

# OFFICERS NOT INDICTED FOR TAYLOR'S DEATH

By Alex Goodloe

“Say her name!” is shouted by many people all over the world in protesting the police brutality that killed Breonna Taylor. Taylor, a 26-year-old black woman, was fatally shot by Louisville Metro Police Department officers Jonathan Mattingly, Brett Hankison and Myles

Cosgrove on March 13, 2020. LMPD entered the apartment of Breonna Taylor and Kenneth Walker using a battering ram to open the door. Kenneth thought it was an intruder and fired at the police. The LMPD then shot 32 times in return. Taylor was shot six times in her sleep and died from her injuries. Her

death was very emotional for her family and friends as well as the Black community. In June 2020, Brett Hankison got fired by the LMPD because he blindly fired through the patio door of Taylor and Walker's apartment. On Sept. 23, 2020 a Grand Jury indicted Hankison not for Taylor's death, but on three counts of wanton endangerment for

endangering the neighbors. The two other officers involved in the raid were not indicted. The non-indictment of these officers led to protests in Louisville as well all over the United States.



## RUTH BADER GINSBURG DIES

By Alex Goodloe

On Sept. 18, 2020 Ruth Bader Ginsburg died at the age of 87. The Supreme Court reported she died from complications from

metastatic cancer of the pancreas. Ginsburg was a feminist icon in the 1970s and remains a popular culture and feminist icon. She was an architect of the legal fight for women's rights, as well

as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court. Ginsburg was the second woman on the Supreme Court (following Sandra Day O'Connor) and served 27 years on the nation's highest court

becoming its most prominent member. Her service to this country is truly apprenticed by many as seen by the large crowds and memorials in Washington, D.C. following Ginsburg's

death. On Saturday, Sept. 26, President Trump nominated Amy Coney Barrett to fill the vacant spot on the Supreme Court left by Ginsburg. Confirmation hearings have not been scheduled.

## FEDERAL JUDGE HALTS TIKTOK BAN

By Alex Goodloe

A favorite app, TikTok, has been getting threats from President Trump to

be banned from the United States because they partner with a Chinese company which allegedly is taking its

users' data. A federal judge has temporarily blocked Trump's ban on TikTok. This delay will still allow users to use the

app until the court considers the ban's legality and whether the app is an actual risk to the nation.

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# NEWS



## NFL COACHES FINED FOR NO MASK



By Alex Goodloe

Five NFL coaches, Jon Gruden, Sean Payton, Pete

Carroll, Vic Fangio and Kyle Shanahan, were fined \$100,000 each for not wearing their mask during recent games. In addition,

each of their teams had to pay another \$250,000. Total, these payments round up to \$1.7 million in fines for not wearing a mask.

Even though no one tested positive for COVID-19, the NFL was enforcing their requirement. Masks are a requirement for all

players, coaches, and staff during games.

## A DEADLY TWIST ON STOCK TRADING

### ROBINHOOD APP TARGETS THE UNEXPERIENCED, DOESN'T EDUCATE

By Meghan Smith

What seemed like an innocent app wasn't as harmless or as easy to use as everyone thought it was. In April 2015, an app named Robinhood hit the market. This app

marketed simple and free stock trading, something that was completely new to the investing industry. Most other stock trading apps on the market are for wealthier people who can afford a fee for each time they buy and sell stock and

are experienced in trading and investing their money. Robinhood was made to target people who weren't as wealthy, who knew little to nothing about investing, and to democratize the investing industry.

Robinhood allows something called option trading after just a few multiple-choice questions. Option trading is essentially the trading of stock with money that you don't have and is usually the highest risk trading you can do. The app advertises it as "quick, straightforward, and free." But as one user found out, this wasn't the case. In June, Alex Kearns, age 20 and a college student in Nebraska, logged on to his Robinhood account to find a negative balance of

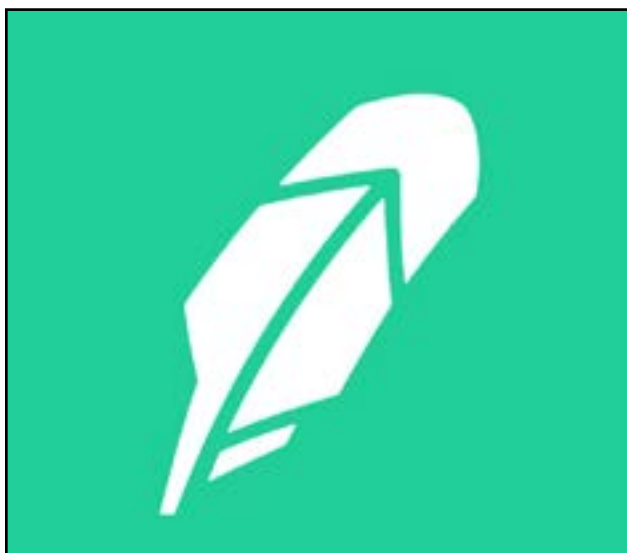
\$730,000. Shortly after, he killed himself. In his suicide note, Kearns said, "I only thought that I was risking the money I actually owned." By saying this, it shows that Kearns wasn't experienced enough to be using options trading, especially since he didn't even know he was using it. Robinhood targets users who are young and inexperienced and allows them to engage in the riskiest stock trading there is. Most users don't even know what they are getting themselves into.

The Robinhood app has faced a lot of scrutiny from economic experts. While the app does offer an opportunity for people who used to not be able to trade stock, it may not be worth it. Experts say that

the app seems a little too much like a game, with confetti shooting across the screen when you make a trade. Also, the app makes trading a stock as easy as swiping the screen, skipping many steps that other similar apps have. The app incentivizes trading and selling stock very often, which makes trading even more risky. This is partially due to how the app makes its money, since it is free to the users. The companies who actually take the users money and invest it in the stock market pay Robinhood a fee to do this. This is due to the fact that these companies are deciding what price they give Robinhood customers for stock and are then buying and selling certain stock to make a

profit over the Robinhood users.

While investing is something that most people use to help with finances in the long run, it doesn't always need to be done on your own. Robinhood, although an innovative app, isn't safe for college students, or any inexperienced investor, as shown by what happened to Alex Kearns. Daily stock trading is a dangerous game to play if you aren't an expert, especially if the app you are using seems like a game. Investing is a good tool to use to make wealth, but for people with less experience, you may want to delete the Robinhood app and invest in a financial advisor instead.





# VIEWPOINTS

## HOW MUCH DOES MURDER COST?

By Dymond McElrath

On March 13, 2020, Louisville Metro Police Department executed a “no-knock” warrant at the apartment of a young woman named Breonna Taylor. A “no-knock” warrant is a search warrant whereby the police may enter into a dwelling without announcing who they are. While Ms. Taylor and her boyfriend, Kenneth Walker, slept, the police entered their apartment.

Walker assumed that an intruder was breaking into their apartment, Walker and the police subsequently exchanged gunfire leaving Ms. Taylor fatally shot eight times. Long story short, the police raided the wrong apartment and murdered Ms. Taylor.

Based on this tragic event, the Women’s National Basketball Association, dedicated the remainder of the 2020 season to Breonna Taylor and the “Say Her Name”

movement. The “Say Her Name” movement raises awareness for African American female victims of police violence and anti-Black violence in the United States. Along with National Basketball Association players, WNBA players have been wearing warm-up tee-shirts, pre-game outfits, customized face masks, and even game jerseys displaying, “Say Her Name.”

On Sept. 15, the city of Louisville, Ky. gave Ms.

Taylor’s family a \$12 million settlement. WNBA star Angel McCoughtry of the Las Vegas Aces, who has had no problem voicing her opinion asked, “That’s it? You know, yeah, they deserve millions, but first of all, that’s not a lot of millions. And then second of all, why aren’t they (the officers) arrested? What else do we need to do? What else do people need to see?”

Some critics of the Louisville government say the

settlement was premature and that the mayor betrayed the city’s police by standing idly by as protest leaders accuse the officers of murder. Ryan Nichols, president of Louisville’s River City Fraternal Order of Police said officers have felt unsupported by the mayor and his lack of leadership since protests started May 28.

The question should be who is responsible for Breonna Taylor’s death? If responsible, shouldn’t

someone(s) pay for it? Bottom line, the police raided the wrong apartment and killed Ms. Taylor. The city of Louisville gave a settlement of \$12M to the family and the police, while feeling unsupported, remain blameless. I would say not only did the mayor support his police officers, he made a \$12 million investment, and gave them a get out of jail free card.

## RBG: WHAT LIES AHEAD

By Tomi Simmons

“Women will only have true equality when men share with them the responsibility of bringing up the next generation.” Ruth Bader Ginsburg passed away. Her past clerks watched as her body was carried past the Supreme Court. The amount of respect and loyalty gave me chills. The day she died I cried. It was not because her life had not been lived to her fullest, but because of what is to come.

I am celebrating how much inspiration she has spread to women in America. I am part of a Facebook group that discusses Ginsburg and the new nominations, the amount of people who named their

daughters Ruth, after the late Supreme Court Justice, is astounding. Many people are afraid for what is to come. I look forward to what is to come. Now we must continue to push boundaries through her legacy. We must protect what pertains to human rights.

We must continue to stand for one another because that is what Ginsburg did throughout her life. The Supreme Court confirmation must come after the presidential inauguration in January because that is what happened in 2016. Following precedence is key to integrity. I am going to protest if this word is not kept. The American people must be able to decide

the Supreme Court Justice as it pertains to which president will be elected. As President Trump’s first term comes to an end, and I hope it is his last, I hope whoever nominates the next Supreme Court Justice is honorable and respects the constitution as it is now.

As a woman, I have to thank Ginsburg for the gender equality that has been accumulated through her work. She was a trailblazer who wants her legacy to continue; for people to push for their constitutional rights is the most Ginsburg thing to do. I hope her legacy lives on through the movement of the people.

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## MC AUTOMOTIVE RESTORATION STARTS THEIR PATH TO PEBBLE

By Brittany Merkel

It is clear to see that our school cares about their Automotive Restoration students; the only people more serious are the students themselves. For those who do not know, Templeton Hall is currently home to a project 1953 Mercedes-Benz 300S Cabriolet. It was bought by the college after being in a bad accident; with the goal to be fully restored by stu-

dents. This car is the first remake of the body style after World War II and was originally produced with the intentions to reenter the American market.

Students who meet the requirements can be hired on the project; this is something that has never been done before. The car will be fully restored by students, hopefully sometime in 2022. Currently, the plan is to show it at Pebble Beach with the goal to win

in 2023.

Pebble Beach Concours D'Elegance is essentially the best of the best; with thousands of applicants and only about 200 automobiles make it to the field. To win a spot, there are harsh requirements and the restorations are left to the professionals. Since ours will be fully student-restored it is a huge deal for us to even make the field.

Stay tuned for Path to

Pebble updates as your classmates continue work on the Mercedes 300s project.

Mission- "To be the center of excellence for students serious about Automotive Restoration"

Vision- "By 2023 McPherson College will compete to win at Pebble Beach"



Photo by Brittany Merkel

## THEATRE BRACES FOR A DIFFERENT TYPE OF SEASON

By Department of Theatre Box Office

The Theatre Department begins its season this week with 20/20 Vision: a hybrid of Zoom recordings from current students & alumni. The collection is a celebration of all the ways theatre has impacted McPherson College over the years. Visit: <https://www.mcpherson.edu/programs/theatre/> for more information.

**"Molly Sweeney" by Brian Friel: Online, November**  
"Molly Sweeney" tells the story of one woman's journey from blindness to vision. Presented as

a metaphor for all of us as what we choose to see and choose to not see in our daily lives, Molly is a story for our digital age. Starring Alpha Psi Omega members Grace van Asselt, Tony Carpenter and Harvey Yeoman.

**"Dutchman," one-act drama by Amiri Baraka: Online, January rated PG-13**

Originally produced in 1964, "Dutchman" presents an encounter between a black man and a white woman. This production is a modern retelling as together we face a new civil rights movement in 2020. Warning: contains frank language, sexual imagery

& violence. Starring newcomers Javon Davis and Jailynn Hammel.

**"Puffs" by Matt Cox: March 11, 12 & 13**

"Puffs" tells a story of a boy who goes to a famous wizard school in England, makes two best friends and has adventures. No, not that wizard. It's Wayne Hopkins, sorted into



the Puffs house. In the basement next to the kitchen with his fellow

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Puffs, we all can remember that third place is okay when you're the hero in your own stories. Come experience this retelling of a famous story about the one who should not be named... because legal agreements forbid us from mentioning his name.

**"Native Gardens" by Karen Zacharias: April 22, 23 and 24**

In the suburbs, a couple move into their dream home. Unfortunately, their neighbors prefer that the neighborhood remain what it has always been. Who owns neighborhood culture: the people that have been there the longest or the people

who originally owned the land? When tempers flare, can people from different backgrounds and ideals compromise for what's best for the neighborhood?

The department faces challenges such as selecting pieces that could be filmed, ensuring safe performance spaces, adapting acting and design for film, and how to build sets using strict social distancing and tool sharing protocols. "Theatre in itself is always a grand experiment. 2020 has brought much stress, it's also become a period of great growth," said Professor Jen Pollard.



# CAMPUS

## COLOR RUN 2020

All photos taken by Jacob Reed

Miranda Gayton was the first place runner.

Students begin to line up at the start line and to listen to the opening ceremonies.



Students fill the cups that will be used to throw the color on the runners.



## MACMEDIA PARTICIPATES IN CAMPUS REBOOT

By Julia Largent

McPherson College MacMedia is partnering with other colleges and universities around the USA, Australia, and China in chronicling the 2020-2021 school year! Campus ReBoot is an interactive documentary spearheaded by Susan Cardillo at the University of Hartford. Students will be responding to prompts with written work, videos, audio, and photography (or a combination of these mediums).

Responses will also be added to our website using the "Campus ReBoot" tag and viewable on our website: [spectator.mcperson.edu](http://spectator.mcperson.edu). It is not too late to join the venture. If interested, email Julia Largent. Follow us (and other students!) as we chronicle this school year!



A certificate was presented to McPherson College Essential Workers to thank them for their work during the pandemic as part of the event.



Samantha Mayaka, Meklit Tilahun, Deiah Curtis, Esther Amuli and Courtney Weesner celebrate being colorful at the end of the race.



Natalia Ahrens and Miranda Gayton pose at the end of the race.

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# SPORTS



## MAC VOLLEYBALL HOPEFUL FOR '20-'21 SEASON

By Taylor Perez

It is no secret that the COVID-19 pandemic has changed our perspective of the word “normal.” From our day-to-day lives to milestone events, everything is different. McPherson College is fortunate enough to be able to play during the fall sports sea-

son. Alongside football, cross-country, tennis and soccer, our volleyball team is excited to compete once again.

Riley Bradbury, a senior leader for MC volleyball, said, “This season will be a lot different considering we’re playing in both fall and spring, but I think it will be my favorite season

at Mac.” This season will look different for the Bulldogs because fall sports are breaking their seasons in two, playing both in the fall and spring.

Although a great portion of the team are newcomers, the chemistry does not feel that way according to Bradbury. “Everyone challenges one another to be

the best they can be,” Bradbury said, “the one major obstacle the team will face this year is the extended winter break. It’ll be important to stay healthy and keep our bodies healthy since we hop right back into it mid-January,” said Bradbury.

The team is hopeful to

bring home another conference championship, despite the challenges the pandemic brings.



## FOOTBALL SEASON IS A ROLLER COASTER

By Natalia Ahrens

After three weeks of Bulldog football, fans have seen what seems to be the ups and downs of the team. Going into week four with a record of 2-1, the stakes are high against Friends University on Sept. 3.

On Sept. 12 against Sterling University, the Bulldogs obtained a victo-

ry of 58-40. Joshua Pisik (Junior, San Diego, Calif.), had 432 passing yards, with 31 complete passes. Ben Nikkel, (Junior, McPherson, Kan.), lead with 123 yards and 10 catches. Nikkel fell short of a touchdown, however, Melvin Reid (Junior, Winslow, N.J.), also with over 100 passing yards, scored two touchdowns, along with Jae’Lon Oglesby (Senior,

Central, S.C.), with two touchdowns as well.

In week two, the Bulldogs fell short to Bethel College with a final score of 21-55. Pumped up after their week one win, the Bulldogs quickly struggled with keeping the ball on offense. Bethel College had the ball for 40 minutes, while McPherson had it for about 20 minutes.

Into week three, the Bulldogs had a rough fight with Tabor College. Not scoring till the fourth quarter, the Bulldogs still managed to make a comeback and win. They now have a 2-1 record going in homecoming weekend versus Friends University. The team has high hopes of improving their record and making it to the post season.

Freshman Emily Terry attempts to get the ball over the net. Photo by Natalia Ahrens



Junior Melvin Reed leaps over the defense in hopes to gain yards. Photo by Natalia Ahrens

### UPCOMING BULLDOG SPORTING EVENTS

**Football:**  
10/3/2020: Home vs. Friends University @ 5:30 p.m.

10/10/2020:  
at Southwestern College @ 1 p.m.

**Cross Country:**  
10/9/2020: Bethel XC Invite (Women’s) @ 5:00 p.m.

10/9/2020: Bethel XC Invite (Men’s) @ 5:45 p.m.

**Soccer:**  
10/3/2020:  
Home vs. Avila University (Women’s) @ 11 a.m.

10/3/2020: Home vs. Avila University (Men’s) @ 1:30 p.m.

**Tennis:**  
10/16/2020: ITA Oracle Cup (Men’s and Women’s) (time TBA).  
**Volleyball:**  
10/2/2020: Home vs. University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma. @ 6 p.m.



# SPORTS

## MENS SOCCER LOOKING FORWARD TO UPCOMING SEASON

By Alex Burger

The McPherson College men's soccer team is extremely excited to be back on campus and ready to start another successful campaign season. After a summer of uncertainty due to the COVID-19 pandemic that resulted in a campus wide eviction and canceled spring seasons, athletes are all relieved and ecstatic to be back in the classroom and in competition.

With players from all over the world, they are ready to compete for the KCAC Championship. The men's soccer team has made it to the semifinal round of the tournament the last nine out of 10 appearances. In the 2020 Preseason Poll, McPherson College was picked to be third in the Conference and had two players named the 2020 KCAC men's soccer Preseason Team. They are a very competitive team with extremely talented

players who are ready to work hard this year.

Navid Istanbul, a senior from Bremen, Germany, and one of the team's captains this fall, revealed what he is most looking forward to for this upcoming season, "Just being able to play soccer with my teammates. We are very fortunate to be given that opportunity considering there are a lot of other colleges around the country that aren't given that same choice." He believes

the team's strength lies in their chemistry. They are all very close to each other, and get along very well. This translates well on the field as they are able to connect passes and make plays all over the field. Fans love watching all their combinations and seeing how much fun they have playing with one another.



Senior Anthony Bernal kicks the ball past a player on the opposing team. Photo by Natalia Ahrens

## SENIOR SPOTLIGHTS

BY TAYLOR CUNNINGHAM



Photo by Micah Gilbert

Senior Riley Bradbury, outside hitter for the Bulldogs Volleyball team, is from Castle

Rock, Colo. She is majoring in psychology. Bradbury chose McPherson for the small size and supporting community. "It makes me feel like I'm more than just a number." Riley looks forward to being able to play her senior season in

Kendryk Rankin is a senior from Colorado Springs, Colo. Rankin is a double major in elementary education and special education. "I chose McPherson because I

both fall and spring semesters, due to the split season. "Some goals are that we hope to bring another conference championship back to Mac this year, and really make the most of this season!"

liked the small school atmosphere and it just felt like a place I could really thrive," Rankin said. He plays defensive line for the Bulldogs Football team. One team goal he shared

is to win the KCAC Conference Championship. "We feel like this is the year to do it. I'm looking forward to playing my last season with the group of guys we have this year. It's

a great mix of talent that is matched by great coaching. It should be a good one."

Photo by Karrie Rathbone



# VIEWPOINTS



## CARS ON THE CORNER WITH MASON DUFFEY

By Mason Duffey

While there are a lot of car enthusiasts in the industry who prefer to do a pristine restoration and trailer their car from one car show to the next, there are also enthusiasts who have a passion for simply driving their classics. Student Noah Huls is in the latter group; he's not concerned with keeping his car in pristine condition or worrying about the potential problems of daily driving a classic car because for him it deserves to be driven as much possible.

His car is a 1950 Dodge Meadowbrook that he bought his freshman year of high school. The previous owner won the car in a poker game in 1956 and was more than willing to cut a deal with Huls. The car was in relatively good condition but was in need of an engine rebuild. So that was where he started, meticulously rebuilding the engine and restoring it to how it would have looked when it was brand new. Huls wants to keep the car original rather than hot rodding it so he spent a lot of time making sure the engine was how it

would have been in 1950, going as far to apply reproduction decals where the originals once were.

On the outside, the car wears its original shade of black that has become faded and scratched in the past 70 years. The car doesn't sport the flashiest looks, but its patina tells the story of a car that is being enjoyed by its owner. Huls claims his favorite part of his car is just driving it and sharing the experience of a classic car with others. He enjoys taking people for rides as well as letting other people drive his car. He also talk-

ed about how much fun it is to drive a classic car all year, stating that some of the most fun he's had with the car is driving during the winter.

He plans on keeping it original as possible and continuing to drive the Dodge for as long as possible and sharing the car with others. After graduating he hopes to open his own shop specializing in radiator and engine repair.

Photo from Life Unpredictable Photography



## COVID CRAZINESS: OPINIONS ON CAMPUS REGULATIONS

By Hannah Butler

The coronavirus has caused life to be crazy these last few months. There's been a lot of change to our everyday lives and it feels like the

world might never get back to normal. I'm sure none of us expected our college experience to ever be affected this greatly. There's a lot that's different and the college has done a good job at being

prepared to keep everyone on campus safe.

Face masks have been a very touchy subject for everyone. Personally, I don't mind wearing a mask as long as it keeps myself and others safe. They're a good

preventative measure on top of social distancing, and it's just better to be safe than sorry.

Having hybrid or online classes along with face-to-face classes is daunting and I know that personally,

I've struggled keeping up at times. It's a challenging time for all of us and I understand why some classes are online. It can just become frustrating at times because online learning is a lot of work. You have

to be on top of things and ask a lot of questions due to there not being enough clarity.

It's been a pretty crazy year, but we're able to overcome anything 2020 throws at us.

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