The Shadow of 9/11

By Jessica Page
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A silhouette of firefighters lifting the American flag in the rubble of the twin towers stands on the front lawn of the Moberly campus. Onlookers stop and remember. On September 11, 2001, catastrophe struck our nation. This year was the 10th anniversary of 9/11 and across the U.S., people found ways to commemorate.

MACC’s special tribute stands on the front lawn of the main campus and was created by Andrew Glenn, a member of the art faculty.

“I had received [an] inquiry about ideas on how to commemorate the anniversary of 9/11 and submitted my idea,” said Glenn.

The memorial sculpture on the main campus is a familiar scene that everyone remembers. Many students have seen the memorial.

MACC student, Rosalind Dysart, said, “I do like it [the memorial]. I think it is a very respectable tribute to the friends and loved ones of our fellow Americans for standing up for our country.”

MACC’s home page banner included 10th Anniversary: Remembering 9/11. Students shared their thoughts and memories of the catastrophe ten years ago.

On 9/11/11, a memorial was opened in New York City to the families of 9/11 victims and later opened to the public. Two pools, each in the exact location where the towers had stood, are part of the memorial. The top ledges of the pool walls are etched with the names of the 9/11 victims. The names are not listed alphabetically but are arranged by how individuals knew each other as reported by The Washington Post.

Across the nation, people commemorated: flying flags at half staff, displaying miniature flags on lawns, wearing FDNY and NYPD hats, recognizing 9/11 victims at sporting events, sharing moments of silence.

In Tempe, AZ, a candlelight service was held at the Tempe Town Lake. According to the Valley Tribune, the ceremony started with a speaker and prayer. Those who attended sang the national anthem, and volunteers read the names of those killed as candles were lit. Candles surrounded the lake.

These memorials, and others, allow people of this and future generations to remember what happened on September 11, 2001.
A Remarkable Trek

By Donna M. Monnig
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What comes to mind when you think of a trek?

A trek is to travel or a journey. In the case of Alva Underwood, different kinds of treks have been a large part of her life.

She trekked through 27 years of teaching at MACC. She taught English I, American Literature, Science Fiction, and an intriguing Mark Twain seminar; during four of those years, she taught at the prison. She retired from MACC in 1998.

Underwood has also trekked to new places during her studies. She started at Hannibal-LaGrange and continued on to other educational institutions in multiple states, including a while at Oxford, where she focused her interests on 19th century novels.

Her treks have taken her all over the world, including Canada, China, and six trips to England. A trip to Australia is currently in the works.

Underwood trekked through various levels of technology, starting with a punch computer, then a Lianer, and everything in between to present day laptops and iPads.

But the star of Underwood’s treks is just that: Star Trek.

Introduced to the franchise by her niece, Underwood’s first experience with Star Trek was watching Devil in the Dark in black and white. While that was the beginning of her love for Star Trek, Underwood’s love for science fiction came at the age of nine when she read her first sci-fi novel simply entitled, The Brain.

Among her many accomplishments, Underwood has attended three World Sci-Fi Conventions, met William Shatner (a.k.a. Captain James T. Kirk of the U.S.S. Enterprise) and other members of the cast. She owns an unprecedented amount of Star Trek memorabilia, including books, posters, dolls of the characters, Christmas ornaments, model ships, and blueprints for the Enterprise.

Never to do things halfway, Alva Underwood combined her obsession for Star Trek with her passion for books.

The result: a series of books entitled, Star Trek: Readers Reference to the Novels.

Each book is a veritable encyclopedia of the many Star Trek novels in chronological order. With careful attention to detail, Underwood lists which characters were in which book, what places they visited, the events that took place, the technology used, and even mentions the drinking songs (i.e. “Down from Saturn and Up Uranus” popular at StarFleet Academy).

The release of her sixth volume, Star Trek: Readers Reference to the Novels: 1992-1993, was celebrated at MACC’s Alumni Museum on September 12. The author reception was open to the public, and the museum displayed many unique Star Trek items from Underwood’s extensive collection. The event was arranged and hosted by the museum’s Alumni Director, Scott McGarvey.

To learn more about Alva Underwood’s interesting undertaking, check out her books or visit her website at StarTrekReaders.com

As you go through the journey of life, make treks of your own.
Have you ever wanted to travel to Greece? How about Turkey? During the upcoming summer semester, students attending MACC have an opportunity to do both. Karen Werner will be leading a group of students on a study abroad trip May 19 - May 30, 2012. The study abroad trip may be taken for college credit.

“Depending on the college [that] a student transfers to, the credit for the class can transfer for different categories. I’ve had students at Mizzou get credit as a humanities, at Missouri State and University of Central Missouri as their culture class (global studies). It probably depends on the student’s major and what other classes they’ve taken at MACC,” Werner said.

Most students take the trip for credit, but for others, it is a graduation present or a trip for fun according to Werner. Werner chose the destination for this study abroad for a number of reasons.

“In the Spring of 2010, I took students to Greece, and we stopped in Turkey,” Werner said. "The students on that trip loved Turkey and said they would have loved to see more of this country. It was clean, beautiful, and the culture was different in dress, religion, food, shops, etc. The students said they felt like they had seen something unique and different. Istanbul is now one of the most popular travel destinations for Europeans, Americans, and other cultures. Turkey has a fascinating history, and since so much of our musical instruments and our marching bands generated from this country, musically I find this fascinating. Of course, Greece is basically the birthplace of western civilization!”

The cost of the trip is around $3,700; however, the cost is evaluated at the beginning of each month, so it is subject to change. The sooner students enroll, the less expensive the trip will be. There are two ways students can pay: a monthly payment or a manual payment plan with the complete amount due in February. This includes transportation: a round-trip flight, bus, ferry, and cruise; eight overnight stays in hotels, two nights of cabin accommodations on the cruise ship, breakfast daily, and three dinners.

Expenditures not included in the overall cost include money for most lunches, seven dinners, any extra shopping students want to do, and a passport. If students do not have a current passport, they will need to start the process by November or December because the process in obtaining one is long according to EF tours.

Werner’s tips for trip preparation are to research the internet and read books about the places being traveled. Werner also sends out emails with websites to study about Greece and Turkey to students who sign up for this trip. According to Werner, patience is very important when traveling.

“There can be delays, changes, and problems that no one can anticipate,” Werner stated.

She also explained that organization is important in the packing aspect of traveling abroad. Traveling to many places means students will want to pack as light as possible and only take the necessities. Werner sends emails with more advice on what to bring for students who are doing the study abroad trip.

Students who are interested in this study abroad trip or want more information should contact Karen Werner at 660-263-4110 ext. 357 or karenw@macc.edu. Students can enroll until the February 12 deadline.

**Students who wish to study abroad will get the opportunity to visit Greece and Turkey on the upcoming trip scheduled for May 19 - May 30, 2012.**

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### New Missouri legislation could impact MACC students

By Nik Schroff
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On Friday August 28, Missouri House of Representatives bill 294 went into effect. The most publicized portion of this bill is the section that lowers the concealed carry age in Missouri from 23, the highest in the US, to 21.

To obtain a concealed carry permit, you must be a Missouri resident, have no felony convictions, pass a background check and complete a firearms training course firing 50 rounds per exercise and have several 20-round tests.

Many people feel strongly about the issue; one MACC student who asked not to be identified stated, “The last time I went to St. Louis I got shot at. If it happens again, I’ll feel a lot safer being able to fire back in self defense.”

He went on to state that he felt Missouri does not have a thorough enough background check system and at the same time they should get rid of the waiting period.

This bill, while lowering the legal age for concealed carry, also denies state or local authorities the right to pose a tax on firearms that is greater than other sporting goods. This bill also allows congressmen and women, as well as their staff and aids, to carry a concealed weapon on the floor of the capitol building and throughout the building. Although the bill passed with a very large margin in favor, the few who opposed did not back down about their feelings toward the bill.

According to stltoday.com, Jill Schupp, representative from the 82nd district, said, “Guns kill – that is their purpose, I don’t want them on the House floor with me. I don’t want them in the hands of 21-year-olds.”

Formerly, any kind of machine gun or heavy artillery weapon was illegal. Now, as long as the owners conform to federal law, they may possess, manufacture, transport, repair, or sell a machine gun, short-barreled rifle or shotgun, or firearm silencer. And fraudulent purchases of firearms are now a class D felony which would sentence the suspect to between two and seven years in jail and a fine up to $5000.

Whether or not this bill will have a strong impact on college age people is yet to be seen, but we can rely on one fact: 21-year-olds now have the right to concealed carry. Whether that’s a good thing or not is entirely up to you.
E2 Campus Alert System

Students can check for weather or college cancellations via E2Campus.

By Kalen Barton
Express Staff

As soon as the first snow hits the MACC campus areas and is dense enough to accumulate to more than a few inches, it is almost guaranteed that a large number of students is up in the wee hours of the morning scanning TV and radio programs such as KHQA, WGEM, or Kwix-Kres for school cancellations. Students can feel left in the dark when they don’t know whether they should brave the outside storm and go to class or stay home and avoid hazardous road conditions.

MACC is taking a step to bring students to the frontline when it comes to information about class cancellations and weather advisories in order to keep them well informed and safe. This step is with the E2 Campus alert system which MACC has used for several years.

Every fall semester, faculty and staff encourage new students to sign up for E2 and inform them of the benefits that it offers. If there is a class cancellation or a severe weather advisory on any of the seven campuses in the area, the students will receive an emergency text message that notifies them to prevent anyone from getting injured.

Students can find information they need or want to know about E2campus on MACC’s website.

According to Amy See, a Hannibal advisor, “The best place for students to get information about E2 would be on the homepage, macc.edu/forms/e2campus.” Once on the page, students can follow the instructions to set up an account with E2 via e-mail or text messaging.

The E2 Campus was designed for students’ and faculty’s benefit and are strongly encouraged to take advantage of and become familiar with it.

For procrastinators who forget or put off cancelling their account with E2 after they have graduated, fret not. E2 has a two-year limit. After two years, it automatically cancels itself. Students and faculty can sign up again after cancellation if need be.

Hannibal Nears Funding Goal for New Campus

By Brad Williams
Express Staff

The construction of the new MACC Hannibal Area Higher Education Building is still being planned, but ground-breaking will not take place until the funding goal is reached. The building will be located on donated land south of the Hannibal Regional Hospital and will be the new home of MACC’s Hannibal campus. Although funding is still short, the need for the building is important. Classes are currently being held on a temporary basis at the old AT&T building in Hannibal. The temporary building has worked for now, but it will not work forever. Wendy Johnson, director of MACC in Hannibal, has expressed a few concerns of the temporary building and reasons for needing the new building.

“We do not have the capabilities for science labs at this current location,” said Johnson.

Students are required to take at least one science course with a lab to graduate from MACC. Since Hannibal does not have class rooms with science labs, it puts an extra burden on students. Students are either forced to drive to other MACC campuses that have class rooms with science labs or take the class online.

Parking is also an issue according to Johnson. The parking lot at the current location is simply not big enough to accommodate the growing enrollment at MACC in Hannibal. Adequate parking and science labs are not the only reasons MACC’s Hannibal location is looking to expand. Since the 2003-04 school year when Hannibal was approved for the AA degree, enrollment has nearly doubled.

The Affordable Community Education group noticed the need for a new Hannibal campus and spearheaded the efforts to get this project started. Affordable Community Education is a grassroots organization in the Hannibal area. The organization believes there is a dire need for a permanent community college campus in Hannibal. According to Sally Poole, treasurer for Affordable Community Education, there have been some recent developments in the project.

Affordable Community Education is now working with FEMA and SEMA on additional funding of the project. If this partnership takes place, then the building will also serve as a tornado shelter for the Hannibal area. Currently, the organization is about a million dollars short of their 4.6 million dollar budget for the new building. With or without the partnership with FEMA or SEMA, Poole expects construction to begin in the near future.

To donate to this project or learn more about it, visit Affordable Community Education’s website at www.affordablecommunityeducation.com.

I Caught the Fever When “Contagion” Hit Theaters

Editorial By Sarah Smith
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Hand sanitizer, antibacterial hand soap, rubber gloves and baby wipes: these are a few of the items I added to my shopping list after watching the new thriller, Contagion.

This thriller stars Matt Damon and Laurence Fishburne as two of the few survivors on Earth after a deadly virus spawns and infects millions, decimating the population. As the human race struggles to survive, organizations, such as the Center for Disease Control, fight to develop a vaccine. Meanwhile, a journalist, played by Jude Law, who is seeking his own fame and fortune, makes outrageous accusations against the government and claims that he has found the cure. Villains and heroes become apparent in this thought-provoking thriller, written by Scott Z. Burns and directed by Steven Soderbergh.

Walking into the theater, I expected to enjoy yet another cheesy apocalypse movie. I was pleasantly surprised by the intricate character development and use of realistic fiction to portray this tragic story. Contagion brings such thoughts to the viewer’s mind as, “What would I do in this situation?” and “Do I really trust our government?” Contagion is worth watching, so arm yourself with antibacterial wipes and see this film today.
Miller Makes a Difference

By Sarah Smith
Express Staff

For many students, summer break means sleeping in, staying out late, and having fun in the sun. For MACC-Hannibal student, Ashlie Miller, summer was the time to give. She spent ten days in Nicaragua building houses and spreading the Gospel.

Miller heard about this trip from good friends who had been going on these mission trips for seven years. As soon as they invited her, Miller began raising funds for the journey. She raised money with a baked potato bar. Miller also saved spending money from each of her paychecks. Miller was also required to fill a 16-gallon tote with clothes for the Nicans, people of Nicaragua. Soon, she was ready to depart on July 14.

While Miller helped build houses and spread God’s word, the people taught her valuable lessons about giving and being thankful for what one has. Miller’s Nican family was willing to give her all they had, even though it was not much. Miller said she began looking at life from a different perspective.

“The rate of poverty in Nicaragua is so high,” Miller said.

According to trickleup.org, the rate of poverty in Nicaragua is 45 percent. Most floors were dirt, and people played with objects such as tires to entertain themselves. The people considered their small, simple new homes to be top-notch. Video games and cell phones are unheard of in Nicaragua, and Miller noticed that this lack of technology led to a greater sense of community, as people had to actually talk to one another to communicate, rather than sending an e-mail or text message.

Each day as Miller and her companions got off the bus to begin their work, she recalls that the children would run up to them and cover them in grateful hugs and kisses.

“I knew I went over to build houses, but in the back of my mind, I wanted to see the kids,” Miller said about her favorite memory of the trip.

Because of these valuable lessons and memories, Miller recommends that other students find opportunities to take these trips for themselves. She developed important friendships with people she had only known for a week, and her views about community and fellowship have changed for the better.

For more information about these mission trips and opportunities, visit www.projecthope.org.

Ashlie Miller spent ten days in Nicaragua building homes and spreading the Gospel.
MACC in Hannibal celebrated its annual fall picnic on Wednesday, Sept. 28. This year’s theme was football, and many staff wore football attire.

MACC provided a lunch for students, faculty, and staff. Lunch was pizza and wings from Papa Johns. Soda, cupcakes, and popcorn were also provided.

Other events and activities included door prizes from MACC and t-shirts from the National Guard. Representatives from four-year colleges in the area attended to share information and advice for students on continuing their education after graduation from MACC.

Many of the students agreed that their favorite part of the day was the food and socializing with classmates. This was also true for the faculty and staff. Karen Seward, an instructor at MACC-Hannibal, enjoyed the camaraderie with students.

“I enjoyed having some social time with the students. It’s nice to see them and talk outside the classroom, said Seward.

Jessica Heintz, a secretary at MACC-Hannibal, not only helped set up the event but was also able to participate. Heintz’ favorite aspect of the fall picnic was “being able to enjoy a fun day with the students; it’s a fun atmosphere.”

This year’s fall picnic was another success. You can’t go wrong with free pizza and socializing with friends.
Around the World to Moberly for Only Forty-Four Cents

By Gregg Hill
Express Staff

When was the last time you received mail that you were excited about? What if you found in that stack of bills and junk mail a postcard from across the globe?

This fall’s first exhibit in the Graphic and Fine Arts Gallery at the Moberly campus featured postcards that were designed by artists from all over the world.

The theme for this exhibit was chosen by Professor Felicia Leach, the gallery director, who commented on the modern lifestyle where hand-written correspondence is a thing of the past.

“In today’s world where people have the immediacy of text messages and emails,” Leach said, “people like to get good, physical mail.”

The artwork on display was made using various mediums: mixed media, photography, and even paint, allowing for a broad spectrum of artwork on display.

The gallery is open during regular school hours. Community and students are welcomed to see this and upcoming exhibits.

Student Jay Hopkins thought that the exhibit was “very imaginative” and was taken aback by the display of postcards.

The postcards are displayed on the gallery walls as well as in the two adjacent rooms located near the guest book and entrance. The gallery lighting makes for a sophisticated feel in an intimate setting as it keeps the postcards lit.

Some postcards are allowed to be gently handled so that the audience can get a feel for where the artist is coming from, one of the unique features of this exhibit.

The GAFA gallery is located on the 1st floor of the Graphic Arts wing at the north end of the main campus. The gallery is located in what used to be the old MACC gymnasium and has utilized the wood flooring and space to create a gallery with its own unique feel. The gallery space can be altered to include larger or smaller exhibits, making it adaptable.

The postcards on display have been postmarked by the postal service and have made their way to Moberly from all over the U.S. and other countries. In this way, the postcards connect with the audience on a personal level.

As Prof. Leach puts it, “The idea of a creation of artwork that then is literally placed into the mail and is handled by the mail system and has a stamp . . . it adds to the artwork as well. It’s a couple different layers of making the work and then having it physically travel to the gallery.”

The concept was something that Prof. Leach had considered for a while. The featured artist of the exhibit is Kristina Carlson.

Carlson fits in perfectly with the exhibit’s theme. The New Hampshire-based artist works with various mediums: photography, charcoal, graphite, paint, and even graphic design. Carlson’s work primarily focuses on correspondence and letters that she has received and the physical use of mail. It’s a refreshing take on communication in the Internet age, which will surely connect students to a time when instant mass communication wasn’t possible.
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The Greyhound and Lady Greyhound seasons are set and the teams ready to go. The Greyhound season begins with a few scrimmage games and the Warrensburg Jamboree. The first home games are Oct 29 vs. Columbia College (scrimmage game) and Nov. 5 vs. Arkansas Tech JV.

The Lady Greyhounds begin play at the John A. Logan Classic on Nov. 5. The first home game for the Lady Greyhounds will be Nov. 13 against the always tough Wabash Valley College.

The Greyhounds start the season with a full roster that includes five returning sophomores and 12 Freshmen. The sophomores are Jon Gilliam (Paris, MO), Derrick Dilworth (Webster Groves, MO), Daylen Robinson (Kansas City), Nate Bitner (Kearney), and Kenny Williams (St. Louis).

Freshmen for the Moberly Greyhounds are Milik Atkins (Bronx, NY), TJ White (Kansas City), Giovanni McLean (Bronx, NY), Raydell Denis (Fredriksed, St. Croix), Charles Pemberton (St Thomas), Stefan Beard (Chicago), Derrion Donson (Rogersville), Le’Manuel Fahle (Roadtown, B.V.I.), Davonne Henry (Harlem, NY), Zac Hill (Nixa, MO), Michael Luscombe (Boonville), and Manny Scott (Jamaica, NY).

Returning to the helm of the Greyhounds are Jay Spoonhour, Head coach, and Nate Johnson, assistant coach.

The Lady Greyhounds start the season with a new coach, Chad Killinger, several returning players and seven first-time Freshmen. Sophomores are Channel Baker (Louisville), Triana Moore (Indianapolis), Mykel Boyd (St. Louis), Ashley Stevenson Hammond, IN), and Tahsha Mitchell (South Holland, IL). Freshmen players are Shanice Jones (Newark, NJ), Shanevian Holden (Columbus, OH), Jessica Bygate (Nelson, NZ), ShanToria Taylor (Garland, TX), Morgan Vetter (Salisbury), Cekiya Elliott (Cincinnati), and Kayla Washington (Duncanville, TX). The women’s assistant coaches are Alex Wiggs and Angelica Harris.