that Monteiro had studied at the school for nearly two years and “had never caused any trouble.” Calls for stricter laws on firearms are being made by the families of the victims and by politicians such as Flávio Bolsonaro in the wake of this terrible incident.



Beto O'Rourke: Bad Choice for Democrats, Worse Choice for America

By: Mason Duffey

Former Congressman Beto O'Rourke has caught a lot of attention in the past year running against Ted Cruz for the Texas senate seat, where he lost by only 200,000 votes. This election helped boost him into the national spotlight. Recently, O'Rourke decided to run for president in the 2020 election. Many democrats are rallying behind O'Rourke, some even considering him the savior of the democratic

party, believing he will beat Donald Trump in the election. Yet, O'Rourke has proven that he does not have the beliefs to be president.

O'Rourke has had a lot of strong statements about the U.S.'s southern border. In his campaign video, O'Rourke said, "If immigration is a problem, it's the best possible problem for this country to have." O'Rourke did not specify if he meant illegal immigration or all immigration, but he has been adamant in years

past that we should have open borders with Mexico. During an interview with MSNBC, O'Rourke admitted that if he had control, he would waste tax payer's money to tear down the current border fence. If this were to happen it would cripple our country's safety by making it easier for drug and gun smugglers, sex traffickers and gang members to reach cities all over our country.

Public opinion of police has drastically changed in the past decade, partly due to divisive democrats like

O'Rourke. O'Rourke has preached to his supporters that police all over America are going around shooting blacks "solely based on the color of their skin." While many democrats will argue how true this is, it has been shown year after year that more whites are killed by police each year. He finished his statement by calling these racial shootings the "modern jim crow." Comments like these are dividing our country and are hurting the American people as much as the democratic

party's original Jim Crow laws. He has praised police in the past at times, but he shows his true colors when he's attacking police and telling supporters that they need to fight the justice system. When it comes to O'Rourke's criminal justice thoughts, he has shown nearly complete disrespect for our boys in blue. This could be because he is a criminal himself having a record containing a car accident caused by him drinking and driving, where he reportedly tried to flee the scene.

While these are just a few reasons why O'Rourke is a terrible candidate, there are plenty more once you look into his views, where you'll see no support for gun rights but unconstitutional support for universal healthcare. O'Rourke puts on the façade of fighting for Americans, but it's as if he's trying to divide America in hopes of ruining the country's laws, traditions and the well-being of the American people.

Beto For President

By: Tomi Simmons

Recently, Beto O'Rourke has put up his campaign for the 2020 Presidential Election. He is the candidate we need for this upcoming election; not just because he would make a great president, but because he is going to change the way political campaigns are run. Beto is the 2020 grassroots candidate.

These past couple of weeks, Beto has called for no pac money to fund his campaign. He is taking a chance by doing this because he might not

receive enough to support his campaign.

On March 30, Beto officially launched his campaign by hosting rallies in Austin, El Paso and Houston. Within his speeches, he spoke about political recall, universal health care, prison system reforms and climate change. The main message one can always get from Beto is that bipartisanship is important.

While many of his other opposers and the democrat party would disagree about Beto's decision to work together with the

republican party, it is the only way to reach a middle ground for our citizens and to get laws passed.

According to the PBS article there are eight issues that Beto has continuously highlighted in his campaign. These include returning to the Paris Climate Agreement, banning assault rifles, the public option healthcare and to keep NAFTA in act. Recently, I have decided to launch campaign efforts here in central Kansas. Because of his experience in rural areas, I believe he could help the

community of Kansas. He is going to mobilize the economy; Beto is one of the few democrats who still champions capitalism while finding the middle ground for public necessities.

I believe in Beto because of his viewpoints on human rights, as well. He believes in the equal rights of people and demands more from our constitutions. Beto has stood up for the Black Lives Matter movement for years, recognizing how much of our criminal and law system is built

of segregation. Beto understands that our country is founded upon refuge and that it should welcomed to the United States safely and lawfully. Being a pro-choice candidate is also important in this upcoming election as there has been much debate about the rights to an abortion nationally.

Because of the gun violence that has raided the United States, Beto wants to put in place legislation that controls guns. Meaning, he plans only to let the military use assault weapons and the

expansion of background checks needs to happen. Houston, Texas resident and McPherson College student Scarlett Rodriguez said, "I believe in Beto because he is our grassroots candidate of choice and he is for the people by the people. Beto is positive and he sends messages of unity which could be a breath of fresh air for all of us."

Beto O'Rourke is taking this campaign by the horns and is only going to gain more stamina as the trail leads on. Beto for 2020!



The Mover and Shaker From Down Under

By Tomi Simmons

You just have to be able to always say yes to every new experience; that's what I have learned anyway," Zac Moran said. Hailing from Sydney, Australia, Zac is a junior at McPherson College, majoring in business. The past five years for Zac have been quite a ride; he's traveled from Sydney to community college, from community college to London, and finally from London to end his journey at McPherson College.

After graduating high school, Zac attended one semester at Western Sydney University. He said, "I always planned on leaving and coming to America." Upon finishing the semester at Western Sydney, Zac began to work three jobs in Sydney to save up for college in America. He even spent summer break traveling in Shanghai, working for a company he had worked for in Sydney. Through all of this time, Zac waited to hear back from prospective schools and had somewhat given up on the idea of coming to America because of the lack of response. "I honestly did not know how to apply or to reach out to baseball coaches, and so I was surprised when I finally got offers," Zac said.

In 2015, Zac accepted an offer to play baseball at Western Nebraska Community College. There Zac worked in the cafeteria and became a Resident Assistant. At Zac's last year of junior college, he won homecoming king. After receiving his associates, Zac planned on attending a school in North Carolina; however a week before Zac was supposed to leave for the college, the situation did not work out.

After receiving the news about the North Carolina school, Zac accepted a warehouse supervisor position at Kinetic Supply in London, England. Zac would reach out to schools for the following year while taking that gap year to work. During his time in London, Zac played on a slow pitch softball team that traveled all around Europe for games. Zac said, "London was the first time I was ever truly alone. I didn't know anyone and so I had to reach out to make friends. It was overwhelming because by the end of the time I was there I had at least 250 people at my going away party. London was the best city I have ever lived in."

After his year in London, Zac accepted an offer to McPherson College. Here Zac embodies the participation

part of McPherson College; he has made so many friends and is constantly trying to unify his group of friends. In fact, he has friends from all sorts of sports; ranging from cross country to soccer. On campus, Zac works twenty hours a week in the cafeteria and has become a student ambassador as well. One of his good friends Brian Cantu said, "Zac is uplifting to others and so outgoing. He never fails to make me laugh." Soren Yarnell also said, "He's really caring and is always trying to make everyone happy."

Though Zac has come from so many places to get here, he doesn't regret it at all. He has said, "Through all of this moving, it's all so bittersweet. I have friends from all over, but I also have had to say goodbye to them as well. I still wouldn't change any of it, I'm grateful for all of my experiences I have gotten to have."



By Photo From McPherson College athletics

The Beloved Lunch Lady of Mac

By Karlie Sneed

With her kind smile and encouraging comments, Sandra Kay Johnson is Mac's beloved woman of the caf who brings everyone rays of sunlight on cold, cloudy days. I was given the opportunity of interviewing Sandra and digging deeper into her past. Along the way I discovered her desire to treat others with love and kindness is a trait that has always been a part of her identity.

Sandra has long been a part of McPherson's community. Born and raised here, she describes her childhood as being "fun" and "safe." "It was a lot different back then than it is now," Sandra states. "It wasn't scary and children could run across town." During her youth days, Sandra enjoyed many subjects such as art, history, and geography. However, she was most skilled at and most passionate about music. "I loved music... I played trumpet, I played drums. At home, I would play trombone because it was my brother's. I played guitar. And I played piano

by ear, which I would sneak into the music room all the time and would play a little bit in between classes, run out, and hope I never got caught." Sandra also notes that today she still loves to play her grand piano at home for fun.

During her young adult days, Sandra attended Hutchinson Junior College for early childhood development for three years. I asked about her experience during college: "We did an 'In-House.' Our classes were taught by professionals in our district... It was in the evenings and late afternoons. I loved it." Sandra completed her time there and received her CDA (Child Development Associate) certification and loved her time "with the little ones." She briefly mentioned that she also had little ones of her own. Sandra worked in this school district for 10 years while also involving herself with other jobs around that time; her jobs varied from being an "aid" to being a "secretary." During our interview, she revealed her true character and gave me the impression that she has

always been motivated with the ultimate goal of serving and helping others.

Sandra has been involved with McPherson College for 4 years now. She loved working with "the little ones" but felt a desire to switch things up in her life. "I was scared to death to change and I pushed myself... it was the first job I saw, pretty much, and I just applied for it and got it immediately... I cried for two months. It was hard for me because I wasn't used to doing any of this... the job itself, you know I never would have done any of this."

Sandra pushed herself to step out her comfort zone and learn something new, and upon asking her if she was given the opportunity to enjoy something she once enjoyed she stated that she was content with her life up to this point. Sandra is happy here at Mac and hopes to continue her everyday motivation of "giving students a comfort zone and a positive experience," both aspects of life which she believes to be important.

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Bryan Moses

By Cody Baumgartner

On June 20, 2016, Bryan Moses was pleased to accept the offer as head baseball coach at McPherson College. Andrew Ehling, McPherson College's Director of Athletics, welcomed Moses by saying, "McPherson College is very fortunate to attain a coach with the experience and knowledge of Coach Moses. His values and expectations of the student-athletes on and off the field will prove to be successful. I look forward to working with Coach Moses and seeing our baseball program grow under his leadership." After serving as an assistant coach at Brown University, Bryan Moses enters his third season as McPherson's head baseball coach looking to improve his current seasonal record of 54-55. In 2018, Moses guided the Bulldogs to a new school winning record of 30-25, with seven players named to the All-KCAC team. In his first season here at McPherson, Moses led the bulldogs through 24 victories and a spot in the 2017 KCAC Championship. Since then, Moses has proved he has what it takes to play such a superior role in this organization by guiding his team through consecutive winning seasons. As the baseball coach, Moses can only have higher hopes for his team in the upcoming season.

Winning is great for a college head coach's reputation, but that's not

all Moses cares about.

Through an interview with Moses, I asked him what he liked most about being the head coach for McPherson College baseball and what kept him going through the years. Moses replied quite simply: "The relationships are my favorite part of my job. I love to learn the stories behind everyone that plays here." Many coaches out there just want to win and do not care about the players on the field, but not Coach Moses; he cares about the story behind every player by bonding with them through relationships, on and off the field. Regardless of the

circumstance, Moses strives to connect with his players by developing healthy relationships and joint agreements. Later in the interview, I asked him for a change he would like to see happen in the future for the McPherson baseball program. "I would like the culture of the program to be respected throughout the country," Moses said. It is obvious to see that whether the team is on the field, or off the field engaging in team bonding and completing community

service activities, Moses cares about them and their personal lives.

Moses earned a Bachelor of Arts in Communication from Sonoma State (Calif.) in 2007, was the Sports Director at KSUN Radio before spending the 2009 season as a Media Relations Assistant, a No. 2 play-by-play broadcaster for the Boise Hawks, the Class A short season affiliate of the then Chicago Cubs, now Colorado Rockies. Currently, Moses works alongside Jim Joyner and Steve Sell to broadcast the home football games for



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the McPherson Bulldogs. Moses is a great addition to the McPherson College staff and has great plans for the team moving further into their current 2019 season.

April SAB Events

- Zumbathon (Apr 6)
- Apr 11 Donut Bingo
- 16 MC's Got Talent Auditions (Apr 16)
- Apr 17 Easter Egg Hunt
- MC's Got Talent (Apr. 25)
- Apr. 9
- Apr 23 \$2 Tuesdays



Bulldog Baseball Looks Toward Historic Season

By: Tyler Norris

The McPherson Bulldog baseball team has put together a season for the record books looking to break the single season wins record at McPherson College. Putting together a 24-10 record, and 14-6 in KCAC competition with seventeen games remaining in the regular season, the Bulldogs are currently

third in KCAC standings. Friends University was welcomed to Bulldog Park for a conference series. In game one of the series, the Bulldogs sent Josh Lewis to the mound, working the first three innings while allowing four runs on five hits and tallying a pair of strikeouts. Lewis would not factor into the decision as Brett Carter came in to relieve during the third inning, working the next

four innings, and then turning the ball over to Marion Brunken who got the win for the Bulldogs. The Bulldogs scored twelve runs on twelve hits. Dominick Ramos led the offense, going four for five at the plate and recording five RBIs. In game two of the series, the Bulldogs struggled, scoring two runs and sending five different pitchers to the mound, ending the Bulldog win

streak at eight games. In game three on April 1, the Bulldogs turned to Dylan Marble for the start. Marble picked up the win, going four innings, allowing three runs on five hits. The fifth inning would prove to be Garrett Ham's as he was sent in to relieve Marble. Ham only lasted a third of an inning after a line drive connected to his collarbone. The Bulldogs turned to Marion Brunken

before handing the ball to junior Jarrod Manick who finished off the game. The Bulldog offense picked up the slack from game two in the series finale, tallying fifteen runs on fifteen hits. The Bulldogs then welcomed rival Central Christian College in a doubleheader on April 3. The Bulldog offense proved to be too much to handle for the Tigers. Trevor Johnson

had an unbelievable day at the plate, hitting four homeruns in the doubleheader. The Bulldogs needed almost all of their bullpen to last the fourteen innings against Central Christian. The Bulldogs' next games will be against Tabor in Mac on April 13.

Softball Splits with Friends

By: Karlie Sneed

On Sunday, March 24, the Lady Bulldogs softball team faced Friends University in a double header for conference standings. Pitching for the Bulldogs was Christie Betker, where she earned her 501 career strikeout as a Bulldog. Game one began with offensive

toughness as Jessica Jones got on base with a walk and was moved by a sacrificial bunt by Kylecia Taylor. Unfortunately, the Bulldogs were unable to score, but the intensity and energy remained from the strong first offensive efforts. A few innings later, Destiny Bacon began the inning with a base hit. Taylor Perez utilized

a sacrifice bunt, moving Destiny to second base. Chelsea Conrad bunted for a base hit and was safe on first. Kylecia Taylor hit a base hit through first and second, pushing two runs across for the Bulldogs. The third run was gained from a base hit by Maile Deutsch, which scored Taylor. This would prove to be vital, as the Bulldogs

won 3-0. The second game resulted in a tough loss for the Bulldogs. Pitching in the beginning of the game for Mac was Brittany Baroni. Though their intensity and energy was high, the Lady Bulldogs struggled to score runs. Baroni held the Falcons for several innings with very few hits, and only two runs. The Falcons came

back in game two with a new kind of motivation, though, and immediately scored one run in the first inning. It wasn't until the sixth inning that the Falcons were able to score again. The Bulldogs switched pitchers in the seventh inning. The Falcons adjusted quickly and pummeled the defense with six more runs. With

their last chance to score at hand, the Bulldogs managed to score 3 runs, but unfortunately were unable to return the damage. The final score was 8-3 Falcons. The next games for the Bulldogs are scheduled for April 13 against Sterling College.

Senior Spotlight: Erica Almaraz

By: Karlie Sneed

Erica Almaraz keeps herself busy both off and on campus. "I have been the president of FCA for two years and involved

in the club for three years. I am also a first year RA and have been a student athletic trainer for the football team for three years" she states. Almaraz has played softball since

her freshman year, where she first began as a short stop and transitioned into a catcher and outfielder. Her major is Health Science, and she plans to eventually finish the masters program

and become a certified athletic trainer. One of her long term goals is to "work with the Olympic Training Center and be able to work with the athletes from other countries that do

not have access to athletic trainers." Almaraz loves to hike in her free time and interns at Integrated Health and Wellness here in McPherson.

Picture Credit: McPherson College Athletics





Pictured above: Conor McGregor during an MMA fight. Credit: Sporting News

Pictured below: Junior Amy Brambridge turning the corner to finish a race. Credit: McPherson College Athletics



“The Notorious” Announces Retirement

By: Tyler Norris

On March 26, 2019, UFC’s most well recognized superstar, Conor McGregor, announced his retirement from the UFC via Twitter. This came as a shock to the mixed martial arts world, as his suspension from the Nevada State Athletic Commission would expire on April 6 due to his involvement in the post-fight brawl at UFC 229. The retirement announcement crushed all ideas of the Donald Cerrone vs McGregor fight that McGregor unofficially accepted on Twitter, as well as the

highly anticipated rematch between McGregor and Nurmagomedov. However, there is a possibility that this retirement could be not be true. McGregor has announced his retirement before and proceeded to fight in the octagon twice the following six months. UFC President Dana White is not convinced of his retirement either, stating that he is going to meet with McGregor in the coming weeks so the two can come to an agreement to keep him happy. White also says there are things that Conor wants, the biggest being that he wants to own shares of the company,

which White will simply not allow. He is sure that there are other ways to keep his biggest superstar happy, though. The fans of UFC are hoping to see McGregor return to the octagon sooner rather than later. With his suspension up this month, there are a plethora of fighters looking for a shot at the top three in the Lightweight division. Since his announcement, tempers have been flaring up between McGregor and Nurmagomedov over Twitter, personally attacking each other much like they did setting the scene for their first fight at UFC 229. The Twitter war is causing fans to crave

McGregor’s return even more so than when he announced his retirement. If McGregor’s retirement announcement is true, than he does have a number of different things he can enjoy. First, he has a widely growing Irish whiskey company, Proper Twelve. He also recently had a child with his wife. Whatever McGregor decides to do, the fans of UFC hope to see him back in the cage. He single-handedly changed the sport of MMA with his outrageous banter towards opponents and continuous record breaking performances.

Mac Track Update

By: Matthew Melchor

Coming fresh off nationals, the Bulldog men and women track and field team did not disappoint. The team finished the day with 19 new personal bests and 11 first place finishers.

Most impressive on the men’s side was sophomore Hector Bosquez opening his long jump year with a 6.70 meter long jump. Also for the men, sophomore Dylan Templeman broke the school record in the hammer throw at 48.66 meters only to be beaten

by teammate, junior Tanner Trigg at 49.10 meters on his final throw. On the female side, junior Amy Braimbridge ran a 56.12 seconds in the 400 meters to qualify A standard for the NAIA Outdoor National Championships in Gulf Shores, Alabama.

The ladies 4x100 relay of freshman Jaivion Lattimore, junior Amy Braimbridge, junior Diamond Blaylock-Norris, and sophomore Destiny Johnson also qualified B standard for the national track meet with a time of 48.24 seconds.

Freshman Logan Brown stated, “Getting a meet in finally was awesome. I’ve been excited for the outdoor season and the new throwing events that come with it. I’ve only had a few practices with a couple of the new events, but was able to get a strong

performance out of this meet. Rescheduling the meet to a Sunday threw our schedules off a bit, but as a team we performed really well.” The Bulldog track team will compete at the Bethel Invitational on April 13 in North Newton, Kansas.

Senior Spotlight: Careino Gurley

By: Karlie Sneed

Careino Gurley has big goals for himself after graduating. Gurley is majoring in Business Administration

with an emphasis in Accounting and Finance. He was a member of Mac’s basketball team and has also involved himself with other extracurricular activities and jobs on

campus. “I worked with Jeremy in athletics in the fall with football and soccer games,” he said. Gurley has several goals for his future; he hopes to “open up [his] own Youth

Rec Center,” and “have his own Foundation for troubled youth.” Gurley is also interested in becoming a college basketball coach and traveling the world for at least a year. While he’s

back home, Gurley works at his co-owned business with his father called Non-Fiction Custom Designs and enjoys cooking with his mom.

Picture Credit: McPherson College Athletics





Cars on the Corner

By: Mason Duffey

If you took a walk over to “The Sheds” where the restoration students house their projects, you might notice a thing or two about a lot of the cars. Many of the students’ projects are muscle cars and trucks, typically a Ford or a GM product. Every now then, you might just see a car that sticks out from the rest. That’s what I thought when I first saw Shane Fazzino’s 1949 Dodge coronet. It’s not often that you see classic Dodges of this age, most of the time they get overshadow by other more popular cars of the era (which is a real shame as they have some very cool features that shouldn’t go overlooked). In 1949, Dodge offered three different cars: the

Wayfarer, Meadowbrook, and Coronet, being the most luxurious.

Shane found the car through an ad that led him to Pittsburgh, Kansas where he first saw the car. It had not been driven on the road since 1980. The car was unable to drive and couldn’t run on its own power, but Fazzino saw the chance to put it back on the road where it belongs. He bought the car, making it his first classic, and had it trailered back to McPherson. Less than twenty-four hours after getting the car into his garage he had the car running and driving. All it needed was a little tuning and some new parts. I was able to go on a ride with Fazzino that day, and that’s when I got to see the weirdest transmission I had heard of. The

Coronet sports gyromatic transfluid drive or “semi-automatic transmission.”

The transmission is like an automatic as you don’t need to shift between every gear, but you still need a clutch to start out and to shift from low to high range. This transmission shows how unique the not-so-popular-cars of the era are.

Shane has since stopped driving his 1993 Ford Explorer on a daily basis and has started driving his Dodge, giving up heat, A/C, radio, power windows, and nearly everything else standard on a modern car. While most people might consider this crazy, it drives the restoration students to be able to take a piece of history and bring it back to its former glory.

Why I’m Proud to Own A MAGA Hat

By: Alex Polakow

Nothing in the modern time is a more divisive piece of clothing than the MAGA hat. Everyone knows what it is: the red hats and white lettering saying “Make America Great Again.” Most people have a visceral reaction to the saying, and the media is constantly talking about the racist undertones and people who subscribe to the saying. Gone from the media is the hate that people wearing MAGA hats get.

There are plenty of stories on the internet of people being beat up simply because of a piece of clothing. Yet, despite all of this, I am a proud MAGA hat owner. To me, “Make America Great Again” is so much more than a hat. It speaks to my identity as an American. America used to be, indisputably, the best country in the world

from about 1959 to 1973.

I would be ignorant to not admit that there were problems in the country at the time that have been solved since, but during those years, there was a constant rise in the GDP of America; unemployment dropped, the family unit was strong and the overall faith in America was phenomenally high. I now hear people reminiscing about that time, when there was social trust, stability and good times to be had like the country we live in today cannot be compared.

Obviously, I was not alive during those years, however, I can say that America was certainly on top of the world at that time. I am proud to represent those ideals. I welcome the idea that we may get back to a status like that. Those who disagree with my hat will claim that I am a racist, a bigot, and a

misogynist. I reject those labels. I treat all that I come across the same way. In my humble opinion, the best thing that can happen for the MAGA hat’s fraught portrayal is that the owners wear them with pride and treat all equally. Trump can lead the charge back towards the golden years of America, and I stand with him as he does.

Most everyone can agree that America has had its ups and downs, and I wear my hat with pride hoping to return to the days when America could be looked up to by all other nations.

Note from the author: This is not intended to start arguments, but rather discussion. I will happily discuss this with anyone who is willing to rationalize their position against mine. Please show your friends and talk about this!

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