The wait is over: Modern Warfare 3 is out this week

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On Tuesday Nov. 8, Activision’s new and highly anticipated game “Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 3” will hit stores.

Activision created buzz about the game during the last E3, which is an event for gamers and creators alike, when they announced that they were in the process of creating the new game.

The last “Call of Duty” created by Activision was “Modern Warfare 2,” which sold 4.7 million copies on the first day, bringing in a total of $310 million and $550 million in the first week. Modern Warfare 2 sold over $1 billion in the first week. “Modern Warfare 3” left off. It will also jump from country to country in places like Paris, Hamburg, London, New York, Berlin and Washington D.C.

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Many Bucks students are looking forward to this game and have been for a while. Jim Aguire, a 20-year-old a paralegal, predicted this would be the best version of the game yet.

“From reading the previews they’re going to have a lot more modern weapon enhancement; as great as the game is that was always the one flaw with the game in my opinion,” Vitale said. “I’m also looking forward to having a more modern setting because the game will be based in the year 2016.”

According to CNBC.com, Activision is expecting sales of the new game to reach near $800 million, with $200 million within the first of 24 hours of the game’s release alone.

Eric Hirshberg, CEO of Activision Publishing, said in an interview with the magazine “Game Informer” that he hopes this will be the best version of the series yet.

“We’re cautiously optimistic,” he said. “We are happy that there’s a lot of hype around the game. We’ll be looking not at the sales of the first week, but the sales around the upcoming holiday season.”

Many stores are doing a midnight launch in honor of the release of the game. Stores like GameStop and Wal-Mart are partaking in these events where buyers can pick the game up at midnight on the day of the release.
October snow

BY: MATT JOBS  
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A freak snowstorm tore down trees, left hundreds without power, and interrupted travel plans on Saturday – two days before Halloween.

The snow started falling early Saturday morning and it did not let up until the late that night. The storm’s intensity was first expected to be light. As a result, townships were not well prepared and a lot of snow clearing efforts weren’t executed until the late afternoon.

Because many trees in the area had yet to shed their leaves for the season, the snow was able to accumulate in great quantities on the branches.

Doylestown seemed to be hit the hardest. The entire town lost power and the roads were littered with tree branches and snow build-up, which weren’t attended to until Sunday morning.

Colin Schamp, 21, a liberal arts major from Levittown, lost power due to the storm. He has since gotten power back, but not completely.

“I still don’t have cable and internet, because our Verizon box blew up and we lost our outlets.”

Brendan Shirley, 18, a business management major from Warminster, said: “I had no power all weekend, and trees fell all over the place and they were covered in ice. My power just came back [Tuesday].”

Jessie Bintliff, 19, a small business management major from Levittown, wasn’t even in town during the storm, but still felt the effects.

“I was out of town in West Virginia. The storm wasn’t as bad and it didn’t affect my commute. When I got home the parking lot in my apartment complex was completely plowed in and I couldn’t park there.”

Because Halloween was on a Monday this year, many people were planning on using the preceding weekend to celebrate. Many parties were cancelled, and bars that lost power had to close and lose out on an otherwise profitable night. The inconvenience left some people a little bitter.

“I hate the snow,” said Brianna Bergener, 20, a nursing major from Levittown. “My car isn’t four-wheel drive so I couldn’t go anywhere. I hate shoveling. The snow is pretty to look at, but I hate that you can’t go anywhere.”

Mother Nature has been very fickle lately. October came in with 80 degree weather and left with a snowstorm that affected the entire area.

Students respond to possible hike in Bucks tuition

BY: MELISSA FLEISHMAN  
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Bucks has been raising tuition as a result of cutbacks in state aid, but many students interviewed seemed not to know this.

After the commonwealth of Pennsylvania cut back its support by $2 million, tuition increased by $10 this year when in previous years, tuition only rose by $7.

When asked, some students didn’t even know the increases were taking place.

“To be honest, I had no idea it had been raised over the last few years or even this year,” Rob Burns, 27, said. Students who receive financial aid and student loans may not feel affected immediately, but they will be in the future.

Melissa Hamlet-Jackson, 27, a nursing major, said, “That $10 might not seem like a lot, but it quickly adds up especially when taking multiple classes at one time.”

“It’s more I’ll have to pay when I graduate,” said Jason Rokowski, 21, an education major.

Interestingly enough, Bucks students are not the only ones concerned with future repayment of student loans.

On Oct. 25, President Barack Obama announced a new plan named “Pay as You Earn.” This plan will allow students to “reduce their monthly payments to 10 percent of their discretionary income,” according to whitehouse.gov. It will also allow graduates to consolidate their loans and reduce the extraordinarily high interest rates.

Rokowski said, “Lowering monthly payments on loans will definitely help a lot of people. With the economy the way it is, a lot of people have problems finding jobs and paying off loans.”

Although this plan will help protect students from soaring into a life of debt, it seems that the savings are lost in the escalating costs of tuition.
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A Bucks student talks about her Air Force deployment to Kuwait

Tabitha Giddings, currently a student at Bucks, was recently deployed in Kuwait with the 386 Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron of the U.S. Air Force. This is her account of her time there.

By: Tabitha Giddings
Centurion Staff

My name is Tabitha Giddings, I’m a Bucks student and I was in the Air Force when I was deployed to Kuwait.

It wasn’t the first time I’d deployed, but it was the hardest thus far; as I left to get on the bus that would take me overseas, my young son clung to me and did not want to let go. Though we talked about me leaving plenty of times before, it was as if he had just understood what was happening for the first time; this was the beginning of my tour in Kuwait.

There were no words to really explain how I felt after saying goodbye to my family; my son’s expression that stayed with me the whole flight. I had a long time to think about it. But another kind of uneasiness seized my emotions: over 6,000 miles away would be a place that I would call home for the next four months. Though a short time compared to others, I still faced the difficulty of being away from family and being on foreign land.

Jettagged and exhausted, my fellow airmen and I inprocessed, rested for a little while, then started work the next day.

Meeting the people we would be replacing was the first order of business; learning what we needed to know for a smooth transition of personnel was vital, so as not to impact the organization of operations. I worked in Passenger Service Operations, one of the several sections that fall under the category of Logistic Transportation. On a daily basis I came across soldiers coming and going into and out of the theater, whether high-ranking officers or civilians on official business. I had the privilege to work alongside civilians, whose presence greatly enhanced the capability of our mission.

As with any work environment, there were conflicts of personality. The military is a composite of people who have come from different organizations and backgrounds and have different views on life in general. All of these factors came into play, because each person’s unique personality resonates with others every day. It is exemplified by decisions that can affect group dynamics positively or negatively.

Internal work concerns were minute in comparison to the bigger scheme of things. The most important job was tending to the needs of soldiers, especially those who have been through the harshest of conditions in war, those who were a little down about being away from those they loved, and those who simply needed a listening ear and just needed to be treated with dignity and respect.

There were those that I came across who were just angry and there was nothing that I could do to console them. There were those who had suffered a loss while being deployed, as well as those who missed out on the birth of a child.

Family is so important to me, so when I think about my time in Kuwait, there is one person that comes to mind. In a conversation with a young airman over lunch, I had come to understand that his wife was expecting their first child in a few weeks.

It bothered me, and when I asked him how he felt about it, he said, “I’m okay with it,” explaining that his wife was used to it and that her father was in the military. I wanted to fight for him, to ask if it was possible for him to be granted furlough for such a life-changing event.

Those of us who take the oath and go into the military know there will be small sacrifices and the possibility of grave sacrifices. It was an effort to alleviate the angst of being away from home, there were accommodations to make Kuwait more ordinary: A Thai restaurant, fast food places like “Pizza Hut” and “Subway” to name a few, spa and nail salons,AAFES (shopping centers), a movie theater and the Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR).

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When I was promoted to Technical Sergeant in early May I was ecstatic, and received many congratulations and encouragement from fellow airmen. It felt like progress was being made as far as my military career; this lifted my spirits and gave me a higher sense of self-assurance.

There was a ceremonial pinning on of stripes. I gave a short speech and gladly accepted my place as a newly appointed, mid-level NCO.

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Tabitha's first week at Ali Al Salem Air Base.

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Ability Exhibit breaks down stereotypes

BY: ASHLEY RUSZIN
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Allies for Inclusion: The Ability Exhibit was on display from Monday, Oct. 24 to Thursday, Oct. 27. It worked to break down stereotypes associated with people who have disabilities.

The exhibit, which was held in Rollins 60, featured different stations where visitors could learn about what is defined as a disability and what is not. It also provided information to help people become more understanding.

The exhibit promotes the idea of becoming “disability allies,” advocates for treating the disabled as equals rather than people who are completely helpless. It stresses that the disabled are not lesser individuals than those in the general population.

The exhibit was developed by a graduate student from St. Louis University. It travels from college to college and is on a local circuit right now. It will soon be reaching its one year anniversary.

The exhibit was designed to challenge people on the way they think about disabled people and what they are and are not able to do.

“You have to do things [in this exhibit] that really make you think,” says Marie Cooper, head of disability service at Bucks and the organizer of the event.

One sign features a picture of a person with Downs’ syndrome that reads, “I am not learning disabled.” If a person removes that part of the sign, it says “I am diagnosed with a learning disorder.”

This helps people to overcome preconceived notions regarding the disabled. It gives students the opportunity to view these people from a different, more tolerant vantage point. This display was particularly effective.

The displays included in the exhibit are very interesting and informative. One, called the “Space Rope,” simulates “the communication distances used by people who are blind and have low vision.” Another, titled “Who Do You Know With Disabilities?” asks each visitor to place a stone in a bowl to represent each person he or she knows with a disability. “Person-First Language” asks the visitor to consider abandoning using labels to describe the disabled and to show respect.

The most poignant of the stations was the “Reflections” board, where students write down their thoughts and feelings after going through the exhibit.

“Allies for Inclusion.”

Another says “Not all great minds think alike!!”

“Know the person, not the disability. People first.”

“Everyone is equal. No human is less than just that.”

“Be aware of the abilities.”

Students also had the opportunity to sign a board pledging that they are an “Ally for Inclusion.”

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Monday 11/7
How I Met Your Mother - CBS - 8:00
Terra Nova - FOX - 8:00
MNF: Bears at Eagles - ESPN - 8:30
Two and a Half Men - CBS - 9:00
Monster In-Laws - A&E - 10:00

Tuesday 11/8
Glee - FOX - 8:00
Dancing With the Stars - ABC - 9:00

Wednesday 11/9
45th Annual CMA Awards - ABC - 8:00
The X Factor - FOX - 8:00
America’s Next Top Model - CW - 9:00
Criminal Minds - CBS - 9:00
Law and Order: SVU - NBC - 10:00

Thursday 11/10
The Big Bang Theory - CBS - 8:00
Impact Wrestling - SPIKE - 9:00
It’s Always Sunny in Philadelphia - FX - 10:00
Prime Suspect - NBC - 10:00

Friday 11/11
Chuck - NBC - 8:00
Extreme Makeover Home Edition - ABC - 8:00
Fringe - FOX - 9:00
Sanctuary - SyFy - 10:00

Sunday 11/13
The Simpsons - FOX - 8:00
Allen Gregory - FOX - 8:30
Desperate Housewives - ABC - 9:00
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14. Three rulers
15. Argentina striker

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2. Circle of mirrors containing colored objects
3. First European fort built in colonial Northern America
4. Fall fruit
5. School mascot
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Eagles dominate Dallas

BY: CONNOR ECKELMEYER  
Centurion Staff

The Philadelphia Eagles showed their talent last week against the Dallas Cowboys, crushing them 34-7. After a 2-4 start to the 2011 season, the Eagle’s self-proclaimed “dream team” title didn’t seem to fit the bill. Fans were screaming for Coach Andy Reid’s firing for the poor start and ESPN analysts criticized the team for weeks. On primetime Sunday night, the entire Philadelphia area was counting on the birds to keep their season alive and claim bragging rights over the Cowboys.

The Eagles silenced their doubters by putting on a dominating performance over the Cowboys and won the game with a score of 34-7, improving their record to 3-4. This was largely thanks to halfback LeSean McCoy, who rushed for 185 yards on 30 carries. Eagle’s quarterback Michael Vick looked a lot like the pro bowl player he was last year by going 21-28 for 279 yards and two touchdowns. Vick also rushed for 50 yards on seven attempts and left Cowboy defenders gasping for air on multiple occasions.

Through the first six weeks of the season the Eagles had a terrible run defense, giving up an average of 123.3 yards per game, struggled in the redzone, and gave away the football on turnovers like Santa on Christmas, but Sunday night they corrected all mistakes. The Eagles scored touchdowns on their first three possessions, eliminated turnovers, and only gave up 85 yards rushing to a team that had 295 rushing yards last week against the St. Louis Rams. The Eagle’s defenders tormented Dallas quarterback Tony Romo all night by sacking him four times, intercepting him once, and creating constant pressure.

After Romo was sandwiched between Eagle defensive ends Trent Cole and Jason Babin, the Dallas quarterback appeared dazed and was not the same for the rest of the game. Most fans seem to think that the Eagles are now going to turn their season around and at least make it to the playoffs, as long as there are no further injuries. Nick Stroiling, 18, a sports management major, confidently declared that “The Eagles will continue their season into the playoffs with an 11-5 record.” Luke Gregoria seems to think that “They’ll probably make the playoffs, but not further just because their conference isn’t the best. There’s always hope for the Flyers though!”

Devin Engarde, engineering major, gave his take, “I think it depends if they keep running the ball and not putting the whole offense on Michael Vick’s shoulders.”

Craig Miller, journalism major, said, “Give them the next two weeks to see if they can get rolling and then we’ll go from there.”

Benjamin Malts, a business major, had an optimistic view on the subject when he said, “It definitely looks promising, because they are starting to live up to the dream team hype, but I’m not ready to put them in the Super Bowl yet.”

The Philadelphia Eagles might not be Super Bowl ready yet, but they have definitely picked up their game.

New era in the NFL

BY: STEPHEN GODWIN JR.  
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For much of the last decade Peyton Manning and Tom Brady have been head-and-shoulders above the rest of the league’s quarterbacks, but now they are getting older and the younger competition is coming into the league.

Below Manning and Brady are younger quarterbacks, not exactly rookies but very much in their prime. They are forces to be reckoned with. Those forces would include Aaron Rodgers of the Green Bay Packers, Drew Brees of the New Orleans Saints, Philip Rivers of the San Diego Chargers, Tony Romo of the Dallas Cowboys, Eli Manning of the New York Giants, Ben Rolesburger of the Pittsburgh Steelers, and Michal Vick of the Philadelphia Eagles.

The youth quarterback movement actually started around 2008 when Matt Ryan of the Atlanta Falcons and Joe Flacco of the Baltimore Ravens were drafted to help restore their respective franchises to glory.

Both quarterbacks started right away and became the first two quarterbacks in NFL history to lead their teams to the playoffs in their rookie year. Joe Flacco became the first rookie quarterback to win two playoff games, while Matt Ryan’s team lost in the opening round.

Success like that had obviously not been seen before and other teams were then quick to try and throw quarterbacks into the fire right away verses letting them sit in the coming years. Mark Sanchez of the New York Jets followed up Matt Ryan and Joe Flacco’s success the following year and led his team to the AFC championship game the last two years.

Young quarterbacks that people should keep an eye on are Cam Newton of the Carolina Panthers, Sam Bradford of the St. Louis Rams, Christian Ponder of the Minnesota Vikings, Tim Tebow of the Denver Broncos, and John Beck of the Washington Redskins.

So what do the Bucks students think about this youth movement in the NFL?

“I think the coaches in the NCAA are starting to model quarterback coaching methods after the NFL more and translating it to the college level” Brian Armstrong, marketing major, said.

Kyle Berger, another marketing major, said, “I think guys are just putting more emphasis on things like accuracy and just pushing harder towards their goals of becoming professional quarterbacks.”

Justin Dicken, an engineering major, had similar thinking.

“I guess they’re just coaching them better, as far as getting them ready to play in the NFL,” Dicken said.

Safwan Kluan, a business administration major, said, “I think it’s just recent trends that we’re seeing lately. There’s just a lot of amazing quarterbacks that have come out of the draft lately.”

When Kluan was asked if he thought some of these younger quarterbacks were starting to take Brady’s or Manning’s spotlight he said, “Brady and Manning will never fade, but guys like Aaron Rodgers have potential.”

So Brady and Manning should not be filling out retirement papers anytime soon, but if they would, there is no shortage of quarterbacks to take their place.

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