MCTC Focuses on Quality Over Quantity

by: Gabrielle DiVincenzo
Reporter

With only twenty minutes of stage time, Moravian College’s latest production, “The Fountain of Fair Fortune,” lacked nothing in quality. The serenity of the initial outdoor set and the sounds of birds singing put the audience in a calm and contemplative mood. As with most Moravian College Theatre Company productions, this show was well-executed and well-designed.

This tale written by J.K. Rowling is part of a series called The Tales of Beedle the Bard. “The Fountain of Fair Fortune” is about four friends on a quest for spiritual salvation. These four friends use the fountain as a means to an end, but soon realize the answers to their problems are in their own hands.

Each time they approached an obstacle they were faced with a riddle. Each riddle seemed to request certain things from them, such as “give me the fruit of your labors.” The first obstacle these friends were faced with was a “giant worm” which I found to be silly, yet clever.

The most important aspect of this show was that almost the entire dialog was through song. Each song was written and orchestrated by Lena Gabrielle Weinstein, a student at Ithaca College. This impressive individual and remarkable songwriter was able to make a guest appearance after each show where she performed songs from her demo album, “The Fountain of Fair Fortune: A Wrock Opera.”

“I found these songs to be somewhat hymnal, which was perfect for this story. It takes a great deal of talent to read a story and be able to compose music that coincides harmoniously with the message of the story, but Weinstein did just that. Not only was the story itself uplifting, but the music only enhanced the already impressive performance.”

Becky Kolacki, the director of this play was inspired by a Harry Potter conference she attended last May when she decided to perform “The Fountain of Fair Fortune.” It was through collaboration with Weinstein that this tale was made into a short musical.

“While the performing came natural to me, I found it challenging to have such a time limit on the actual song writing. I basically wrote all of the songs in six hours and then had to quickly begin working on the demos,” Weinstein said.
Are You a Logophile?

by: AnnaBeth Fish
Submission

Do you love words? Do you excitedly use words that no one else seems to use on a regular basis? Do you get annoyed when others don’t understand what you’re saying? Does your extensive vocabulary force loved ones to consult a dictionary after receiving a text message or e-mail from you?

Do you use words such as illustrious, resilience, and resurgence?

If you said yes to any or all of the preceding statements, you may be a logophile.

What is logophilia?

According to the president of the Logophiles of the World, Amalgamate! Foundation (a non-profit organization dedicated to raising awareness and acceptance of the condition), “Logophilia is like pedophilia, but with words instead of children.”

Although being a logophile has several potentially embarrassing side effects, such as academic turtledoves (unpredictable outbursts of multisyllabic words that may or may not pertain to the current situation the sufferer is experiencing); the insatiable urge to correct people whilst they are incorrectly using words; or the ill-timed rapacious need supply words to professors or other figures of authority, some sufferers say they do not suffer at all.

“Either way, I proudly count myself amongst the logophiles of the world. Knowing this will certainly help to alleviate some awkwardness in future social settings,” says Dr. J. Daniel, professor of music.

Though some experts say that it is possible to cure logophilia by watching reality television shows for borderline toxic periods of time, most authorities agree that there is no cure for the condition.

Green Revolution throughout Iran Rocks the Web

by: Rania Hanna
Submission

Picture this: It’s voting day, and you’re dead-sure of the candidate you want to win. You cast your vote. You’re lied to. Now what do you do? Sit back and have your Democratic rights trampled on? Or fight for your rights? Even to the death?

Starting June 12, 2009, the Iranian Election Protests occurred. Allegedly, there had been electoral fraud in the 2009 elections, which ended with Ahmadinejad the victor.

Voters protested in the “Green Revolution”, angry that their votes had been tampered with. This movement was nicknamed the “Green Revolution” due to the color of Mousavi’s, opponent of Ahmadinejad throughout the elections, candidacy.

Police and the Basij, a paramilitary group, fought against the revolters, ending in at least 36 deaths and many more individuals with injuries. These deaths and injuries were due to firearms, sticks, pepper spray, and other weapons used against the protesters.

This protest event is also known as the “Twitter Revolution,” since many protesters enlightened the world as to what was happening through such Internet sites as Twitter, FaceBook and Youtube. Many scenes of riots can indeed still be seen on Youtube. So spend a few minutes online, and dare to be enlightened.
Students Against Clairvoyance Out to Stop Unrealistic Expectations by Professors

Anonymous Submission

"Okay students, just a reminder, as briefly mentioned in the typed, single-sided, one page, double-spaced syllabus I handed out at the beginning of the semester, you have a paper worth 95% of your grade. I’ve decided that I’d like that paper to be handed in on Monday. Now, in terms of what I’m looking for, I’d like you to write the paper about the book I hope you’ve been reading. It’s listed on the syllabus. Now, I know that I haven’t even mentioned that book before today, but you’re college students, so I would assume that you are self-motivated enough to have been reading it, in addition to the other three books I’ve been assigning reading from. Paper requirements, I’d like seven to ten pages, typed and double spaced. Have a nice weekend everyone!"

As the professor lumbered towards the classroom door, his students descended en masse with questions. Most of the class had been sleeping through the notoriously dull class, awakening only upon hearing certain key words and phrases, such as “grade,” “paper,” and “Monday,” and were now scrambling to figure out what exactly was going on, some even going so far as to physically block the door, thus impeding a successful retreat by the professor.

One student, sat at his desk stretching, looking around the room, his face masked with confusion, having only awaken upon hearing the W-word: weekend!

“Professor, Monday?! It’s due on MONDAY?! But…it’s FRIDAY! What about my weekend?” the student asked.

“Your liver will rejoice and probably write me an equally long letter thanking me for relieving it from extra duty this weekend,” the professor answered coolly and efficiently as he waded through the sea of students desperately trying to block his exit.

“Professor, what exactly do you want us to write about?”

“The book, of course, seven to ten pages.”

“Um, you know, it’s kind of a big book…could you be a bit more specific?”

“I don’t have time for specifics. Tell me about the book. Make me believe that you read it. If you’re really a star student, you’ll relate this book to the class. No more questions!” the professor declared, emulating the dictators he seemed to despise so much.

Without further ado, the class left the building, looking dejected and hopeless. Several weeks later, after receiving less than desirable grades, most of the class could only shake their heads and sigh. “What can you do?” seemed to be the general sentiment. “When a professor wants something specific, but only gives vague guidelines, there’s not much that we students can do.”

In an attempt to address this worldwide issue of professor vagueness, Moravian College will host the first ever international student summit, sponsored by the Moravian branch of Students Against Clairvoyance (SAC). Students from around the world will be on campus during the winter break to discuss offensive tactics for dealing with professorial ambiguity. On the SAC website, their mission statement is stated as, “To help bewildered students everywhere cope with professors who insist on giving vague assignments while expecting specific answers.”

The Moravian College SAC will be offering Mindreading 100, Advanced Telepathy 256, and Precognition and Clairvoyance 345. There will also be a seminar for professors on the diagnosis and treatment options for chronic clinical inconclusiveness (CCI) in the spring 2010 semester.

In the interest of conquering this epidemic before it overwhelms the campus, there will be a form on AMOS (similar to the one used in fall of 2009 to report flu-like symptoms) that students may use to anonymously report professors that exhibit the symptoms of CCI.

Symptoms of CCI include incredibly short and vague syllabi, an inability to respond to e-mails, and purposely avoiding questions before, after, and during class periods.

Administrators at the College encourage students to report their professors so that the professors can get the help that they desperately need.
Noche de Poesía Internacional

by: Emily Doll
Reporter

Culture was in the air, the ears, and the mouths at the 2nd Annual International Poetry Night. The event, held on November 14th, was organized by junior Kate Brueningsen and senior Jessica Andersen, and sponsored by USG, the International Club, the Multicultural Club, the French Club, the Spanish Club, and the German Club.

The 1st International Poetry Night was held last November, and it too was organized by Brueningsen and Andersen.

"I'm extremely interested in poetry and noticed that Moravian never had an event which embraced multi-cultural poetry, and gave the campus the opportunity to experience the sound and tone of a foreign language as well as its literature," Brueningsen said, discussing how the idea was formed.

"For me, it was just... allowing people to hear the poem in its native language while simultaneously reading and understanding the translation," she continued.

The event was moved to the Pavilion this year in hopes of accommodating a larger audience. Indeed, about 65 people attended this year's event, compared to the 40 attendees last year.

"The goal of International Poetry Night is for all the language clubs on campus to unite in the spirit of speaking in tongues; the same applies for linguistic minorities on campus who may not always have an outlet to speak in another language that they know. We create a sort of global village for a few hours in which we can express ourselves freely and yet we can all be understood," said Andersen.

A global village is right. Diversity was celebrated and embraced as students and faculty alike presented selections from poems and songs; both spoken and sung. These carefully chosen works of literature were shared in their original French, German, Spanish, Latin and even Kreoale tongues.

After the individual presentations, a brief intermission followed: the perfect time to enjoy the delectable multicultural cuisine and chat with the other glossophiliacs (lovers of languages).

After, Dr. Lasso-von Lang's Spanish 110 class treated the audience to a special interpretation of the song "La Maralla" (The Wall) by Nicolas Guillen. The interpretive dance and accompanying slideshow gave the audience pause to think about how the concept of treasuring diversity can still include world peace and unity. The evening ended on a contemplative note, as the presenters invited the whole audience to stand and join hands as a symbol of this diverse unity.

For those who can't get enough of other languages and cultures, Brueningsen offered some suggestions. "Babel is a multi-lingual publication sponsored by Moravian College. It is open to submissions and available to the whole campus. There are also events held regularly by International and Multicultural clubs, such as the recent International Dinner."

Andersen agreed, "Attend one or more of the numerous language tables or clubs that Moravian offers. They are a good way to practice a language you are learning, and to have fun with other people studying the same one as you. We may sometimes lapse into English, but it's always fun."

30th Anniversary of Iranian Hostage Crisis

by: Maggie Riegel
Reporter

Wednesday, November 4, 2009 marked the 30th anniversary of the Iranian Hostage Crisis as well as the Islamic Revolution in Iran. This is a significant date not only in Iranian history but in American history as well.

It is important to understand the historical events that led up to November 4th, 1979 including America's involvement in Iranian politics dating back to 1953 and the undercover CIA coup known as "Operation Ajax" to overthrow democratically elected prime minister, Mohammad Mossadeq.

For this purpose, I consulted Iranian Professor Faramarz Farbod of the political science department for his insight on not only his experience as a student at Moravian in 1979 but how the chain of events since 1953 led to not only the 1979 Iranian revolution but also to current U.S. relations with Iran.

At the time of the Iranian hostage crisis, Professor Farbod was a student at Moravian living on the third floor of Bernhardt-Wilhelm. He and his brother faced adversity from other Moravian students during this time.

One situation led to an angry mob of football and baseball players ready to "bash some Iranian head" after his friend broke a dorm window with a soda bottle that was thrown at his car.

The situation was eventually resolved as Farbod and his brother questioned the mob about events in Iran. Upon finding out they did not know much Farbod proceeded with a two hour explanation of current events in Iran. Luckily the mob "shriveled into about half dozen people who became inquisitive and friendly," he said.

Typically American foreign policy, ranging from Taft's "Dollar Diplomacy" to the Truman Doctrine, harbors economic priorities that cloak the abstract ideas of "freedom" and "democracy" with free-market capitalist motives.

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Pro-American Mohammad Mossadegh was democratically elected as the prime minister of Iran in 1951 on the platform that he would nationalize the oil from foreign control and use the revenue to create a modern welfare state and a constitutional monarchy. Mossadegh was overthrown in 1953 by the CIA and Britain's MI6 in a violent coup d'état known as Operation Ajax.

An oppressive authoritarian monarch backed by the United States, Mohammed Reza Shah Pahlavi, was put in place. While in power the Shah created a military police force in 1957, known SAVAC with the help of the CIA and the Israeli intelligence organization, MOSAD. This force marginalized and oppressed dissent of Mossadegh followers while underestimating the power of the Islamist right. By 1979, Islamic extremists led by Ayatollah Khomeini overthrew the Shah and established the Islamic Republic of Iran, the current government of Iran.

Professor Farbod, as well many historians and political observers have connected the dots from 1953-1979 that had not Mossadegh been overthrown, the politics of Iran would be extremely different.

Had Mossadegh still been in power, Iran would have been the first successful anti-colonial development in the region and would have set an example for other countries to follow. According to Farbod, "getting rid of Mossadegh kept imperial interests ensured".

Iran had all necessary requirements to become a successful state, both democratically and from a welfare standpoint. The common consensus among many Iranians feel this "nostalgically as a lost opportunity" as by now Iran could have been the “Japan of West Asia” had the development under Mossadegh taken place. For Iranians, “oil is a curse” coveted by imperial foreigners and led to the derailing of Iran's natural history.

Professor Farbod concurs, had the United States not helped Britain overthrow Mossadegh in 1953 it is most unlikely the Islamic Republic of Iran would exist today. Evidence shows that Khomeini had nothing to do initially with hostage situation but eventually he supported it for political purposes. After the hostage crisis, the diplomatic relation between Iran and the United States was severed and ultimately led to the current relations between the two countries.

It is paramount to recognize the significance of U.S. involvement in Iranian politics when understanding the Iranian Hostage Crisis. American foreign policy has corrupted the development of many countries for unjustified economic ends. American military intervention for economic purposes is not unique to Iran but has been seen in Nicaragua, Chile, Guatemala and Afghanistan.

The consequences of America's actions have manifested in destroyed and impoverished states that would otherwise been prosperous and economically successful and fueled anti-American sentiment around the world. The Iranian hostage crisis, Iran's Islamic Revolution and the current animosity of Iran and U.S. relations is nothing more than America reaping what it has sown.

The Harry Potter Society

by: Gabrielle DiVincenzo  
Reporter

With the first semester almost at a close, many wonder what all the hype is about this "Harry Potter Society." Obsessed? Perhaps. But this club is out to have some serious fun!

Senior Becky Kolacki is founder and current president of the Harry Potter Society.

“I started the club in January 2009. [My inspiration was] when I studied abroad in Oxford the previous semester. While I was there I had the chance to attend a bunch of clubs, including The Tolkien Society. It was great to meet with people and talk about "The Lord of the Rings" series, as well as a lot of fun. [As a result] I thought, why not start a similar club about Harry Potter? So I started it up, invited some friends from Moravian that I knew enjoyed the books, and advertised it. This year we've gotten a lot more members thanks to the organizational fair at the beginning of the year and a lot of freshmen that joined,” she said.

Unfortunately, The Harry Potter Society isn't considered an "official" club in the eyes of USG (United Student Government).

According to Kolacki, "While we are applying for a charter, it's really not a big deal and we may or may not be approved. A lot of clubs on campus are not "official," including Model UN and the Game Club. All it really means is that you don't get a budget from USG. However, if you still need money for events there are ways to work that out, so like I said, there is really no difference between an official club and an unofficial one. I feel we are as much a club as any other on campus, "recognized" or not.

Kolacki believes “A lot of people view the Harry Potter series as strictly children's literature, which is a shame, because there is so much more to it than that.”

Because of this a lot of the meetings consist solely of “book discussion” where every member gets to voice their opinion on certain themes or characters in the series.

This year the Harry Potter Society has formed a Quidditch team which has a reputation of being a rough sport. A lot of Quidditch teams even consist of football players. It's played at over 200 colleges and universities across the U.S., including Yale, Princeton, and Lafayette.

According to Kolacki, the club hopes to play some more matches against Lafayette in the future because they’re in close vicinity.
On Saturday, November 7, the Moravian College Greek Life put on their second annual Greek God and Goddess competition. Each sorority or fraternity is eligible to send a maximum of two members from each chapter to compete for the title of Greek God or Goddess.

This year’s judges included, HUB Director Ann Claussen, Don from the Dining Staff, Professor Nilsa Lasso-von Lang, Assistant Director of Alumni Relations Julia Gasdaska, and Dr. Michelle Santiago of the Counseling Center.

In addition, almost 200 students, parents, and members of the Moravian community attended the event.

Junior and Panhellenic President Carli Timpson and junior and Panhellenic Vice-President Andrea Loiacano, served as hostesses for the evening.

Timpson said, “The event is aimed to serve as a showcase the multitude of talents within the Greek community, to encourage non-Greeks to join the vibrant Greek community, and as a philanthropic event.”

The $200 that was raised at the event was divided evenly between the winners to be sent to their philanthropy.

The winner of Greek Goddess for 2009 was junior and member of Alpha Sigma Alpha, Caitlin Adolph.

“It was completely unexpected; this is really an honor,” Adolph said.

She continued, “ASA’s $100 is going straight to the S. June Smith Center, one of our national philanthropies, which supports children with developmental needs through early childhood education. I recently had the opportunity to go spend time with some of these kids and they are the sweetest.”

Junior and member of Omicron Gamma Omega, Michael Santos, was named Greek God for 2009.

Santos said, “It feels awesome, and I worked pretty hard.”

He continued, “I would like to see more men take part. Competition drives success.” The $100 that OGO won will be sent to the American Stroke Association.

### Police Log

Compiled by Catherine Felegi

Since Oct. 18, there have been 42 transports and 64 lock-outs.

10/19 — 8:36 AM — Vandalism — The stall doors in the Hassler first floor bathroom were found broken off. Under investigation.

10/24 — 9:07 AM — Theft — The morning delivery of bagels and bread was stolen from the HILL. The person was caught on camera stealing the items and was referred to Student Affairs.

10/24 — 1:56 PM — Anthony Valente, ‘11, was in the tailgating section and was arrested by the City of Bethlehem and Moravian College police for carrying a false ID, defiant trespassing and resisting arrest.

10/24 — 5:00 PM — Theft - In Lot A, a vehicle’s window was smashed and a cell phone and GPS was stolen. Under investigation.

11/1 — 11:59 AM — Vandalism — The front door window to Spangenberg was broken. Under investigation.

11/6 — 9:00 AM — Theft — 2 students were caught stealing numerous food items from the Blue and Grey Cafe. Referred to Student Affairs.

11/6 — 2:00 PM — Vandalism — Posters ripped down throughout the HILL. Under investigation.
Moravian College Presents Annual Vesper Service

by: Cassandra Cleveland &
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Reporter & Copy Editor

Central Moravian Church presents their annual and historically beloved Vesper Christmas Service. The candlelit musical service is held on December 4th, 5th, 11th, and 12th, at 8:00pm, December 6th and 13th at 5:00pm. Vespers is free to any Moravian College student upon availability to pre-ordered tickets.

Every year, a couple weeks before Christmas, thousands of people journey to the charming cobblestone streets of the Christmas City to celebrate the winter season with friends and family.

This renowned Vespers Christmas Service features several musical ensembles in Moravian College's Music Department. The Moravian College Women's Chorus, the Moravian Choir, and smaller vocal and instrumental ensembles perform a musical program in light of the Holiday Season. The Moravian College Women's Chorus, directed by Mr. Eduardo Azzati, and The Moravian Choir, directed by Dr. Paula Zerkle, work diligently during the months leading up to the holidays to prepare for Vespers.

Nina Patton, a member of the choir, says, "Vespers is an incredible experience to be a part of at Moravian. The music and candlelit parts of the service are really moving. It brings out all sorts of people to Central Church, students, faculty, parents, alum, and just people throughout the community. Vespers is definitely my favorite experience from Moravian."

It is a beautiful tradition that is held at the Central Moravian Church in downtown Bethlehem. People come from around the country and beyond to Bethlehem to view the candle lit ambiance and to listen to the soothing sounds of works by Ludwig van Beethoven, Arvo Part, Zoltan Kodaly, and a variety of other composers.

Tara Blasser, also a member of the choir, says, "Vespers is a beautiful Christmas service that has been a Moravian tradition for a very long time. Both seminary students and the college students participate in it - together with the Chaplain the seminary students run the service and the choirs sing, and other college students are ushers every night. It's really a great experience - I absolutely love Vespers and it's something I look forward to every year!"
The Men Who Stare at Goats

by: Bernard Byrne
Reporter

During wartime eras in our country, the movie industry has put out several movies. One goal may have been to romanticize war to the public. This film, however, does not romanticize the war in Iraq (or any other for that matter), but rather pokes fun at war and the military in general.

In the movie “The Men Who Stare at Goats”, Bob Wilton, a reporter from Ann Arbor, Michigan, played by Ewan McGregor, travels to Iraq in order to both get a good story on the war as well as escape his failing marriage. While stuck in Kuwait awaiting a call into the war zone, he runs into Lyn Cassidy, played by George Clooney, who says he’s looking for a contract to work there, but he reveals to Bob that he is really part of a secret unit of the United States Army, called The New Earth Army. According to Cassidy, their mission was to create sort of a monk-like soldier, or “Jedi Warriors” with heightened senses and abilities, in order to prevent war rather than to fight it.

However, when the old leader of the troop, Bill Django, played by Jeff Bridges is discharged due to an incident and the unit takes on a new task: Seeing how their powers can be used in combat, such as stopping a person’s heart by staring at them. This experiment started with the use of goats, which Cassidy does. However, he feels that Django contacts him for a mission, which he hopes will rid himself and the New Earth Army of a “curse” brought about from killing that goat.

This movie was funny, but at times repetitive with the same joke. Sure, the “Jedi Warrior” line to McGregor’s character was good…the first time. After a while, it got stale. That joke aside, the way the characters interacted with one another was amazing, especially when Bridges and McGregor interacted, which led to hilarity. The movie’s ultimate punch-line (which I will not give away) almost makes up for the repetitive joke, but not quite. It was a comedic war movie, but not quite in the same league as “Stripes”.

Scoring: I say this movie is a triple, but gets thrown out trying to stretch in into an inside-the-parker (Was Razor Shines involved in this picture?).

Dine on a Dime

by: Allison DeNuzzie
Reporter

Celebrating its opening in June, Tika’s Restaurant and Lounge is the newest attraction on Main Street in Bethlehem.

Tika’s has something to satisfy everyone and Lunch/Dinner for two is easily under $25. With its hours (11am-11pm) and convenient location on Main Street’s picturesque cobblestone road of quaint shops and eateries, students and others are sure to enjoy many a meal at Tika’s.

The restaurant and lounge is located in the previous space of Tortilla Flat, which offers a relaxed, sophisticated yet casual, welcoming retreat for stressed out college students to go for a delicious meal.

Priding itself as “Home of the Cuban Burger,” Tika’s offers an eclectic menu selection that is sure to satisfy the tastes and preferences of all who visit. From simple sandwiches, wraps, burgers and salads, to seafood, Tex-Mex, and your favorite meat variety of pork, chicken and beef, Tika’s caters to everyone’s taste buds to ensure a hearty and satisfying meal. In fact, I found that Tika’s is an all inclusive restaurant that offers quiet and comfortable dining with a global variety in menu selection that includes dishes for every culture: from the Sicily Burger topped with pizza sauce fresh mozzarella to Mediterranean options of hummus on a grilled pita or grape leaves stuffed with seasoned rice.

Another added benefit to having a restaurant and lounge on our most traveled street is that it provides a great place for mingling with friends, and for those 21 and over students Tika’s offers an extensive drink list with Happy Hour from 4-7pm Monday through Friday. The warm atmosphere of Tika’s allows customers to socialize with friends in the restaurant and at the full-service bar supported by trendy music, subdued lighting, and excellent customer service that caters to your every need.

Not only is the food splendid, but it’s affordable for college students. Tika’s caters to all wallet sizes with inexpensive salads, burgers, and sandwiches, to pricier options like Filet Mignon or Lobster Tails. While the average price of the inexpensive meal options are around $6-$10, the more costly entrée’s run between $20-$45. Regardless, the portions are generous and satisfying, and I was easily filled by my scrumptious Chicken Taco Salad for $7.99.
IMPORTANT REMINDER ABOUT SIGNING OFF-CAMPUS LEASES

Although we are months away from the spring 2010 housing selection process, it is important to remind you about the policy on signing off-campus leases.

Moravian is a residential college in which students must live on campus unless they are approved to commute from home or officially approved to live on their own in an off-campus residence. Students who wish to live on their own during the 2010-2011 academic year in a privately-owned off-campus house/apartment must first apply for and be approved for an off-campus release (OCR).

*It is imperative that students do not sign leases at any point until they are approved for an off-campus release.*

The OCR application process will commence in the spring semester. A limited number of releases will be granted in the spring for the 2010-2011 academic year.

*Office of Student Affairs – Housing*
'09 Football Wrap Up

by: Caitlin Dean
Reporter

As of right now, the Moravian College football team is moving into the postseason looking ahead to next year. After a disappointing season that left the Greyhounds seeing more losses than wins, the players and the coaches still feel the team has grown in many ways.

Head coach Scot Dapp, completing his twenty-third year with the team, believes his team has come a long way since the start of the season.

“One good thing is that the effort of the players never waned,” Dapp said.

He continued, “All of the players maintained a positive attitude. They always wanted to do better, and they worked hard, but the results haven’t showed it.”

Senior captain and defensive back Jayson Williams saw a plus side to this season.

He said, “Our team has made strides in the right direction. The strongest asset our team had was the willingness to be coached.” Williams continued, “A lot of teams don’t have that, and we did.” He tried, as captain, to “build a lasting bond” with the team, a goal the team has been working towards all season.

Dapp thinks that his team has achieved just that.

“They fought through adversity,” he said. “Life is overcoming obstacles, and it’s easier if done together.”

Dapp wants his graduating players to continue to “persevere” as they did on the football field while he hopes for the remaining players to continue to strengthen the bond they started building this season.

“As for the 2010 season, the coaching staff is already planning recruitment trips.

“Between now and the end of the semester we’ll all take turns traveling to different places within a three hundred mile radius of here scouting out new players for the next season,” Dapp said. “We can’t look behind.”

Preparation Begins for Men’s Basketball Season

by: Daniel Selmasska
Reporter

The Moravian Men’s Basketball team began practice on the last Tuesday in October in preparation for a successful season.

Coach Jim Walker who has been leading our Hounds since 1979 started practice with just doing the fundamentals. Coach Walker strives to have not only the toughest team, but the “hardest working team in the conference. As a coaching staff we have been focusing on getting better every day.”

The team must be hard working and optimistic of their ability to compete, since they enter this season with only one returning senior. The Hounds will have to stick together always playing one game at a time without forgetting about their grades. The team puts an equal amount of focus on their grades as they do on the game.

The Moravian Hounds look ahead to benefiting from all their hard work. Winning their first scrimmage against Cabrini College on November 3rd leads them into a successful 09-10 season.
Women’s Basketball Prepares for a Season Full of Excitement

by: Daniel Selmasska
Reporter

The Women’s basketball team is returning this year fully loaded with seven returning seniors and expectations are high for this experienced team with a few of the girls looking to score their 1000th point this season.

The team has been working together for the past few weeks, hoping to strengthen their camaraderie. Their season will kick off on Thursday, Nov. 19, against Elizabethtown College which served as an eye-opener to the seriousness of this season.

Head coach Mary Beth Spirk will need to work hard developing her girls’ skills every single day at practice in order to fulfill the potential ability of her players.

Cross-Country Wrap Up

by: Cassandra Cleveland
Reporter

Both the Women and Men’s Cross Country teams, under the leadership of Coach Lobb, have finished a great season.

Senior runner, Gail Dornenburg says that, “After facing some early injuries, Moravian’s Women’s Cross Country team finished fifth in their conference meet hosted by Catholic University on October 31st.” This is a great accomplishment for the team which had a struggling beginning.

Gail even specifically mentioned the underclassmen when she claimed, “Sophomores Cadee Rockwell and Kristina Ruggerio finished in the first and second All-American teams, with junior captain Tara Chiarella finishing not far behind.” This is promising for future seasons.

According to Senior Gail Dornenburg, the “Invitational attracts over one hundred college teams each year, and the Hounds were able to race well because of continuous practice on Lehigh’s course.”

With winter on its way, and a respectably well accomplished season completed, many of the athletes now can look forward to the track season.

2009 Cheerleading Update

by: Allison DeNuzzie
Reporter

If you think the end of Football season means the end for the Moravian College Cheerleading Squad, think again! The college community will have many opportunities to support the cheerleaders as the academic year continues because they are not slowing down anytime soon.

As one of the largest squads Moravian has seen in a few years, the current ’09 - ’10 season consists of 20 cheerleaders led by 2 senior captains, Brooke Prelovsky and Ashley Stone.

The squad, led by head coach Erin Kratzer and assistant coaches Melissa Carmel and Belle Hacker, has been practicing hard about two to four times per week since August as they prepare to cheer for all upcoming men’s and women’s home basketball games.

In addition to cheering for athletic games, Moravian Cheerleaders will also be attending around two or three cheerleading competitions this year, where three individual stunt groups will be competing. Their competition season will end like the previous season at the Reach the Beach Competition in Ocean City, MD.

Staying involved with fellow Moravian athletes and the surrounding Moravian community is very important to the cheerleading squad. A few members of its members also belong to Moravian College Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC), and as a whole team the cheerleaders take part in SAAC events such as fundraisers.

New to Moravian this year, the Cheerleaders will be hosting a competition for local and regional middle and high school cheering squads.

Prelovsky states that the competition will be held on January 16th, 2010 and will be the first of its kind. “We’re really excited about it and hope it will be a success!”
Winning Team Receives T-Shirts and Medals!

Contact stpcr01@moravian.edu [Patrick Rosendale] to sign up, deadline for signup is November 16th

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November 21, 2009
1:30 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.

Guaranteed a Minimum of 2 Games

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