

HOW PREVIOUS HARD TIMES COMPARE TO NOW

By Brittany Merkel and Shannon Russell

Throughout history, at one point or another, every generation has faced tragedy. Since some nursing homes are closed or not allowing visitors, we asked our grandparents about hard times they experienced while they were growing up compared to today.

When asked the question “What hard times did you face in your generation compared to today?” Brent Matthews, 64, said, “I had to enlist for the Vietnam War at the age of 18, right before I graduated high school.” His brother was already serving in the Vietnam War, which was very hard. He also said that by the time he had graduated from high school they stopped the draft. Matthews mentioned that he had witnessed the civil rights movements and some of the riots. Another hard time he remembered was the Space Shuttle Chal-

lenger Disaster of 1986. Brent also said he remembers a small amount of the assassination of John F. Kennedy. He said he was only in the second or third grade when it happened, but he remembers a lot of people being upset about it. Other than the Vietnam War, Matthews said this pandemic is the worst thing they have ever seen in their time.

When we asked Regina Matthews, 61, the same question, she answered by stating that growing up with a different skin color was very difficult. She said it was very hard for her because people looked at her differently than her parents and siblings had. People still do this today and she can remember one incident that happened at a store. To this day she refuses to go into the store because of what happened in 2008.

Phyllis Allen, 80, said she recalled a lot of differences between her generation and today’s. She started by going through her

life in order, “I wasn’t old enough to really experience it but I know the Depression and World War II were big deals for my family.” It was hard for everyone. “When I was about six, at the end of the war, all the food was being rationed. I had a stamp book to buy food, we all did.” In fact, she still has her family’s food stamp books saved.

“Communication was a big thing because no one knew where we were. When we moved we had party lines with the neighborhood. In about ‘62, we would

have to pick up the phone and see if anyone was using it before we could call out.” Communication has changed so much throughout the past decade alone with all types of new technology.

“I remember Vietnam; it didn’t affect me as much personally as others but the country really came together. And it was the first war that we could turn on the TV and see footage of our men at war. No other war had that much communication in

the media. There was none in Korea or World War II.”

When asking in more depth about the effect of Vietnam, Allen remem-

bered wearing bracelets through the whole war. She explained that there was an organization who would make bracelets with names of those Missing in Action or Prisoners of War and give them out. Her whole family and friends would wear them and just hoped for those men to come home. “We were really just worried about them being out there. They’re all brothers, husbands and sons. I would pray for mine to make it home but we would never know.”

As a final question we asked her about the coronavirus and other pandemics she had faced in her life. She named polio first: “The biggest thing when I was a child was polio! Everyone was getting polio! And then all of the sudden there was a vaccine and that was that.” She stated that polio was definitely the worst for her generation, with the swine flu being second. In regards to today’s pandemic, she doesn’t

feel that it’s anything like polio was. “I could be totally wrong but the media just keeps talking about this virus and it’s the first time that we’ve had something like this. The media is reporting everything, all the time! There’s so many mixed numbers and ideas but with polio we had no current reports. We didn’t have numbers thrown around, we just had an outbreak and deaths and knew it was severe but nothing like today.” She finished the interview with a few more stories from her lifetime.

With everything going on in today’s world, it is hard to know what each generation will face. It’s interesting to see how two people of the same generation can have such opposite experiences, and how hard times can be easier for others.

Pictured are Shannon Russell’s grandparents, Brent and Regina Matthews. Picture provided by Shannon Russell.



CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES WRECK THE WEST

By Alex Goodloe

California wildfire forced evacuation of 60,000 people in Orange County on Monday, Oct. 26. The blaze started around 6 a.m. in the area of Santiago Canyon Road and was reported to be around 10 acres, according to the city of Irvine. The mayor of Irvine states, “the fire started in Silverado Canyon, and helicopters and fixed wing aircraft are on the way.” In a matter of hours the blaze exploded to 2,000 acres. It’s not clear what started the fire but it’s reported that the fire was expected to continue growing rapidly due to a Santa Ana wind event that is currently bringing gusty winds to southern California. The region faces dry conditions that allow for rapid fire spread.



TRANSGENDER ADVOCATES SCARED FOR ELECTION

By Alex Goodloe

With the election buzz, Transgender advocates are starting to

have mixed emotions. They are hoping for President Donald Trump’s defeat but also fear for the future if he remains

in office. Shannon Minter, a transgender attorney with the National Center for Lesbian Rights, says, “Trump intends to use the

full power of presidency and the executive branch to inflict maximum damage the transgender community.” Activists are

trying their best to stay positive but with this election it has them on edge.

HOW COVID HAS AFFECTED RESTAURANTS

By Hannah Butler

Since March, restaurants have been hit hard by the effects the pandemic has had on the world. Lockdown had a lot of small businesses and restaurants closed temporarily, which didn’t help

with the current unemployment situation.

The situation is better now. Most restaurants in McPherson are open for dine-in with social-distancing and protective glass shields in place. Some of the smaller spaces, like Noffy’s, are to-go

only, since the space isn’t big enough to social distance.

With finances being tight for many businesses, some of them even closed down. One of these restaurants was Golden Dragon. They closed a few months ago and it was an upset-

ting loss for the McPherson community.

Overall, most restaurants in town are sit-it now, so you can feel free to enjoy dining in while staying safe and healthy.

AMY CONEY BARRETT SWORN IN AS NEXT SCOTUS JUSTICE

By Alex Goodloe

Amy Coney Barrett will fill the seat of Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who died in September, 2020. Democrats made numerous attempts to postpone the vote but ran headlong into a GOP determined to cement a 6-3 majority. The vote was 52-48, with only Republicans voting in favor and Democrats unifying in opposition.

MASK MANDATE IN EFFECT IN MCPHERSON

By Eli Jordan

On Oct. 28, 2020, the McPherson City Council elected to rein-

state the mask ordinance in the city of McPherson. The previous mask mandate expired Sept. 8, 2020, and the wearing of a mask or face covering was not required. The man-

date repeals any city ordinance that conflicts with the wearing of masks. As of the time of this writing, no end date was set on the end of the mask mandate. This mask mandate is a part of the city’s “Kick COVID” cam-

paign. McPherson’s website says: “Join us in our Kick COVID Campaign! You make the choice in stopping COVID-19 in McPherson.” Whenever you head into town, make sure to wear your mask.





VIEWPOINTS

DESIGNATED SURVIVOR: SERIES REVIEW

By Natalia Ahrens

With it being election season, I thought it would be fitting to write about a series on Netflix called “Designated Survivor.” After airing for two seasons on ABC, Netflix picked up the third season.

First coming onto Netflix in 2016, the series “Designated Survivor” is a government based series that explores the legislative branch of government in depth. The series

begins with Tom Kirkman (Kiefer Sutherland) as the very bottom member in the cabinet on the day of the State of the Union. He was picked, at random, to not go to the State of the Union and is the designated survivor. Kirkman is then sent to an undisclosed location with Secret Service to watch the speech. During the speech, there is a huge explosion at the Capitol Building. He is then quickly escorted to the White House, where he takes the oath to be the

President of the United States as the sitting president and all attendees are confirmed dead. President Kirkman, along with his new staff, has to quickly reassemble Congress, and deal with people trying to get him out of the office. While this is going on, FBI agent Hannah Wells (Maggie Q) dives deep into the investigation on why the explosion happened, and it isn’t always easy for her. She will be met with many twists and turns, and many people try to make

sure she doesn’t find out the truth.

Overall, the first and second season of the series were incredible. Every episode had you engaged, and you never wanted to stop watching. I feel like it is a good way to get a sense of the government without actually being involved in politics. It really helps your understanding of the executive and legislative branches. As for me, I am particularly engaged and interested in the government, so that really had me

hooked on the show even more. Especially in season one and two, there was never a dull moment in any episode, and it was very well written. However, season three was not the best in my opinion. The writer changed their style, and personally I saw it change the entire vibe



of the show, so I stopped watching after the third episode of the third season. I would recommend this to anybody who has an interest in government.

THE SLOW RUSH: MUSIC REVIEW

By Hannah Butler

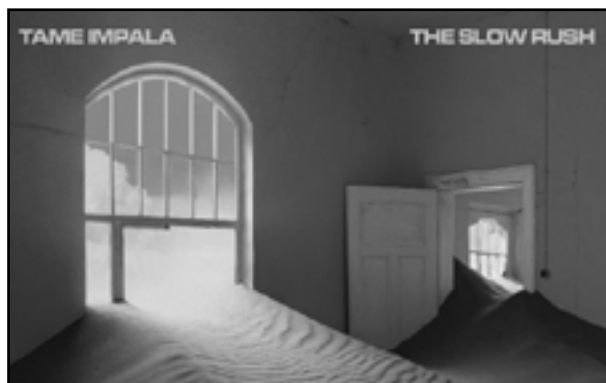
Tame Impala’s new album “The Slow Rush” was released in February 2020. You might have heard their song, “Borderline,” as it became a huge hit sound on TikTok used by many users. Compared to their 2015 album “Currents,” this album feels hazier and has more of the psychedelic-pop vibe. It also has more synth and feel less like rock like their album “Lonerism.” The guitar is just less present in “The Slow Rush.”

The songs on this album can be catchy and make you feel like dancing, or they can make you want to sit back and relax. The di-

versity is unique on this album and everything is put together by Kevin Parker, the front man, himself.

I personally love this album. Tame Impala is a more unique alternative band that has a different sound than what you hear on the radio today. It’s great to know they are

getting more exposure because anyone can jam out to their songs, whether it’s their rock era or more of their synth vibe. I definitely recommend them if you listen to alternative/indie bands. Also, if you like funky, techno beats with some fun synth it’s up your alley.



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CAMPUS



WELCOME NEW FACULTY

DR. TIM FRYE, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF MATHEMATICS

By Shannon Russell

Dr. Tim Frye, the new Assistant Professor of Mathematics, lives in McPherson, Kan. Last year he taught at Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina. Prior to Kansas Wesleyan University Dr. Frye taught at Tabor College in Hillsboro, Kan. Tim Frye, like many people, has hobbies he likes to do when he is not teaching. He enjoys reading books by his two

favorite authors, N. K. Jemisin and Lois McMaster Bujold. He also likes to go hiking and learn different languages. Dr. Frye's favorite TV show changes by whatever he is watching; he likes anything that has to do with sci-fi and fantasy, but if he had to choose one it would be Doctor Who. Doctor Who chronicles the adventures of an eccentric time-traveling scientist. Dr. Frye enjoys playing board games and

cooking and baking. When it comes to music, Dr. Frye doesn't really have a favorite song, but he likes music from the 1990s and the band Frightened Rabbit. Dr. Frye became a math professor because he's always been good at math. When he got to college, he liked his math classes better than his other classes. This made him think that is what he should do: teach what he's good at. Tim Frye loves being a

math professor because he likes doing research, but he says there is less time for research because of the pandemic. He likes interacting with his students, especially the snarky ones. Dr. Frye appreciates that they sass back at him in class. The sass goes back and forth, which he believes is the reason some of his students enjoy his class.

Photo by Shannon Russell



PATH TO PEBBLE UPDATE MCLAUGHLIN SPECIALIZES IN PAINT

By Brittany Merkel

Nate McLaughlin is a senior technology major in the Automotive Restoration program, all the way from Ticonderoga, N.Y. He specializes in paint and body work. With a heavy push on paint on the Mercedes project, his job is crucial in this phase. Nate has held an internship with Vintage Car

Works in Denver, Colo., the past three years. The shop has helped fuel his love for German cars, especially Porsches, as well as experience in paint. The 300s is currently spread out across Templeton. The engine has been rebuilt and is sitting in the lab waiting for its time to go in, same with the suspension, while the rest is in the paint lab. Our team

is working closely with PPG paint, who created a special line for the 300s. The final product will be all black.

Due to the extreme standards of Pebble Beach, lots of documentation is required. With help from the Mercedes-Benz Classic Center and Paul Russel and Company, the car is expected to be finished in 2022 but there is still pres-

sure to get it done as soon as possible. Once it is reassembled, there will only be about fifteen percent left to restore.



Senior, Nate McLaughlin, shows off the Mercedes 300s hood he painted. Photo by Junior Silva



DR. NICHOLAS BALDETTI, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF HEALTHCARE INITIATIVES

By Josh Rivers

Dr. Nicholas Baldetti is a professor from Phoenix, Ariz. He teaches in the Health Science Program. He came to the Midwest for college football. He and his wife, Kylee, have three children: Blayne who is 11 years old, Liam who is 7 years old, and Lahna who is 6 years old. He earned his doctorate degree in Business Administration in Health Economics from Creighton University in Omaha, Neb. Before he came to McPherson College, he was the Executive Director of the Reno County Health Department in Hutchinson, Kan. and the appointed Health Officer

for Reno County. He is also an assistant professor for the University Of Kansas Medical School's Masters of Public Health Program.

Dr. Baldetti knew he wanted to be a teacher when he was striving to finish his Master of Education degree as a teaching assistant. He had a mentoring professor who really encouraged and fostered an interest in teaching collegiately. "Healthcare is one of the largest industries in the world. Everyone requires health services in some way, whether it is preventative care, or in response to acute



and chronic issues. Additionally, the economic ramifications resulting from health outcomes at the population level interest one" said Baldetti.

Some advice Dr. Baldetti has for somebody in his shoes is, "make sure to pursue a field or type of work that provides

you an internal sense of satisfaction when working toward a larger goal. Many times the day to day work is not what provides that gratification, but instead relating that work back to a greater goal is what motivates you and provides greater equality throughout your career."

Some of his greatest accomplishments are providing for and ensuring that his family is healthy, happy and safe. Leading his local community through the beginning of COVID-19 response is one of his latest accomplishments as well as assisting Reno County Health Department in achieving public health accreditation.

One of the things he likes about teaching at McPherson is the atmosphere. He likes how the campus is very supportive and familial. What drew Dr. Baldetti to McPherson College was the opportunity to lead a new Health Science Program in educating future healthcare professionals who will strive to solve cost, access and quality challenges in healthcare while providing greater health services to disparaged and underserved communities that include communities in rural Kansas.

MOE JOINS CARS CLUB AS A FRESHMAN/TRANSFER REPRESENTATIVE

By Brittany Merkel

Palmer Moe was elected as the CARS Club Freshman/Transfer Representative. Moe is a freshman from just outside of Seattle, Wash., where car culture is not big. He ran for the position to push himself further into the

program. He knows how it feels to be on the outside looking in and hopes to be able to push the club to be more inclusive with those interested in cars but not necessarily Auto Restoration students. Moe is excited to be here and is looking forward to this year.



Freshman/transfer representative, Palmer Moe, sitting on his 35th anniversary Corvette. Photo by Brittany Merkel

SPORTS



MEN'S BASKETBALL STARTS 2020-2021 SEASON

BULLDOGS BEAT MANHATTAN CHRISTIAN TO JUMP START SEASON

By Alex Burger

The McPherson Men's Basketball team finally got to hit the hardwood for their first game against the Manhattan Christian College Thunder. This came after the Bulldogs' original season opener was postponed and their last home opener was canceled. To

say the Bulldogs were looking forward to playing a new opponent, that wasn't themselves in practice, would be an understatement. They showed that when they beat a well-coached Thunder team by double digits 87-75.

The first half seemed to be fairly even as the Bulldogs and Thunder battled

back and forth. Midway through the first half, the Bulldogs led 16-13. In large part of their three-point shooting, the Bulldogs were able to hit seven three-pointers in the first half to give themselves a 47-37 lead at halftime.

In the second half, the Bulldogs lead by as much as 17. Five minutes into the

half

the score was 60-43. Due to several Bulldog turnovers, the Thunder came storming back. The Bulldogs saw their lead trim down to as low as five at the 6:24 mark remaining in the game. After that, the Bulldogs seemed to make everything start to click. The next two possessions

resulted in a layup by Fred Watts, and a three-pointer by Travon Shelvon boosting their lead back up to ten. From there, the Bulldogs maintained possession of the ball and hit a couple more key shots to close out the Thunder with a final score of 87-75. The Bulldogs played stellar as a team but had a lot of

help from their big three. Travon Shelvon scored 20 points off 5 three-pointers and some free throws, Kemryn Jenkins scored 19 off of a balanced 8 for 15 from the field, and Fred Watts finished with a double-double consisting of 18 points and 14 rebounds.

BULLDOG FOOTBALL: OCTOBER UPDATE

By Mia Birkes

Through the course of October, the McPherson Bulldog football team

saw the ups and downs of the regular season. McPherson is currently 3-4 with 2 home games and 4 away games. On Oct. 3, the

Bulldogs faced off against the Friends University Falcons at home for Homecoming. The Bulldogs scored a total of 20 points to Friends' 17, with 13 points in the first quarter and 7 in the fourth quarter. McPherson had a total of 224 yards: 189 passing and 35 rushing. On the road, the Bulldogs fell 45-7 against

the Southwestern College Moundbuilders on Oct. 10. The singular touchdown was scored in the fourth quarter by Corey Davis of Houston, Texas. The Bulldogs had a total of 125 yards to Southwestern's startling 507. The following weekend, Oct. 17, the Bulldogs fell once again to the Ottawa University Braves, losing 31-13. The Bulldogs had a total 297 yards and credits

their touchdowns to Melvin Reid of Winslow, N.J., passes received from Trent Graves of St. Charles, Ill. Though the Oct. 24 game against the University of St. Mary was postponed, the Bulldogs faced off at home against Kansas Wesleyan University on Oct. 31. Falling 41-27 for a current 3-4 season, the Bulldogs expected to win given the results of the first half. 21-14 at halftime, the three

touchdowns were scored by Melvin Reed of Winslow, N.J., Corey Davis of Houston, Texas, and David MacMahon of Turon, Kan. In the second half, Ben Nikkel of McPherson, Kan. scored a fourth touchdown. McPherson racked up 250 passing yards, 37 rushing, and 82 receiving for an impressive total of 369 yards.



Junior Melvin Reed attempts to run the ball into the end zone for a touchdown. Photo by Jakob Komel

UPCOMING GAMES

Volleyball:
Saturday 11/7 vs
Bethany (at home)

Women's Basketball:
Tuesday 11/10 vs Friends
University at Home, 6 p.m.

Men's Basketball:
Tuesday 11/10 vs Friends
University at Home, 8 p.m.

Women's Soccer
Saturday 11/14 vs Oklahoma Wesleyan 5 p.m.

Men's Soccer:
Saturday 11/14 vs Oklahoma Wesleyan 7:30 p.m.



SPORTS

A LOOK INTO THIS YEAR'S ESPORTS SEASON

By Hannah Butler

The Esports team has been practicing hard this year. They are currently in their off-season and will be competing the spring semester. COVID-19 has affected many sports, but Esports hasn't been hit too hard. They can still practice on

campus and from home, but tournaments and competitions have been put on hold.

In addition to "League of Legends" and "Overwatch," they now have a new Valorant team. The game came out of beta and has become very popular among gamers. They are currently working on set-

ting up competitions for Valorant and have some set for League of Legends and Overwatch.

Jonathon Horton, sophomore, said: "I'm very excited for the new season of League of Legends, though I'm worried it won't be very diverse for the first few months of the new season coming out.

I'm nervous about the competition we will see this coming semester, as it will be one of the first times, we've had multiple games competing in one semester. It will definitely be an interesting time for the Esports scene this spring."



SENIOR SPOTLIGHTS

BY TAYLOR CUNNINGHAM



Photo by Micah Gilbert

CLAIRE SINGLETON

Claire Singleton, women's soccer, is from Las Vegas, Nev. Singleton is majoring in biochemistry. "I chose McPherson because it has such a welcoming environment. From the students to the coaches,

everyone is so friendly and wants you to succeed," Singleton said. Claire plays center midfield for the Lady Bulldogs. "I am looking forward to our season because I think we have such a talented team this year. Everyone has something to contribute when they walk onto the field. Some team goals we have are to continue to improve and have a better record this season."

JUSTUS KOHLER



Photo by Micah Gilbert

Senior Justus Kohler, men's soccer, is from a small town in Germany called Prosselsheim. He is majoring in Business Administration with emphases in finance, management, and marketing. Kohler said he chose McPherson for the small community, sports programs, and the business program. "I am looking forward to playing one more time with my teammates," he said, "We want to win as many games as possible and we want to enjoy playing the game we all love." Kohler plays in the midfield for the Bulldogs.

VIEWPOINTS



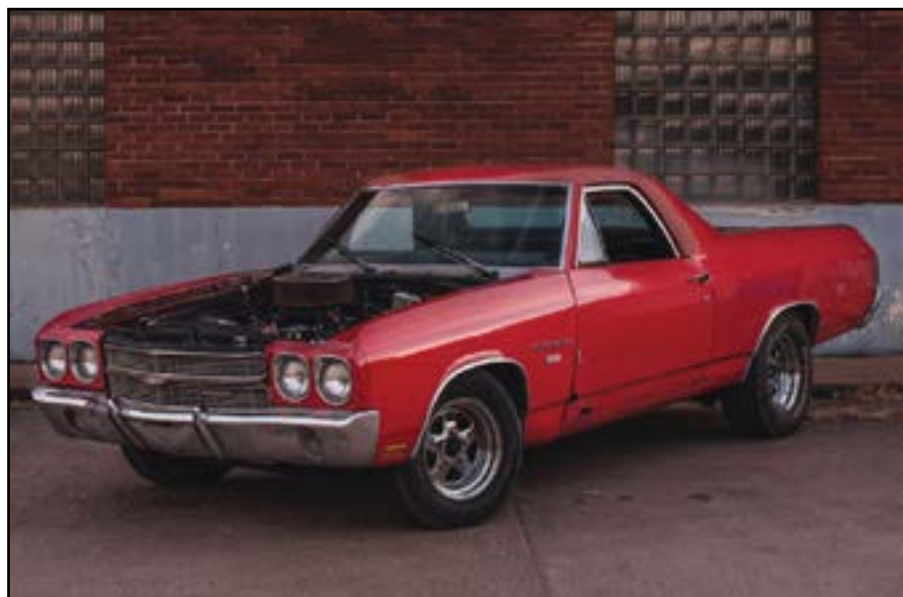
CARS ON THE CORNER

WITH MASON DUFFEY

By Mason Duffey

Most of the restoration students have had their love for cars their entire life and have had favorite cars since they were little kids. For Dakota Logan, he had dreamed of owning a 1970 Chevrolet El Camino for as long as he could remember, and he was able to turn that dream into a reality during his freshman year of college.

He found the car in Indiana and was able to buy it and make it his new project car. He started the project by pulling the original engine and transmission out in favor of a more powerful set-up. He already had a 396 V8, which happened to be made in 1970 so it would match the car. He knew he wanted to convert the car to a manual transmission, and he wanted to use the



Muncie M22 “Rock Crusher” four speed transmission. It took eight months of browsing the classifieds, but he eventually found one and was able to start the process of swapping the new drive-train in.

The swap was recently completed, and he was

able to take it on its maiden voyage this month and was able to show it off at the last cruise-in of the year. He plans on just enjoying the car how it is and not bothering to fix the rust or tackle any other major parts of the car until after graduation. Eventually, he

would like to apply what he has learned here at McPherson College and restore the car himself. He wants to do a frame off restoration, leaving nothing untouched, and repainting the car dark green.

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