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On July 9 President Donald Trump held a press conference to announce Judge Brett Kavanaugh as his Supreme Court nominee. If this nomination went through, the Supreme Court would consist of five conservative justices and four liberal justices. This would give conservatives a major advantage in the voting on all cases.

One major concern of the liberals is that the Supreme Court case of Roe v. Wade could be overturned. Roe v. Wade is one of the most controversial Supreme Court cases in United States history.

A woman desired to terminate her pregnancy by abortion. Texas law prohibited abortions in all cases except to save the mother’s life. When she was denied an abortion, she appealed the ruling until it became a Supreme Court case in 1973. The Supreme Court ruled that a woman’s right to abortion was protected by the Fourteenth Amendment. With this decision, the laws of 46 states were affected by the legalization of abortion.

Although there have been very few Supreme Court cases later overturned, many people expect Kavanaugh to be the fifth vote to overturn the ruling of Roe v. Wade. If the ruling is not overturned, it is still likely that it would be drastically weakened.

Considering the Senate consists of 51 Republicans out of a total of 100 Senators, Kavanaugh was expected to easily pass the Senate vote.

Everything changed in late July when Dr. Christine Blasey Ford sent a letter detailing an alleged assault to Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-California). In this letter, Dr. Ford accused Brett Kavanaugh and his friend, Mark Judge, of sexually assaulting her in the summer of 1982.

This letter was kept secret from the public and was not released until it was published in the Washington Post on September 16. The following day, Judge Kavanaugh released a statement denying Ford’s allegations.

On September 19, Ford’s lawyer emailed the Senate Judiciary Committee telling them that Ford had agreed to testify before them.

In her testimony, Dr. Ford described the alleged attack, but there were many holes in her story. Many of the witnesses that Ford believed were at the party had no recollection of the event. Also, Dr. Ford had forgotten many crucial details about that night.

In response to her testimony, Judge Kavanaugh told his side of the story. He included calendars from the Summer of 1982. Throughout his life, Kavanaugh has kept calendars detailing his whereabouts for every day of the year.

After the testimonies of both Ford and Kavanaugh, the FBI was instructed to interview anyone they deemed relevant to this case. After ten days, they were to reveal their findings.

When the FBI released their statement, they had found no evidence to incriminate Judge Kavanaugh.

In order to be confirmed, Brett Kavanaugh had to receive a majority of the Senate vote. When the vote was taken, the final count was 50-48 in favor of Kavanaugh.

Kavanaugh was later confirmed into The Supreme Court, where he serves today.

Many Republicans believe that these allegations were all planned out by the Democrats, specifically Senator Feinstein, in order to block President Trump’s conservative nomination. I believe that Dr. Ford may have been assaulted, but Brett Kavanaugh had nothing to do with it. I believe that the timing of these allegations was precisely planned out in order to aide the Democratic political agenda.
Do you think Brett Kavanaugh should have been confirmed?

“I believe that Kavanaugh should not have been confirmed. The fact that there was probable cause of committing the horrendous act of sexual assault and his reaction to the accusation is reason enough to not appoint him to the Supreme Court.”

Layan Alkilani ‘20

“Yes, because I don’t think Dr. Ford had enough evidence to convict him. Her case wasn’t very strong.”

Keon Graham ‘20

“Yes because if not, it is a complete injustice to his career. They don’t have near enough evidence to prove that he committed a crime.”

Joe Miles ‘21

“Yes, because Dr. Ford didn’t have any evidence. Also Dianne Feinstein was untruthful throughout the whole process.”

Dylan Thornbrough ‘22

“Since there were many inconsistencies in Ford’s argument, he shouldn’t be convicted of a crime without enough evidence.”

Katie Hampton ‘19

“No, because the way he acted showed too much anger and didn’t act like he was mentally stable. But we still don’t know if he actually did it.”

Gwynneth Pearson ‘20

“I think that she should have spoken up when it first happened. She shouldn’t have waited thirty-five years.”

Jaden Blissett ‘21

“On one hand I think he should have because of the lack of evidence, but if they found more evidence I think that he should not have been confirmed.”

Charlee Oliver ‘20
The captivating king of queens

Some may say that Sikeston has too many dances throughout the year, since we have 5 dances including prom, 2 homecomings, and 2 formals. The first Red Pepper Formal is different though because the Red Peppers vote for a senior boy who is involved to have the title as “Red Pepper King”.

Noah Hicks, Jeffery Thornbrough, Nate Self, Bryce Miller, and Teddy Blissett are the lucky five that have the chance of getting the title. The Barker Staff got the chance to ask them a few questions so you could get to know your 2018 court.

When asked who their inspiration was, Nate Self, Teddy Blissett and Bryce Miller responded:

“Tim Tebow, pretty cliche but he’s been my inspiration since I was little watching him at Florida. His passion for using his platform to point others to God is insane. His humility while being one of the best competitors of our generation is also something I strive to be like,” Self said.

Sounds cliche but I look up to my parents. I look up to them because I’ve grown up with them all my life and everything that I’ve accomplished in life is because of them,” Blissett replied.

“My inspiration has to be my grandma who passed away in 2011 because she was always trying to make people happy and helped them pursue their dreams,” Miller replied.

“What is your favorite part about fall?” was another question that Noah Hicks and Bryce Miller answered:

“My favorite part about fall is Thanksgiving because it has the best type of food to eat yourself into a food coma,” Hicks replied.

“My favorite part about fall is when it gets close to ending because winter is coming, and I like winter,” Miller said.

The Barker staff asked if they had any useless talents. Jeffery Thornbrough, Noah Hicks, and Nate Self replied:

“Bouncing my pecs, because it’s literally useless,” Thornbrough said.

“My most useless talent is that I can move my ears,” Hicks answered.

“My most useless talent is definitely the ability to play drums because its hard to find time to play them, and I haven’t played in church worship in a few years,” Self said.

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“Teddy, because he showed me the worst cat video ever during freshman year,” Hicks said.

Your 2018 Red Pepper king will be crowned tomorrow night, November 3rd around 10:30 at the Red Pepper Formal. The king will receive a scepter, a crown and a lucky dance with Giselle, the Red Pepper Cayenne.
Beginning the road to State
Grace O. Blanton
Reporter

The SHS cheerleaders compete at regionals on November 10. After regionals, the girls will compete for the State title in December, 1, in the 3A Large Division.

Since the cheerleaders won state last year, the pressure for another win is on. This year, the competition process is different than any other year.

In years past, the Regionals competition was in July before the school year started, and the State competition fell in late October or early November. This year, Regionals is in November, and State is in December.

There are many fresh faces on the mat this year. Aubrey Wheeler ’22 gave her opinion on what she is looking forward to most.

“What I’m looking forward to most is competing with my friends, and showing everyone how we came together to face the challenges this year.” Wheeler said.

The cheerleaders routine is composed of jumping, tumbling, stunting, cheering, and dancing. The girls practice for hours a week to make sure their routine is as perfect as can be. They work on everything from throwing twisting basket tosses to making sure their toes are perfectly pointed.

The cheerleaders compete against two other teams at the competition. Although two competitors seem small, their biggest rival, St. Francis Borgia, will be there.

Head Cheerleader, Ashley Gilman ’19, is very excited for what’s to come. She gave her hopes for the regional competition.

“My hopes for regionals is of course a first place title because I know we can do it. However, most of all, I want each and every girls to go out on the mat and give their hardest, and have a great time,” Gilman said.

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Fun times at the Monster Bash
Charlie L. Cox
Reporter

Last Sunday, kids and their families flocked to the Clinton Building to participate in the second annual Monster Bash. The Monster Bash is an event held by the Sikeston Parks and Recreation Department.

Children came to the event dressed in their Halloween costumes ready to win candy. At the Monster Bash, there were multiple games that kids could try to win for more candy. The event was a lot of fun and I’m glad that I was able to help with it.

The Red Pepper and Bums officers volunteered to help run the Monster Bash.

“This is the 2nd year for the Sikeston Parks and Recreation’s Monster Bash, which has been attended by hundreds of children since its inception. Students have been a big asset to the event, as it requires many volunteers in order to be successful. As always, I am proud of our student volunteers from the Red Peppers and Bleacher Bums, and hope we can continue to volunteer for an event that will only continue to get bigger and better” Bums Sponsor, Mr. Lindsay said.

Children who came to the Monster Bash got to participate in many games. These games were ran by the Red Pepper and Bums officers.

These games involved many different skills such as strategy, accuracy, strength, and logic.

“It was cool to help out the kids and see what kind of skills they had. Ryan Lambert and I ran a game where the kids had to shoot targets with a nerf gun. There was one girl that shot six out of six targets.” Bums President, Noah Hicks said.

The Monster Bash was both a great experience and event that will hopefully continue to grow and be attended every Halloween season.

The Monster Bash ended with a hayride. The kids were all smiling and laughing. Soon after the hayride, the children headed home with bags filled with hundreds of pieces of candy.
Kindergarteners have to look their best for their mom’s Facebook on the first day of school. Fourth graders rush home to play the latest PlayStation game. Eighth graders stress over how their acne will look for Selfie Sunday. Seniors are so worried about getting a picture for Instagram that they forget to watch their last football game.

Today’s technology connects the entire world and allows anyone to be accessed at the click of a button. Businesses have new social media marketing strategies, long-distance relationships are no longer doomed, and breaking news spreads across the globe faster than ever. This accessible way of life seems to be nothing but beneficial... for adults. Children and teenagers are so consumed in technology that it seems an imaginative, carefree childhood is a thing of the past. Is modern culture actually disrupting childhood? Or do technological advancements have more positive effects than negative ones?

Jane Brody, a New York Times personal health columnist, examined the effects of technology, and found that it starts harming children before they can even speak. When screens are shoved in front of toddlers to busy them, it stalls their development.

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Children have more opportunities now than ever, and it is all due to technology. Concepts such as 3-D printing and international online communities never could have been dreamt up 30 years ago. These advancements benefit children, assisting their imaginations and futures. Different games, apps, and animation allow for more creativity and encourage use of logic; video games are known to improve hand-eye coordination and problem solving. When new technology is involved, children are more likely to get excited for learning.

Beyond building essential skills, technology has an immense impact on the younger generation’s chances of careers. On one hand, factories and manual labor jobs are being replaced by more efficient technology. However, jobs centered around electronics, computers, and engineering are only growing in demand. The ones who become literate in the skills needed for these jobs at a younger age will be better qualified for positions.

There is no definite answer when it comes to children and the usage of technology. Harm can befall abusive users of electronics, but the benefits that result from moderate, efficient use are undeniably valuable.

One thing is for sure: childhood in today’s terms is far from what it was before all the screens.

Are the kids really all right?
Counselor’s Corner

I am Mrs. Heather Self. I am the Junior Counselor and love my job. I believe all students have things they are good at, like to do, and that each one has something to offer the world to make it better. I care very much about helping students move into their futures with confidence.

Here are a few things the SHS Counselors have been up to:

**Coping Skills:** Life card be tough. There are things that make us mad, things we worry about, and things that make us sad. How we handle the tough times in life is what determines who we become. For this reason, our counselors have been in classrooms brainstorming coping skills with students. It has been pretty impressive to hear all the healthy ways SHS students have learned to handle their difficult emotions.

Here are some common things students shared: Deep Breaths, Positive Self-Talk, Talk to someone you trust, Pray, Listen to music, Exercise, Clean, and Write/Create.

These coping skills are proven to help decrease the stress hormone released in their brains so they can think more clearly and make better decisions when they face difficult situations.

**Link Crew Launch:** Several Link Crew students are launching a new initiative. They have partnered up and will go into all DAWGS classes to do an activity each month. The activities will be short videos and community building discussions. The topics will promote mental health, determination, goals, unity, post high school plans and more.

**Career Reps:** Did you know that we have more jobs openings in Sikeston than can be filled? I know, I didn’t know that either. There are some really awesome places to work right here in Sikeston. They offer good pay, benefits, and a stable future. Several of those businesses are coming here to let you know what they have to offer. It’s a great opportunity for you to hear about them and to make yourself known to them (that’s called networking). Sign up on Google Classroom to visit with the Career Reps on your lunch shifts.

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Digging Up Bones

**5 Years Ago**
On this day, the infamous collection of art stolen by Nazis in the World War II era was found in Munich, Germany. The artwork was said to be valued at a price point of $1 billion or more. Some pieces of art found in this collection were original works from famous artists such as Pablo Picasso and Henri Matisse. The original owners are unknown.

**10 Years Ago**
The biannual midterm elections were held all across the United States. This was the 111th biannual midterm election. The democratic party remained in control over the House of Representatives with the help of endorsement from president Barrack Obama. Nancy Pelosi remained incumbent in her role as Speaker of the House, and defeated republican John Boehner.

**20 Years Ago**
Christians all around the world celebrated All Saints Day. This day is set aside by many of the Catholic faith and some protestant faiths as a period of recognition for all who have earned the title of saint. All saints are celebrated on this day, even those who may not have greatly contributed to the Christian faith, as well as saints who are unknown to many.
Kicking into the end

Shelby F. Hodgkiss
Reporter

This year, the Bulldog Soccer season was full of surprises. As the end nears, players begin to reflect on the season. They are able to take note on what they did best, and what may need more improving for next year.

“This year, I think we improved offensively with the help of Alfonso Vera transferring in. Next year, our defense will be put to the test after losing two starting defenders from this year’s team” Clark Steward ‘20 said.

This is a bittersweet time for the seniors. For these boys, soccer has played a major role in their life for as long as they remember.

“These past four years have flown by. What really made them so great was spending time with some of my best friends, while playing the game I have loved since I was young,” Jeffery Thornbrough ‘19 said.

While winning is great, what really matters is the leadership values that the coaches instill into these young men.

“As an underclassman, I learned how to follow. Now, as a senior, I am able to lead and teach others how to follow,” Adam Comstock ‘19 said.

Bryce Miller ‘19 touches on how there will also be challenges.

“Soccer for me has been a journey. We went from having so many players in my grade, to three. It has been a challenge to play this season, but with the brotherhood of the three seniors, it has been a great one,” Miller said.

The team is hopeful for next year season and can’t wait to start a new chapter.

The Bulldogs played the Farmington Knights last night. Their season ended with a record of 11-14. Overall, the season had many ups and downs, but the future for the team looks bright.

Bulldogs bash into Districts

Grant L. Stoner
Reporter

The Sikeston Football team looks to make a district playoff run. After defeating the North County Raiders 30-32, Tra Ranson had an amazing performance.

The Bulldogs will play the West Plains Zizzers in the second round of the district playoffs. The Zizzers are ranked number one in the district.

After coming off a 61-0 blowout against Cape Central, the Zizzers appear ready for their game.

“The big thing is you just have to have a good week of practice. This could potentially be the last week for seniors and I always like them to go out with a good attitude and a good week of practice. Go play the best you can and see what happens,” Head Coach Kent Gibbs said.

Sikeston has an overall record of 5-5. They plan on improving that record after Friday night’s game.

The Zizzers are going to be one of the toughest match-ups of the year for the Bulldogs.

Sikeston is facing some adversity due to the absence of their starting Quarterback Gage Rolwing, but the team has rallied around senior Tra Ranson who has filled his shoes. In their last game against North County, Ranson ran for 200 yards and passed for 71 yards.

“I feel like it’s going to be a tough game but if we come out and play the way we are capable of playing, then we can do really good. Our biggest preparation is just practicing hard all week long and focusing on the little things. We just need good focus all week,” Junior linebacker/defensive guard, Seth Copeland, said.

Sikeston is going to have a lot on their hands going up against the number 1 ranked team in their district, but the players and their coaches feel they have a shot against a top tier team.
With winter sports starting up this week, you can’t help but get excited. Basketball is in the air.

As the 2018-2019 Lady Dogs season begins, we are all excited to see what’s in store. Alisha Wills, Head Coach for three years, is excited and has big plans for this coming year.

“My goals for the season are, of course, to have more W’s than L’s, continue the season beyond the regular schedule of games, add to the banner in the Field House, help players increase their skills and basketball abilities, and help this group of girls develop into respectable teammates and young ladies. I really anticipate this season to be our best yet. The dedication and hard work I’ve seen since the summer until now has been phenomenal. The girls have showed up for open gyms and off-season conditioning in great numbers.” Wills said.

Coach Wills isn’t the only one excited for the season.

“I’m looking forward to seeing how well we can play together this coming season. During the summer camps, our chemistry was amazing, and it lead us to victories. I’m hoping that will be shown on the court this season.” Gabrielle Talley-Blissett ’20 said.

The girls anticipate awesome things to happen this year. They have worked in the off-season and perfected what they needed to improve on from last year.

The team is focused mainly on improving that will be shown on the court this season. Lady Dogs.

“Last season we started all over basically because we graduated six seniors. My whole starting five had to be replaced. Despite all of that, the season went very well.” Wills said.

The Lady Dogs look to start off their season at home. The Girls Basketball SEMO Conference Tournament will be November 26-30. The Dogs will then go onto play St. Genevieve on December 3. We hope to see everyone show up and show out. Good luck this season, Lady Dogs.

Wrestling preview

With wrestling season just around the corner, the team is working towards achieving better techniques, strategies, and everything in between.

Senior, Trent Elliott, talks about how he is excited to see how far he can go in wrestling this year. “For my senior year, I would be proud to make it to State but I will be even more proud just to be there for the team,” Elliott said.

The team is focused mainly on how they will improve on the weak spots rather than the strong, more suitable ones.

Coach Blake Angle is recently a new coach to the wrestling team as his first year of coaching was last year.

Angle was a wrestler, here at SHS back in 2012, where he held many titles at State and wants to see that same success in other students as well.

“I look for returning qualifiers and seniors, Trent Elliott, Quincy Nelson, Josh Rishton, and David Rowland, to have a solid year. Throw in Tyreke Jamison, Lestyn Thompson, and some returning underclassmen and that’s a dangerous group,” said Angle.

The first meet for the wrestling team will be held on the football field on November 28th. Sikeston is the first school to host this in the state so it’s a huge deal according to Angle.

With only two seniors leaving the group, the team is still coming back with a strong team with a lot of experience.

Wrestlers (David Rowland, Quincy Nelson, and Landan Griggs) all were able to attend the State tournament last year, but the team hopes to put those numbers in double digits this upcoming year.

Last year, the team finished as top 10 in the district tournament and hope to still pursue that position this year.

It seems that the wrestling team has all the confidence and guidance they need to succeed, and the Barker staff wishes nothing but the best of luck to all the wrestlers.
After another successful season, the boys’ basketball team looks to continue the same success in this upcoming season. Taking fourth in Missouri’s class four state tournament and finishing with an overall record of 27-4. Losing a total of seven seniors: Austin Branch, Dylon Mills, B.J. Hill, Keyth Blissett, JeQuan Ray, and the lone starter Fred Thatch, Sikeston’s all-time scoring leader, who is attending St. Louis University to play college hoops the Dogs have a lot of holes to fill. Returning to roster are seniors: Trey Jenkins, Kevin Jones, Owen Long, and Parker Long. Juniors coming back will be Clark Steward and Colby Henson. With only six returning players the Bulldogs we will see many new faces in important roles.

After losing seven seniors, many new players will get chances to play at the varsity level.

“I’m excited to get this opportunity along with other junior varsity. We are going to miss those guys, but we have a lot of potential to things just as good if not better than those guys,” Nicholas Harrison said.

Even with the new additions Coach Holifield has no intentions in changing up the game plan.

“We have had a very similar system starting at the junior high level. So there will be no need for any major adjustments to our game plan,” Holifield said.

“I’m really excited about it. Our guys have had a great summer and fall. They’ve been working really hard. Four out of five guys that have started which shows we have a lot of experience. I’m really excited about our young and veteran guys getting the chance to work together,” Holifield said.

After coming off a successful season, follow up is key.

“In order to have another successful season, we must work hard each and everyday at practice and in games. We must check our egos at the door meaning when we are on the floor we must be selfless teammates. The only thing we need to worry about is scoring more points than the other team every game not who is lighting up the box score on any in-particular night. We set high expectations for this team and we are going to everything in our power to go undefeated and win state,” O. Long said.

With the season quickly approaching, the players are looking forward to playing Charleston. “I’m looking the most forward to playing Charleston because they beat us in tight game last year. I feel like we can beat them this year because we are hungry for revenge,” O. Long said.

The Bulldogs kickoff their season on November 15 in St. Louis, MO at the Jambo-ree. The junior varsity season starts in at Notre Dame High School for a tournament from November 21-24. The Dogs then go to Carman-Hahan High School on November 27. The home opener will take place on Friday November 30 against Confluence Prep Academy. Games to watch this season include: Notre Dame at home on December 14, Charleston at Charleston on January 4, and Cape Central at home on February 8.
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