To say that Moravian’s women’s basketball team is having a great season would be an understatement. Despite losing some great talent from last year, the team is currently 13-7 overall, more importantly 8-1 in conference play, which puts them in a tie for first place! With less than a month of basketball left, now is a good time to analyze how the team has played so far.

In order to understand how successful the team has been this season, it is important to note what they were up against going into the season. Mary Beth Spirk Head Coach of the women’s team admitted, “Since we had so many incoming freshmen this year, the off-season was really one of trying to get to know one another.” Apparently they had no trouble with this, as the team is averaging 70.2 points and 14 assists per game, indicating that team chemistry is not a problem.

On the topic of the team’s youthfulness, Coach Spirk said, “[Our] strengths are that we are young and enthusiastic, but also with some experience to lead all the youth. I also think this team wanted to prove that they are pretty good in their own right, after losing so much talent last year.”

The Lady Greyhounds have a pretty intense practice schedule during the regular season, which probably has a lot to do with their success.

Coach Spirk said, “We practice 5 or 6 days a week, depending on game schedule and class schedules.”

It is obvious that all this practice is paying off. There are three players on the team averaging over 10 points a game: senior Guard/Forward Amy Heffner (18.1), senior Guard/Forward Emily Smith (12.6), and junior Forward Alexandria Blair (11.3).

Blair leads the team in rebounds and blocks, with 155 and 70 respectively. Junior Guard Hilary Murray continues to make things happen on offense, leading the team with 64 assists. Heffner, Smith, and A. Blair are all shooting over .425 from the field.

When asked what the team’s goal was for this season, Coach Spirk said, “Our goals are the same every year: make play-offs, win the conference and get to the NCAA tournament.” If the team continues playing the way they are right now, they have a great chance of accomplishing that goal.
Love is in the Air

By Annie Fogerty
Reporter

What’s red and pink with hearts all over? That’s right, February 14th is right around the corner. It’s the day to show some extra love and appreciation toward one another, just in case you forget to do that every other day of the year. Whether you’re single, dating, or in a committed relationship, Valentine’s Day can be eventful and fun for everyone.

There is no need to get caught up in the pressure to go out and blow an entire paycheck. It’s about the heart you put into V-Day, not the money. You can make the important people in your life feel desired with just words.

Why not write a note or poem and stick it somewhere they would least expect it? A handmade card and some Gertrude Hawk chocolate are simple and perfect. Oh, you can’t forget the red roses!

Be creative. Make a CD or playlist with songs that each brings back a specific time period or memory from a relationship. You can do the same with pictures to form a collage. It’s fun to reminisce and remember what you’ve both been through to get to wherever you are now.

Of course some people like to go big and that’s perfectly fine as well. Jewelry, concert tickets, or electronic gadgets such as digital cameras are a few more expensive gifts to give on this romantic holiday.

If you’re in a relationship make sure you’re spending time together telling one another how much you care. If you’re busy with homework and can’t spend the night out you can eat at the HUB.

If you’re looking to get fancy, go out to dinner at The Melting Pot where the menu is featured for two and the fondue is their specialty. Why not snuggle up on the couch together and eat pizza? Talk about why you appreciate each other and how your significant other has made your life better. Grab some hot cocoa and walk down Main Street. Hey, you really can’t go wrong as long as you’re side by side and loving it.

A cheap and fun way to spend the evening for you could be playing games. Invite other couples over and make it a double date. Apples to Apples can get everyone laughing.

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Ready, Aim, Fire—On Second Thought, Don’t

By Kayla Smull
Reporter

In the wake of the Tucson shooting incident, the debate about gun control has once again resurfaced. Congress has responded with several pieces of legislation regarding gun control, including bans on guns within 1,000 feet of government officials as well as on high-capacity ammunition magazines.

However, none of them address the real source of the problem: keeping guns from falling into the wrong hands. Jared Lee Loughner, the suspected gunman in the Tucson shooting incident, had an apparent history of mental instability. Yet, he was still able to legally purchase a gun even with the gun control laws already in place.

The Gun Control Act of 1968 prohibits anyone who is mentally ill from buying a gun. The problem is in order to determine whether or not a person is mentally ill, they must either be declared so by a court or be committed to a mental health facility, which Loughner was not.

The Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act, passed in 1993, established the National Instant Background Check System (NICS), a database of people who are barred from buying guns. However, anyone who is not entered in NICS is allowed to buy a gun, as was the case with Loughner.

In addition to the NICS, many gun stores also require prospective buyers to fill out a background check questionnaire. However, only one question deals with mental illness and asks, “Have you ever been adjudicated mentally defective or have you ever been committed to a mental institution,” to which one could simply answer, “No.”

Unfortunately, this is not the first time a mentally unstable person was legally able to purchase a gun only to later carry out a shooting rampage. In 2007, Seung-Hui Cho, a student at Virginia Tech, killed 32 people and himself with a legally-purchased gun, despite his clear history of mental problems.

In the aftermath, Congress did pass the NICS Improvement Act, which gave incentives to states who submitted records to NICS. However, since states are not required to submit records, many of ineligible gun buyers are left out of the database.

Trying to pass new gun control laws or even trying to fix the current ones are no easy tasks and with the second amendment protecting the right to bear arms, these tasks become even more difficult.
Letter to the Editor: “We are Always Willing to Listen”

Dear Students:

We wanted to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves and provide you with a brief overview of our role and responsibilities as student trustees. First, we serve as a student voice on the Board of Trustees, which is composed of approximately thirty professionals who are charged with governing the College, including approving policy changes proposed by the institution’s leadership (namely the President and the Senior Staff) and other decisions that impact Moravian at a strategic level.

Not only do we participate in Board meetings that are held on campus, but we recently had the opportunity to partake in a productive summit during which we played an active role in voicing our thoughts on a variety of topics. During this two-day retreat, we worked collaboratively with other trustees to generate ideas and develop solutions to support some of the College’s current goals, especially as they relate to recruitment and retention. Let us report that this was a very positive experience, as the trustees are individuals who are true stewards of Moravian. Although they are sometimes faced with making difficult decisions, they do have the best interests of students at heart and are incredibly committed to the College and all members of the Moravian community.

From our involvement this past weekend, we are enthusiastic about the progress that Moravian is making on various fronts. Specifically, the implementation of a new comprehensive marketing plan, facility enhancements, and fundraising. All of these elements play a vital role in the success of the institution and will surely prove to enrich the Moravian experience for students now and in the future.

Finally, it is important for you, as students, to take advantage of opportunities to express your sentiments and there are various ways to ensure that you are heard. One excellent outlet is the trustees themselves at a forum that they host every semester to converse with students. Equally as useful is to attend the campus-wide forums hosted by President Thomforde throughout the year at which you can learn about developments at the College. Finally, if you are a sophomore and interested in becoming even more involved, consider the prospect of becoming a student trustee next year. Elections are being held within a couple of weeks, so please be sure to watch your inboxes for more information!

Remember that your voice matters. If there is something that you feel should be brought to the attention of the trustees, please let us know via e-mail at anytime or feel free to approach us in person. We are always willing to listen.

Sincerely,
Corey Koenig, ’11 & Brittany Beard, ’12
Moravian College Student Trustees

Ready, Aim, Fire—On Second Thought, Don’t

By Kayla Smull
Reporter

I am not suggesting the Second Amendment be done away with altogether, for the majority of Americans use guns responsibly and do not abuse their Second Amendment rights, but for those few in the minority, certain restrictions should be enacted more thoroughly.

But, let us not forget the Second Amendment was adopted in 1791, where the most common firearm was a musket that took nearly 20 seconds to load and fire one shot, as opposed to the Glock 19 pistol Loughner used to fire off 30 rounds in a matter of seconds. Interestingly, in spite of previous shooting rampages and loopholes in current gun control laws, public opinion has tended to sway against stricter gun control laws. Since 1990, Gallup polls have consistently shown a decline in public support for more gun control, with the exception of 1999 where there was a slight increase after the Columbine shootings.

But perhaps this time, things will be different. I know history and statistics are not on my side but I am going to be cautiously optimistic. Hopefully, something will be done to prevent another tragic incident, like the one in Tucson, from happening again.
With high school and college students as the biggest culprits, the music industry turns to campus officials to crack down on illegal downloading and copyright infringement. Recently, the Supreme Court turned down an appeal by Whitney Harper, a 16 year old Texas high school student, fined $27,000 for the illegal downloading of 36 songs. Justice Samuel Alito writes in his dissent, "Under this interpretation, it is not necessary that the infringer actually see a material object with the copyright notice. It is enough that the infringer could have ascertained that the work was copyrighted."

The music industry is cracking down on illegal downloading, and college campuses are the main target. Both parties are joining forces, as the music industry urges campus officials to warn and educate students on copyright infringement. This mutually beneficial relationship may help reduce traffic on campus networks caused by the massive file downloads of songs and movies alike. Campuses are also eager to avoid lawsuits filed by the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) against students illegally downloading on campus networks.

If you lock yourself out of one of the four programs by incorrectly entering your password 6 times within 22 minutes or if you don’t change your password every 184 days in accordance with Moravian’s password policy, you will have to change your password before your account will work on the four programs.

Internet Bandwidth has increased for public and office users and will increase for ReNet (Residential Network) users. Bandwidth for Classroom, lab, and office users was increased from 20 Mbps to 50 Mbps late December, while bandwidth for ReNet users will increase from the current 50 Mbps to 100 Mbps by the end of January. Moravian has been able to upgrade ReNet bandwidth at the beginning of the spring semester through the support of the USG, which provided funding to improve student quality of life. USG’s funding for the spring semester allowed the College to accelerate the upgrade.

Blackboard 9.1 upgrade and conversion from Blackboard Basic to Blackboard Enterprise is complete. Blackboard users will experience an improved look and feel and increased functionality. This version, and upgrade, will provide you with several new or revised features. Appearance of the initial roll-out will be similar to our current version, with a few enhancements. As the semester progresses, we will roll-out new features, such as:

- A new, centralized place for posting documents
- A revised procedure for posting content
- A revised procedure for posting content
- Wiki
- Gradable Discussion Threads
- More customizing options for the Grade Center
- Mash-ups (direct connections to You Tube, and Flickr)

Alertus Desktop Emergency Notification is now loaded on all College and Seminary owned Windows computers. When Campus Safety activates an e2Campus alert, Alertus Desktop will display the alert on Moravian-owned computer monitors, when connected to the College’s network. This alert pop-up is only available on-campus and can be closed by simply clicking the Acknowledge button. Students may load Alertus Desktop on their Windows personal computers by downloading the program from AMOS, https://amos.moravian.edu/ICS/Community/e2Campus/Desktop, Alertus jn.

Desktop emergency notification in addition to our current notification techniques of Siren/PA, e2Campus cellular text message, e2Campus e-mail message, AMOS banner, digital displays, public webpage, campus e-mail, and phone broadcast to Moravian phones.

Track-It Self-Service (available in the near-future) will allow individuals to submit their own technology support requests on-line and track the status of their requests. Auto-emailing is already active and requestors now get an automatic email with details of what action was taken when their ticket is closed. You also receive a very short electronic survey so that you may provide feedback on your experience.
Lafayette, Moravian College students launch campaign for changes to meal plans

A group of Lafayette and Moravian college students upset with the quality and cost of meal plans at the schools want food service provider Sodexo off the campuses and sustainable, locally grown food in the dining halls.

Students recently sent letters to their college presidents asking them to stop using Sodexo for dining services. Students want the colleges to work with the Lehigh Valley Association of Independent Colleges, a purchasing consortium composed of six local colleges, including Moravian and Lafayette, to develop a more sustainable solution and have dining service providers that respect workers' rights.

They claim that the average Sodexo meal plan in the Lehigh Valley costs $10 a meal and want to only pay for what they eat. Students also object to making meal plans a requirement that many students then pay for by taking out loans.

Moravian student Armando Chapelliquen spent last week dashing about campus in frigid temperatures to drum up 400 signatures for a petition he presented to the college administration Thursday.

"One of the most common things students talk about is the quality of the food and how unhappy they are with it," Chapelliquen said. Moravian requires all resident and commuter students to participate in meal plans. Students who live in regular residence halls must buy a set plan while nondormitory students can select from several partial meal plans.

Student questions costs

Chapelliquen has the full meal plan, which costs $4,015 a year, and he has a lot of questions about where that money is going. If he chooses a grab-and-go dining option, one of those meals is costing him almost $12.

"Well the next logical question is if I'm getting $5 of food, where is the extra almost $7 going?" he queried.

Chapelliquen felt optimistic after his meeting with Moravian officials and is drafting a formal proposal to submit. He said he felt college officials emphasized during the meeting that dining options are a local decision, not the purview of Sodexo, and a solution could be reached.

Moravian's administration is always open to hearing students' concerns and administrators recently met with students to discuss dining services, spokesman Michael Wilson said.

Officials are awaiting a formal student proposal. The Lehigh Valley Association of Independent Colleges, which would run food services under the students' proposal, did not know about the idea and therefore has no comment, said a representative who answered the phone at the association's office.

Lehigh Valley colleges should get together and conduct a transparent feasibility study that looks beyond Sodexo at alternative food service providers, said Lafayette College student Ben Swartout.

"We don't think they can fulfill our needs as we are starting to transform this community into one that has really healthy, sustainable solutions for food," Swartout said. Only first-year and transfer students are Lafayette must participate in the mandatory meal plan. No other students are required to enroll, college spokesman Roger B. Clow said.

Lafayette seeks and welcomes input from students on dining services and any other aspect of student life, Clow said. The administration has responded to requests for changes and enhancements to its dining program, he said.

Sodexo accuses union of smear campaign.

Sodexo questions who's behind the movement. Sodexo spokesman Alfred King said it is part of an ongoing smear campaign by the Service Employees International Union.

Student news releases mirror false allegations about Sodexo's business and employment practices the union has been making for more than a year, he said.

King accused the union of trying to inflame the emotions of activist student groups to use them as surrogates since the union's efforts against Sodexo have not gained traction.

He pointed to the company's sustainability efforts across the country, noting it is involved with a composting initiative at Lafayette.

SEIU spokesman Matt Painter acknowledged his union has worked with students on the campuses but said this is an issue they care about deeply. The union is concerned about working conditions while students have much broader issues like locally sourced foods and mandatory meal plans, he said.

To order a variety of cereals, snacks, pastas, rice, coffees and other grocery items and have them delivered to your dorm, apartment, etc.

Visit the store at www.CollegeCrunchies.com

Send suggestions from the web site for products that you would like to be added to the store!

Have your parents send a goody package every month!

Key in promo code DZA4302 at checkout and get $5 off shipping (thru 4/30/11), $25 min. order.
The Office of Greek Life would like to congratulate the new members of the Greek community.

Greek Life has been a tradition at Moravian College for almost ninety years. Fraternities and sororities are values-based organizations dedicated to the development of character and leadership. Each organization subscribes to a specific set of core values and beliefs that incorporate concepts of brotherhood or sisterhood, service to the College and community, scholarship, leadership, and building relationships congruent with the specific organization’s ideals and traditions. We hope that you will celebrate those members of our Moravian community who recently received a bid of membership.

Alpha Sigma Alpha Sorority
Torie Clark
Kristen Joseph
Kaitlin Kline
Lauren Kowalczky
Alyssa Miller
Erica Stiefel

Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority
Michelle Alves
Stephanie Cox
Karli Grench
Jennifer Parodi
Hilary Reis
Kate Saunders
Olivia Sornahend
Katelyn Strohl
Julia Zinni

Delta Tau Delta Fraternity
Frank DeFelice
Ruben De La Cruz
Aaron Harris
Frank Leon
Sam Miarmari
Steven Soto
Mark Wunderly

Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity
Kevin Chapman
Fernando Cifuentes
Mark Cole
Terror Glanville
Ben Hammel
Tim Lorah
Tyler Merrick
Aaron Plachinsky
Zach Retali
Eric Schultz
Tim Simon
Patrick Steinsmann

Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority
Kassie Ward
Amanda Walter
Courtney Servey
Katelyn Remp
Marleen Polanco
Becca Mitchell
Sara Loprete
Lauren Koncz
Kate Saunders
Hilary Reis
Jennifer Parodi
Karli Grench
Katelyn Strohl

Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority
Lindsay Bacowin
Allison DelLaquilla
Angela DeGirosso
Erin Gilbert
Chelsea Grotjohann
Brittney Harvey
Chelsea Hunt
Esther Lin
Taylor Mihalik
Ausjoli Nieves
Victoria Poliakiewicz
Ashley Piccione
Miranda Sergus

Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority
Melissa Andrews
Nicole Baldelli
Marissa Camelmi
Lauren Koncz
Sara Loprete
Becca Mitchell
Marleen Polanco
Katelyn Remp
Courtney Servey
Amanda Walter
Kassie Ward

O\r\ K Welcomes 24 Inductees

On Saturday, Feb. 12th, 22 students and 2 faculty members will be inducted into the Moravian College Circle of the Omicron Delta Kappa Society. The Purpose of The Omicron Delta Kappa Society is Threefold: First, to recognize those who have attained a high standard of efficiency in collegiate activities and to inspire others to strive for conspicuous attainments along similar lines; Second, to bring together the most representative students in all phases of collegiate life and thus to create an organization which will help to mold the sentiment of the institution on questions of local and intercollegiate interest; Third, to bring together members of the faculty and student body of the institution, as well as other Omicron Delta Kappa members, on a basis of mutual interest, understanding and helpfulness. The Moravian College Circle has been inducting student leaders and faculty member since its founding in 1983. If you would like more information about Omicron Delta Kappa, Moravian College Circle please contact their advisor and Director of Leadership Development, Katie Dantsin.

Class of 2011
Tara Chiarella
Nicole Hadeed
Rachel Kleiner
Sherry Litenbergh
Andrea Losianeco
Ellen Williams
Hong Yuang

Faculty
Dr. Linda Ravelle, Associate Professor of Economics and Business
Dr. Janet Sipple, Professor of Nursing

Class of 2012
Melissa Andreas
Ryan Dietrich
Jumi Fein
Edward Flaherty
Anne Joseph
Brittany Keller
Nelson Knudsen
Elizabeth Kussler
Carolyn Latkovich
Timothy Layng
Amanda Seybold
Jamie Thierolf
Elena Tominus
Philip Weiser
Anna Whetstone

Senior Class Gift Campaign 11

It is that time of the year! Please do not forget to make your gift as a senior. Gifts can be made at any of the Senior Class Gift events or in person. For more information please contact: Cassandra Cleveland at stenc05@moravian.edu

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They let me in my room when I’m locked out… even in the middle of the night.

Do you know a fantastic RA? Say thank you this week!

2010-2011 Senior Resident Advisors

Brittany Beard ‘12
Jim Drago ‘11
Charli Godshall ‘12
Kelly Grab ‘11
Eddie Flaherty ‘12
Brian Hunscher ‘11
Lauren Taylor ‘11
Carli Timpson ‘11

2010-2011 Resident Advisors

Bernie-Willie
Melissa Andreas, ‘12
Liz Barrera ‘11
Carl Feldman ‘13
Matthew Gibson, ‘12
Jonathan Heberling ‘13
Justin Miranda, ‘12
Kevin O’Keefe, ‘12
Daina Smolskis ‘13

The HILL
Michelle Hanna, ‘12
Brittany Keller, ‘12
James Kuri ‘13
Casey Schweppenheiser ‘12
Dan Selmasska ‘12

Jo Smith
Kim Gogel, ‘12
Micah Leonard ‘13
Annie Joseph ‘12
Jessica Olonovich, ‘11
Jamie Thierolf, ‘12
Samantha Valentini, ‘12

Rau-Hassler
Joe Aquino ‘13
Brady Frill, ‘12
Georgette Jackson ‘13
Sharad KC, ‘11
Tracey Newhard ‘12
Cassie Phillips, ‘12
Carolyne Whiley ‘11

Hillside
Jaclyn Borden, ‘12
Carolyn Latkovich, ‘12
Matt Washer ‘11
Chuck Welsko, ‘11
Katia Ponomareva ‘11

Nitsch-Spang
Ally Blair, ’12
Christa Darakjy ‘12
Caity Dean, ‘12
Katie Lynn, ‘12
Phil McBride ‘11
Zac Valentine, ‘11

Main & Clewell
Torie Clark ‘13
Lindsay Henkelman ‘12
Natasha Ivanov ‘13
Alex Luquet ‘11

What do RAs do? We’ve heard it described a lot of ways…

They’re like the best friend to the whole floor!

They’re the one you can go to no matter what the issue or question, and they’ll be able to direct you to an answer.

They create programs like tie-dye or the Rau-Hassler haunted house!

They make sure we’re safe.

They let me in my room when I locked out even in the middle of the night.

Additionally, all RAs have weekly reports to fill out, weekly meetings to attend, monthly meetings to attend, a required number of programs to complete, programs to attend on-campus, duty nights in their building, rounds reports to fill out, and much, much more!

Say thank you to your RA this week for all the hours of work he or she puts in!
It's the middle of February and your class work is piling up, you've dug out your car for the umpteenth time this month thanks to the latest snow storm, and spring break seems to be eons away. What can you do to relieve semester from the winter's wretchedness? By seeing the student cabaret, of course!

For those who do not know, a cabaret is a grouping of theatrical pieces, ranging from skits and monologues to instrumental performances to full-scale song and dance numbers, that together make up one show.

"People can expect to see a lot of difference things. We have a few pieces from more well-known shows but there are a lot of things we've pulled out of the woodwork and put our own spin on," senior Caitlin Adolph, the production manager for this year's student cabaret said.

"To connect all the pieces together, most cabarets have a theme and this one is no different.

“Our general theme is inspiration and finding what inspires you. That can be taken so many different ways, which gives the cabaret a focus, but it doesn't limit it" student director senior Lauren Taylor said.

The four larger pieces, which open and close each act, all convey the inspiration theme in different ways. “It’s the search in the beginning and what goes into it, then finding inspiration in love, then in a revolutionary freedom movement, and finally, what do you do with it once you find it; all the pieces in between go along that same line as well,” Adolph said.

In addition to Adolph and Taylor, this year's production team includes senior Michael Accurso, junior Caitlin Dean, and sophomore Dan Marrero. “They have been working together since the beginning of last semester to plan, cast, rehearse, and get everyone and everything in order to make this a great show.”

Although student cabarets have been performed here at Moravian in the past, they pale in comparison. For those who remember, last year's student cabaret was the first time to reach such a high caliber of quality, performance, and organization and thanks to popular demand, it is back again this year.

"It's something that we intend to see continue," Adolph said.

"The way we set up the production team, we have older members of MCTC (Moravian College Theater Company) as well as underclassman who are ready to step in the next few years and hopefully continue this.

Another aspect of the student cabaret that is being continued is the donation of all proceeds to charity. "There is no charge to see the student cabaret but audience members who want and are able to encourage giving. Last year, the student cabaret rose over $750 for Haiti Relief and this year, they are hoping to help out another great cause, which will be announced soon.

So, why should you come see this year's student cabaret? Simply put, because it's awesome!

"It'll make you laugh. It'll make you cry. It's such a high-energy show. The emotions run the gamut: you will be laughing so hard you'll be crying during one piece and then during the next piece, you will be crying," Taylor said.

"You always want to go to a show where the actors are having fun and the crew is having fun because if they're enjoying it, you know that you'll enjoy it. You definitely see that in a show like this," Adolph said.

The student cabaret will be performed Thursday, February 24th through Saturday, February 26th at 8pm and Sunday, February 27th at 2pm in the Arena Theater. So, come shake off the doldrums of winter by supporting your fellow students, helping a great charity, and treating yourself to a night of great entertainment.

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By Kayla Smull
Reporter

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Alando’s Kitchen

By Katie Makoski
Reporter

Alando’s Kitchen is a relatively new restaurant on Main Street, located within the same venue as Wired Café. It is more commonly known by Moravian students as “that Kenyan restaurant,” although few can imagine what Kenyan food is.

The restaurant’s Facebook page describes Kenyan cuisine as often incorporating rice, many spices, and tropical fruits, and having been “greatly influenced by the Indians, Arabs, Europeans, and Pakistanis.” The menu is comprised of dishes that feature chicken, beef, or even tilapia if you're vegetarian.

The traditional African music playing piques many diners’ interest in the foreign culture as they gaze at the bright green walls that are covered in artwork. Numerous members of the attentive staff are Kenyan so, with nostalgic smiles, they answer questions about their culture. The chefs’ Kenyan background enhances the authenticity of the dishes.

The owner of the restaurant, Emily Nyindodo, was inspired by her grandmother's cooking, especially the African Peanut Soup that she used to make. This creamy, sweet, and nutty soup has been praised by many customers.

A repeat customer said that the Cardamom Chicken was his favorite.

“The flavors were exotic, but not so much so that they would intimidate the uncultivated palate,” he said. The Safari Salad—chicken, cucumber, carrots, pineapples, and raisins all tossed on a bed of lettuce and drizzled in a uniquely tangy dressing—was also recommended. For anyone who has found that Wired Café seems to be out of chai more often than not, know that Alando’s Kitchen has various types of hot, cold, and creamy chai available for order.

Alando’s Kitchen is somewhat expensive; a dinner for two (including drinks, soups, and entrees) can be ordered for about thirty dollars. Still, anyone looking to explore a new culture, or simply a new cuisine, will find that a visit to Alando’s Kitchen is well-worth their time. To view the full menu and learn more about the restaurant, visit www.alandoskitchen.com.
Movie Review:

The Roommate, One More Reason to Opt for a Single

By Cassandra Zouzias
Reporter

Looking for a scary movie to see this Valentine’s Day? Couples may want to skip The Roommate. Released on Friday, Feb. 4, The Roommate is heavily based on Barbet Schroeder’s 1992 film, Single White Female. Although this film is not a remake, both plots are nearly identical.

The Roommate was entertaining with a few “laugh-out-loud” moments. Although not Oscar-worthy, the film features a showcase of talent. The Roommate just might be Leighton Meester’s best acting yet. The Gossip Girl star successfully portrays a creepy, mentally disturbed teen.

Minka Kelly also captivates the audience with her good looks and effortless style. However, Kelly’s character (Sarah Matthews) has no depth, growth or development. In fact, the only thing we know about Sarah is that her sister died ten years prior to the movie’s plot. Sarah is completely unrelatable and this significantly hurts the movie’s potential.

Like other typical mainstream films, The Roommate is loaded with college parties and attractive teens. This takes away from the plot’s intended route to be chilling and riveting. Instead, the movie is slow paced with very few scary scenes. There were several moments when the audience jumped out of their seats, but aside from those brief glimpses of fear, this is not a horror flick. In fact, the only focus group that would find this film scary is soon-to-be-college-freshmen.

A runtime of only 93 minutes, The Roommate feels twice as long and ends with many questions left unanswered.

Perhaps the only redeeming quality of The Roommate is its soundtrack. The film started and finished with an array of alternative songs that were catchy and original.

Even in the previews, The Roommate is horribly predictable and tragically fails in almost all departments.

Director Christian E. Christiansen’s use of bizarre camera angles is only effective in adding to the movie’s predictability. The gore scenes are cut before the audience can cringe, and several characters fall out of frame and are forgotten by the movie’s close.
Moravian's men's basketball team has had its ups and downs this season. The team got off to a shaky start, winning three of their first eight games.

January began with the 33rd Annual Greyhound Starters Classic, in which the team advanced all the way to the Championship game. In what many of the players agree was the highlight of the season so far, Moravian beat Top 25 ranked Manhattanville College by 11 points.

Of this giant victory senior Center Chris Cullen said, "In the final, we faced a tough Manhattanville team that, coming in, had 10 wins and only 1 loss. We played extremely well together and were able to pull off an 11-point win. I think this win gave us a lot of confidence heading into our conference season that, at our best, we can contend with and beat anyone on our schedule."

Overall the team has a 9-11 record, with a record of 3-6 in conference play. Many of the players told me that most of the losses were due to team's struggle to play consistently. Sophomore Guard D.J. Strayhorn said, "Our toughest challenge was trying to overcome adversity with so many new people on the team. We also had to learn our individual roles and how to play together."

Freshman Guard Kenny Gula echoed this point, "Getting everyone on the same page was one of the most challenging things."

Despite their 3-6 conference record, the Greyhounds can still make the conference playoffs, and they have the talent to do just that. The team is averaging 68.8 points, 33 rebounds, and 12.8 assists per game.

Their leading scorers are Chris Cullen and D.J. Strayhorn, who are both averaging over 13 points per game. Sophomore Center Blake English has a strong presence on the defensive end of the court, average over 2 blocks per game.

Strayhorn said, "Our strengths are our shooting and fast-break abilities, but we struggle with rebounding and our mental toughness."

Senior Guard Ryan O'Donnell summed it up pretty well when he said, "I think our strength is our offensive talent, but our weakness has been our lack of consistent play."

If Moravian can find a way to capitalize on their strengths and play more consistently on both ends of the court, they will find themselves in the conference playoffs at the end of the season.
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