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Tragedy Strikes Paris

By Matthew Melchor

On April 15, 2019, news spread of a fire at Cathedrale de Notre Dame in Paris, France. The fire was reported at approximately 6:20 PM Central European Summer Time (11:20 AM Central Time). The cause of the fire is believed to have been an electrical short-circuit (but has not been confirmed

yet). As fire crews arrived, news stations and citizens of France recorded the blaze, allowing the rest of the world to see history burn. Roughly 15 hours later, the fire was able to be put out, but not before taking the iconic spire and most of the roof with it. Building of the Cathedral began in 1163 and was finished in 1345, nearly 700 years ago. The upper

structure of the cathedral was made almost entirely of wood; causing the fire to spread much faster than the lower interior which was made of stone. Because of this, much of the interior was saved with the stone-vaulted ceiling containing the burning roof as it collapsed. The cathedral's two pipe organs and its thirteenth century stained-glass windows suffered

little to no damage. Once the repercussions of the fire were known, the world took very little time in looking towards the future and rebuilding. In just 24 hours, the French government raised over \$1 billion to contribute to rebuilding the famed building. French President Emmanuel Macron stated his hope for the cathedral to be completely restored

by the 2024 Summer Olympics, which will be held in Paris. Oppositely, though, architects have stated complete restoration of the cathedral will take between twenty and forty years. How the cathedral will be reconstructed is unknown as some have vouched for an original reconstruction, using wood as the structure once again. Others have stated the

French government should use titanium or some sort of metal along with wood or using metal framing completely. However the French decide to rebuild this historic church, two things remain: the rebuilding process will take time and Paris has suffered yet another tragedy.

Mummies Found

By Kenzie Jansonius

A tomb belonging to an official of Egypt's Fifth Dynasty was discovered around 20 miles from Cairo. It contains beautifully well-preserved inscriptions in green resin that has managed to keep its pigment over the last 4,300 years. The tomb is thought to be that of Khuwy, a nobleman, but it is not the only discovery that has made headlines across the globe. Another tomb in Aswan, Egypt was discovered, containing more than 30 mummies. This includes two superimposed mummies, leading archaeologists to believe that they were

mother and child. Egypt's Ministry of Antiquities said in a Facebook post that the tomb dates back to the Greco Roman period, which began in 332 BC. Artifacts such as decorated funerary masks, canopic jars, vases, sarcophagi, chunks of both linen and papyrus, and a stretcher made of linen strips and palm wood. In a separate project, the skeleton of a teenage girl was found buried next to the Meidum pyramid located south of Cairo. While the remains are clearly very old, archaeologists have not yet established just how ancient they are. They do know, however, that they

were part of a cemetery located beside the pyramid. No other artifacts were found with the remains. An incredible discovery involving embalming methods was also made thanks to a 5,000-year-old mummy from Southern Egypt that had been housed at the Egyptian Museum in Turin since 1901. "It's the first time that extensive tests have been carried out on an intact prehistoric mummy," said the University of York. This backs up previous research that suggests that embalming was taking place up to 1,500 years earlier than previously thought.

Titles on Titles

By Taylor Perez

April 27, 2019 is a historic day for McPherson College Athletics. Not just one, not just two, but three conference titles were secured. The men's and women's tennis teams swept the conference tournaments bringing home two conference championship titles. For his first year as head coach, Rafael Bulnes is setting the standards high. For women's tennis, Brittany Zipf was named KCAC Player of the Year. Zipf picked up only five losses on her season, three being in doubles while only

two were in singles. The other title brought home on Saturday was from the softball program. Coach Tony Segovia led his team to a 20-4 conference record this year under his first year as head coach. The Bulldogs have had a record breaking year, with a current overall record of 31-14. The winning percentage for the Bulldogs conference record being .833, versus last year's flat .500. "I am so happy for this team," said Coach Segovia. "Seeing the smiles on their faces is something I will remember for a long time. They have put in so much work and time into this program

and I cannot thank them enough for all they do. Winning a championship at any level is one of the toughest things to do and these kids went on the road for six straight games and accomplished something that has not happened since 2003. We are going to enjoy this moment for a few days then get back to work, and prepare for the conference tournament." Following these three titles, McPherson College has racked up four conference championships so far this year, including the volleyball team's undefeated conference season this fall.



Sri Lanka: An Easter Tragedy

By Victoria Voyles

On Easter Sunday, tragedy struck in Sri Lanka. Various churches and tourist attracting hotels were brutally damaged by bomb explosions. These churches were of various religions such as Buddhist, Hindu, Muslim and Christian. Left in the wake of these explosions were more than 200 dead and 450 injured people including local Sri Lankans, Americans, and other visitors alike. At the time, there is limited information on the case, and the main focus of attention has been on treating the victims that are injured and supporting the families that have lost their loved ones in such a tragedy. Reports from

eyewitnesses describe the brutal carnage that laid before them as buildings lay in rubble and victims dragged one another, dead or alive, out of the churches. US Secretary of State, Mike Pompeo, had this to say in regard to the tragedies, "Attacks on innocent people gathering in a place of worship or enjoying a holiday meal are affronts to the universal values and freedoms that we hold dear, and demonstrate yet again the brutal nature of radical terrorists whose sole aim is to threaten peace and security." Even Pope Francis addressed the sorrow of such a tragedy and the cruelty of the terrorists. These bombings

are being classified as intentional terrorist attacks that were conducted simultaneously supposedly with the intention of disrupting the Easter services. At least seven suspects were immediately taken into custody, but no further information has been released regarding such. People across the globe have been forced to unite under trying times this past week; beginning with the fire at Notre Dame Cathedral, the burning of three historical Black Churches in Louisiana, and now with the loss of so many precious lives joining together in worship. Tragedy has struck once more, and it is truly heartbreaking.

Deadly I-70 Crash

By Cody Baumgartner

The semi-truck driver who Lakewood police said caused a fiery crash that killed four people is due in court for an advertisement hearing. Rogel Lazaro Aguilera-Mederos, 23, of Houston, Texas, was arrested on four counts of vehicular homicide related to Thursday afternoon's crash in the eastbound lanes of interstate 70 that involved 28 vehicles. After being medically cleared Friday,

Aguilera-Mederos was booked into the Jefferson County jail. Originally from Cuba, Aguilera-Mederos works and now lives in Texas with the help of a green card.

The crash is the soul responsibility of the truck driver. Ty Countryman of the Lakewood Police Department said: "I can't go into the facts. It's evidence and we're still building that. I will just say we feel as this time that we have enough probate cause

to charge the vehicular homicide." The police chief believed that alcohol nor drugs played a role in the crash. According to Countryman, Aguilera-Mederos will not receive any counts for vehicular manslaughter simply because that specific charge does not exist in Colorado's law book. That is why he will be charged with four counts of vehicular homicide, as generally used.

Tornadoes in U.S.

By Cody Baumgartner

It's that time of the year again: tornado season. Over 40 tornadoes touched down across portions of Alabama, Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, and other surrounding eastern states. On March 3, 2019, the "tornado outbreak" was a severe weather event that affected the southeast portion of the United States. Over a course of six hours, a total of 41 tornadoes touched down, breaking multiple storm records across the country. The strongest

tornado of all, was an EF4 tornado that devastated rural communities from Bearegard, Alabama to Talbotton, Georgia, killing 23 people and injuring at least 120 others throughout the day.

Records prove that tornadoes are becoming more deadly and increasing in size as well as strength. The EF4 reported on March 3, 2019, represented much of the EF5 tornado that occurred back in 2013. An EF3 tornado destroyed residents to the east of Tallahassee in Leon County, Florida,

and was only the second tornado of that strength in the county since 1945. Several other strong tornadoes occurred across the region throughout the same evening and caused significant damage.

The tornado outbreak recorded on March 3, 2019 lasted for six hours and 30 minutes. Within that time, there were 41 confirmed tornados with a tornado reaching EF4 possibility. The winds recorded in Lee County, Alabama reached 170 mph, with an average of 78 mph through Alabama into Virginia.

Greta Thunberg: Fighting for the World

By Victoria Voyles

Greta Thunberg is a 16-year-old Swedish girl who believes in the fight against climate change. More so, she believes in protesting against governments and politicians that idly stand by and do nothing as our world withers before our eyes. Thunberg is an active protestor that started the #FridaysForFuture movement, among young adolescents. Every Friday she inspires young people to skip their classes and go and protest for politicians to instate stricter climate

policies in order to begin the process to save our world. She believes that far too often children are sheltered from the brutal reality of the rapid rate of decline in our climate. She believes that if she were old enough now to be a politician, she would be doing everything she could to combat this issue. However, she knows by the time she would be old enough for such a platform to preach from the world would be in too much of a state of decline, so she chooses to stand and fight now. To protest against

the injustice of current politicians letting the world that she, her future children, and grandchildren would all live in, rot away because they want to focus on other political issues. Because of how outspoken Thunberg has been about the topic she has created quite a movement and a large following. She was thus nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize for her outstanding work. If she were to receive the prize, she would be the youngest girl in history to do so.



Avengers: Endgame

Review

By Alex Polakow

The short answer is everything. This was it. The final culmination of eleven years and twenty two films left me in shock and bewilderment. The Russos were quick to say that extraordinary things could happen in a fantasy universe, but not without sacrifice, and they delivered on their promise in stunning fashion. “Avengers: Endgame” is a complex tale of superheroes doing superhero things, and yet the whole cast is the most

relatable they have ever been. Watching the Avengers struggle with the reality of losing to Thanos brings them down to a level that everyone who has failed can relate to. As the plot unfolds in epic fashion, there were nearly no flaws, with pacing so good that I felt as though only an hour had passed during the monstrous three hour runtime. The soundtrack compliments every scene that it graces the ears with. Performances across the board are Oscar worthy.

The art of film was still so overshadowed that it merely felt like a way to get the story to the viewer. All of the character arcs that have come barreling into this film get concluded in an epic and hard hitting film that is truly the first phenomenal film in the genre. This film is a must watch, and bar some minor cliches in the plot, is as near perfect a film can be.

Critic Score: 9.5/10

Fan Score: 9/10



“Hate begets hate...”

By Alvin G. Patterson III

Two: The number of people I graduated with last May that are dead now, three if you count Quincy Luscious, a young man that was killed months before graduation. Shot in the back, bled out in abandoned building, he was working, this is a cycle, everyone has their turn. When you have to hustle just to eat at night, desperation comes with that. Let me tell you a story of tragedy, one representative of millions of people through generations.

My cousin, Will, was six years my senior. Will lost his mother when was young. When you lose a

parent that young it makes you angry, at everything. This reality puts you in a dangerous place as a black youth; anger is the only reason anyone needs to kill you.

He wasn't protected from this, we came up around bangers, hustlers, and killers. The only difference is he didn't have a school out of the neighborhood he could run to Monday-Friday like I did. When he was 13 we were caught in a drive by, minding our business, he was hit, a bullet was inches from his heart. He was never the same after that.

Dr. King once said “Hate begets hate; violence begets

violence; toughness begets a greater toughness.” He's serving time right now, and I'm writing about him from my college dorm. I see few differences between us, but they are monumental in their impact. I refuse to accept that I am here because I'm special. This cycle of death and incineration is one that is held up by the miseducation of our lower class, not everyone grows up in a trade, or has the greatest mind, or great physical attributes, but intergenerational social, and class mobility should be of importance to everyone, for everyone.

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Thanks for a great year! Come back in the fall to get more Viewpoints from The Spectator!



2019 Car Show

By Mason Duffey

This month, the restoration program's most memorable day will occur. Each year the students organize and run the C.A.R.S. Club Car Show. All of the time and effort the students have put in during the year leads up to this day. Students have been advertising, building trophies, organizing how every car will be parked, tackling problems and doing anything they can to help.

The car show has been a staple for the program, bringing in cars and spectators from all over the country to McPherson College campus. The event has also brought a lot of publicity to the school with a couple tv shows having filmed the car show. Last year, Dennis Gage, the

host of "My Classic Car," showed up to see the famed car show and interviewed students and participants about the cars and the show. The publicity from these events is pivotal for the program as it helps new people to discover the school and showcases how serious the program is about classic cars. Each year, extremely rare cars have been known to show up, including classic race cars, concours level restored brass era cars, and other cars and motorcycles that most people have never heard of. With new cars showing up each year, there's always a reason for coming out and taking a stroll through the aisles of finished projects.

While the spectators, participants and students love seeing the pristine

restored classics roll in, a favorite section among all is the student section. This is where the restoration students pull in their own projects to show off their work. These cars might not be fully restored, but they have more passion behind them compared to any other cars at the show. This is because these are what the students have slaved over night after night at the sheds. They put their blood, sweat and tears into these vehicles. They apply the knowledge they have learned and use their own cars to perfect their craft.

Whether you've been to the car show in the past or if you're new to the event, come on out. Bring some friends and enjoy the live music, see the beautiful cars and support your fellow students.

Superheroes Take Over Campus: 2019 Campus

Blowout

By Matthew Melchor

One of the most popular events at McPherson College is almost upon us: Campus Blowout. This all-day event begins at 1 PM on Friday, May 10, 2019 and requires that each participating student compete for a team. These teams can be made up any way students wish and the group must dress up. The theme for the 2019 Campus

Blowout is superheroes. Best dressed groups can win Visa gift cards of \$500, \$250 and \$100. This annual event allows students to get a day off right before finals, easing the stress this school year may have brought. Sophomore Brent Masters said: "Last year I had a great time with a bunch of friends, running around campus and competing in all the different events.

Having that day off of class right before finals was beneficial and allowed me to focus back the next week." Campus blowout also allows faculty to take a day off as the school year winds down. Whether you're preparing for a week full of finals, or a faculty member ready to assign them, All Schools Day and Campus Blowout are events to look forward to!

MC Band's End-of-Year Concert

By Chloe Jones

As the year draws to a close, the McPherson College Band is nearing its final concert for the year. On May 6, 201 at 6:30 PM in Brown Auditorium, the band will perform a variety of pieces chosen by seniors Katie Paulson, Nicholas Powell, and Layne Higgins. This will also include a very new piece written by Daniel Morel called "Flint Shards." The piece is an audible representation of what it's like to drive through the rolling flint hills of Northeast Kansas. There are constant rhythms

and repeating notes, similar to the constant lines you see in the flint hills. As you pass the end of a hill and come to the next one, you will find the layer has picked right back up where it left off when you last saw it. Consistent with this, the patterns of the piece do a great job of demonstrating this concept. The piece is truly amazing to experience.

At this performance, you will hear "Flint Shards," "Moscow 1941," "Into the Storm" and a soloistic piece called "Portrait of a Trumpet," performed

by Layne Higgins and accompanied by the band. Each of these pieces was chosen by a senior who wanted to try something new, experience a piece one more time, or just make good music for possibly their last time. Professor Kyle Hopkins has been very pleased with the band this year and the high quality music they have put out. McPherson College invites everyone on campus and in the community to attend its spring concert and celebrate the success of its 2019 senior graduates.

The Printed Launch of "Inscribe"

By Chloe Jones

On April 25, 2019, Rogue Writers held a launch party for the printed version of the creative arts journal, "Inscribe." With a microphone and a nice backdrop at Craft Coffee Parlor, some of the artists read from the book and many of them signed copies. Seniors Cara Hudson and Lillian Oeding spent weeks working together to make the journal possible and are very proud of how the book turned out. After having over seventy submissions to this edition of the journal, they were

pleasantly surprised. While not all of the submissions made the book, they will all be featured in the online version. Near the end of the journal in her editors note, Hudson remarks, "It takes intense courage and vulnerability to open oneself up to criticism in any creative capacity, and they [the creators] deserve all the praise for this journal."

Also important to note is all of the work that Lillian Oeding put into the journal as its designer and editor. A strong supporter of the arts, she was thrilled to have the opportunity to help design the journal. In

her editors note she says, "It has been an honor to be able to provide this service for the many talented people included in these works... I hope that all of the artists feel liberated for their courage to show their work to McPherson and surrounding Communities." As for the Poetry, Studio and Digital Art, Fiction, Photography, and Creative Non-fiction pieces, you'll just have to get your hands on an issue to see (which can be picked up in Professor Kerri Snell's office)!



What's Next

By Cali Godwin
Micaila Curtis, Biology Major: Curtis didn't have much of a post-graduate plan



Photo provided by Micaila Curtis

until spring break when she was told about UCLA PREP; a pre-medical enrichment program at the David Geffen School of Medicine. Curtis then applied, not thinking she

would get in due to large variety of world-wide entries, when only 30 spots were available. But, two weeks after submitting her application, Curtis was accepted into the two-month summer program. After PREP, Curtis will be taking the MCAT, joining a research team in LA, and then will hopefully be accepted to medical school this time next year. Curtis said: "I really couldn't have done this without my professors and close friends. McPherson has done a lot to help me grow as a student".

Nathan Buckler, Automotive Restoration Major: After graduation, Buckler will be heading down to Miami, Fla. to work for a private Oldsmobile collector. He mentioned that his boss is starting a new type of business, so when Buckler is not

maintaining the collection, he will be helping with the creation of running of the new business. Buckler interned with the same collector over the summer and really enjoyed it. He said: "When they gave me the job offer I couldn't



Photo provided by Nathan Buckler

refuse. I am very excited to be working for them".
 Cameron Oram,

Biochemistry Major: Oram will be taking the next year selling Vivint Security Systems in San Antonio, Texas. Oram



Photo provided by Cameron Oram

has been selling Vivint in Miami, Fla. the past two years to help pay for his schooling. He will be leaving McPherson College debt free, with extra money to spare. Oram plans to utilize his degree by looking into

marine biology. He said: "Even though I make great money, I can't sell security my whole life. I have always been fascinated with marine life, and intend to look into marine biology programs near the coast in the next year or so."

Cara Hudson, English Major: Hudson will be taking the next year to join the Brethren Volunteer Service (BVS). She will receive her project assignment after orientation in July, and then move somewhere in the US for her year of service. Hudson mentioned that her mom, among others in her family, participated in BVS. With Hudson's involvement in the Church of the Brethren, it seemed the

right move for her to make. Hudson also said, "I felt I needed a change of pace and some time to think before making a definite decision about graduate school". Hudson is also considering library science after her return.



Photo provided by Cara Hudson

Bulldog Gala: A Night to Shine

By Hannah McKay
On May 5, 2019, athletes from each McPherson College sport will come together and celebrate a night of athletic achievement. The doors open at 6 PM sharp, allowing everyone a chance to strut their stuff and show off their killer outfits. The

event starts at 7 PM at the McPherson Opera House. This event is organized and hosted by McPherson College's SALT. This is an organization at the college that is made up of one or two athletes from each athletic team at McPherson College. They put on this gala every year to highlight

the accomplishments of athletes from different teams. The winners of various awards are voted on by the student body of McPherson College. So, if you want to help celebrate these athletes, or even just need an excuse to go out and dress-up, come to the Bulldog Gala on May 5!

Congrats to 2019-2020 Spectator Editor-in-Chief: Tomi Simmons & Podrangel Studio Manager: Cole Tanner!

We look forward to delivering the news and media to you next year!
 Join us!



Tiger Woods wins Masters

By Matthew Melchor

As he approached the eighteenth hole of the last round of the Masters in Augusta, Georgia, Tiger Woods kept his calm. This was the old Tiger Woods; the golfer many avid fans recognized when he destroyed his competitors, sometimes by fifteen strokes like he did at the 2000 U.S. Open. As he sank the putt for bogey, Woods pumped his fists in the air while screaming. While he shook Francesco Molinari's hand and hugged his caddy, the crowd roared,

chanting "Tiger! Tiger! Tiger!" Immediately after walking off the final hole, Tiger Woods hugged his son and greeted the rest of his family who was in attendance to watch. For almost the entire tournament, Molinari remained steady and strong, confidently taking control of the field for rounds two and three. To many, Molinari looked unstoppable, only a major collapse could allow another golfer to win the 2019 Masters Tournament. Tiger, however, was not a golfer many had faith in. Since 2009 he

lacked the strength and stamina to close out major tournaments, suffering from back spasms during his rounds. Woods was still good, but by no means did many fans or analysts believe Woods was a legitimate threat to the rest of the field. Molinari's immaculate weekend of golf did come to an end, though, as Tiger Woods remained steady through the pressure, like he once had. Finally, Woods had won his fifteenth major tournament and again began the quest to break Jack Nicklaus's record of eighteen.



Pictured above: Tiger Woods celebrates his first Masters Tournament win in 1997 at the age of 21. Picture from SB Nation

Pictured right: Tiger Woods celebrates his fifth Masters win 18 years later. Picture from Golf.com



Patriots Select Quarterback in 2019 NFL Draft

By Cody Baumgartner

Perhaps the Patriots organization realized that Tom Brady can't play forever. With the 133 overall pick in the 2019 NFL Draft, the New England organization selected a quarterback to eventually become Brady's successor. In the fourth round, Jarrett Stidham was the seventh quarterback taken in the draft, previously playing for Auburn. Whenever New England drafts a new quarterback, all fans can think of is whether or not Brady will finally retire. Having such a

successful quarterback like Tom Brady, it is difficult for New England to find someone special enough to carry on their winning streak. The argument for Stidham is that Bill Belichick has done a good job over the past few years of identifying quarterbacks that fit his system. The last quarterback the Patriots drafted came back in 2014, when they drafted Jimmy Garoppolo with a second-round pick. In addition, the Patriots made a solid pick back in 2016 when they signed Jacoby Brissett in the third round. Prior to his

2017 season, Brissett was traded to Indianapolis after starting two games throughout his time at New

England. Stidham's future depends on whether or not he will play next year. Assuming Brady will come

back for the 2019 season, Stidham will sit the bench for as long as Brady stays in the game. Taking a year off from starting can be a turning point in an athlete's career, especially at the national level. According to John Breech, NFL writer for CBS Sports, "Since 2000, there have been just four quarterbacks who were drafted after the second round, started one game or fewer during their rookie season, and eventually became their drafted team's full-time starter." David Garrard, Josh McCown, Trevor Siemian, and Tom Brady are the select few who

became fulltime starters for their rookie years. The Patriots received a 'C' grade, according to Chris Trapasso, CBS Sports' draft analysis. According to Breech, Trapasso didn't love the pick. He does like the fact that Stidham has a good arm, but he can't handle pressure, especially in important games. During Stidham's senior season, Auburn went 8-5, which was not great. It makes sense to draft another quarterback to follow in his footsteps, but is drafting a prospect straight out of college the right choice? I guess we will have to wait and see.



Quarterback Jarrett Stidham drops back during a game. Stidham was the 133 overall pick to the New England Patriots in the 2019 NFL Draft.

Picture from Patriot Wire-USA Today



Congratulations to the Men's and Women's Tennis teams and the Softball team for winning the KCAC Championship!

Segovia Brings Championship to Mac

By Toni Snyder

The McPherson College “ring season” continued last Saturday when the Bulldog Softball team took two wins over Oklahoma Wesleyan University. These two wins resulted in the Bulldogs tying with Avila University for first place in the KCAC. This is something that hasn’t happened for the Bulldog softball team since 2003. The

Dogs ended their regular season with a record of 20-4 in the KCAC, and an overall record of 31-14. This was because of their split double-headers versus Friends University, Ottawa, Tabor, and finally against Avila. These ladies fought hard this season after finishing sixth in the conference during their 2018 season. The Bulldog community is extremely proud of the

leaps that Coach Segovia and the softball team were able to make this season, and their hard work has definitely shown off! When asked about their season, Sophomore Katy Wilson said, “This year we’ve beat all the doubts and odds against us and showed everyone what McPherson softball is all about.” This team has been the fourth team to win a KCAC championship

this year along with volleyball, men’s tennis, and women’s tennis. All of these rings around campus will hopefully be encouragement for the rest of our athletic programs in the near future. The team was able to celebrate their accomplishments over the past weekend before they jumped back into practice for their KCAC tournament that will be taking place May 1-3, 2019.

Senior Spotlight: Sydney Lang

By Toni Snyder

Sydney Lang is a senior majoring in biology, focusing on pre-veterinary medicine. She came to McPherson from Topeka, Kan., and previously attended Shawnee Heights High School. A fun fact about Sydney is that even though her favorite scent is

coffee, she can’t stand the taste of it. She has played softball all four years at McPherson and began playing when she was about five years old. When Lang isn’t busy studying or performing labs, she can be found representing the student body on Student Government Association or working hard in the

admissions office. After college, Lang plans to stay busy by going back to Topeka, taking on an internship at the Topeka Zoo, working as a veterinary assistant at a local clinic, and also continuing her education to eventually become an exotic veterinarian.

Picture from McPherson College Athletics



Baseball Completes Historic Quest

By Tyler Norris

Upon an already historic season for the McPherson College baseball team, the Bulldogs looked to complete another feat of the program by winning the series against Tabor College. On April 13, 2019 the Bulldogs welcomed the Tabor Blue Jays into Bulldog Park for games one and two. In the series opener, McPherson sent Garrett Conor to the mound. Conor pitched his best game of the year, going the full nine innings and picking up the win. Behind Conor, the Bulldog offense managed to score seven runs to Tabor’s three, taking game one. For game two, McPherson sent Marion Brunken to pitch. Brunken performed just as well in game two as Conor had in game one. Brunken worked five innings before handing the ball over to Jarrod Manick, who would work the final two innings of the game. Game three would prove to be Dylan Marble’s as he was sent to the hill for the start. Marble was

unbelievable in this start, going the full nine innings. By the end of the second inning it was all Bulldogs, with the score being 4-0; however, the Blue Jays were not out of it yet. They chipped away and cut the lead down, making the score 4-3 heading into the bottom of the sixth inning. The sixth inning was crucial for McPherson, scoring two runs in the bottom half. During the Bulldog rally, a close play at third incited a physical altercation between Dominick Ramos and the Blue Jays third basemen, causing the benches to clear for both sides. After the altercation was separated and both teams returned to their dugouts, it was all Bulldogs. The final score was 10-4 with McPherson winning. This was a historic weekend for the Dogs, grabbing their first sweep of Tabor and the number two seed in the KCAC. The conference tournament is set for games to begin on May 1, at the Great Bend Sports Complex in Great Bend, Kan.



Cars Corner with Mason Duffey

Photo by Mason Duffey

By Mason Duffey

Many classic car projects were once bright, shiny, modern cars, but over time became old, dilapidated, and unreliable. Once these cars have started this transition, they end up sitting in the owner's yards or garage, until someone comes along that wants to put in the time to bring it back to its former glory. This seems to be the story of Logan Necochea's 1971 Plymouth Duster. He began working as an apprentice for a mechanic in California, who happened to have the car sitting behind the shop. Necochea thought it would make a great first project car. Alongside his mentor, Necochea began fixing up the duster, first tackling the

drivetrain of the car. The motor had been rebuilt but hadn't been fired up, so they put in a little work on the factory 318 c.i. motor and got it running. Necochea was soon test driving the car, but unlike most, he didn't drive it on the street first but rather through the orange groves dodging the trees.

Necochea said that he has been changing the look of the car over the years, doing what ever he thinks will look good, including adding racing numbers on the



doors, black accent stripes and black hood. He has also upgraded the powerplant, swapping out the stock engine for a bigger 340 c.i. v8. Along with the

bigger motor he replaced the factory transmission after it blew up with a "727" 3 speed automatic, although he looks forward to swapping in a manual

transmission in the future. But, one of his favorite modifications has been the custom dash he made for the car. Rather than putting in an original or reproduc-

tion dash, Necochea got creative and cut the front of the hood off of another duster. He then painted it to match the body and affixed to the car creating custom unique piece to set his interior apart from any other duster.

Looking to the future Necochea plans to continue wrenching on his car, improving parts here and there. Although he does not want to turn this into a fully pristine show car, as this is his daily driver and enjoys regularly pushing the car to its limits.

Living Along the Mexico-US Border

By Mason Duffey

The topic of the United States southern border has gained a lot of attention in recent years, partly because of one of President Trump's main campaign promises which is to build a wall across the southern border. The idea of the wall has sparked a strong debate among Americans, some believing this will help solve illegal immigration. Others are outraged because they believe Trump has "manufactured a crisis." Nearly everyone in America has an opinion on

this, but I thought it would be great to hear an opinion from someone who has spent most of his life near the border.

Orlando Guzman, a junior at McPherson College, grew up in Edinburg Texas, less than an hour away from the border. Guzman's family is also of Mexican descent, with his mother being born in Mexico. Guzman explained to me that his family worked hard for what they had, and that they never wanted to take advantage of the system. Guzman has seen first-

hand the different pathways that many migrants take. He specifically told me two stories of second-generation migrants each choosing a different path in life. The first was a young woman who had been born and raised in America. This young woman knew how lucky she was to have been born here and to have the opportunity to go far in life. She is now a doctor and shows what Americans want from an immigrant. But some second-generation immigrants are not so grateful

for the opportunity. Living a life of trouble and crime, wreaking havoc in our country. Guzman told me of a young man who lived life like this. He started working for the cartel. He was arrested and spent two years in prison. These two stories show the stark contrast in the type of immigrants we as a country receive.

I asked Guzman if he believed there was a national emergency on the border. Guzman replied "Absolutely," and how people like Nancy Pelosi are trying to

discredit this emergency by convincing people that Trump has made this all up. Guzman then asked why politicians don't interview the people that actually live there. He explained how their opinions might change if they went there and saw the cartel members walking down the streets with guns they smuggled into the border and saw the bullets that are in the sides of homes.

Guzman has witnessed events that many of us will never see. It has given him a strong opinion based on

facts and true-life events. Even though he agrees with President Trump's statements about a border crisis and the fact that it is a humanitarian issue, he still believes, like many other conservatives that this country was built by immigrants, this country needs immigrants, but immigrants must come here legally to keep America safe.