Diversity Issues Given Presidential Attention

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Students expressed their concerns in the perception of the University’s lacking relations with surrounding areas, such as Long Branch and Asbury Park. According to a statement by President Gaffney, the event provided an opportunity for students to express their concerns. He stated, “I told everybody that I would be the person standing up,” and that the event was a way for students to bring their concerns to the University. He added, “I’m 100 percent sure what you’ll see will change your life.” The overall goal of the program was to encourage students to take initiative and become involved in their community. The event was created by Mike Ritter, the program coordinator, and it aimed to provide an opportunity for students to share their stories. The event was well-attended, with a large crowd gathered to listen to the students’ stories. The event was a success, and it provided a platform for students to express their concerns and ideas.
Thursday Night Alternative Takes a Hiatus for Winter Break

The Oakwood Hall lounge was the host of the ever-popular Thursday Night Alternative on December 7. Co-sponsored by the Residents Hall Association (RHA) and the Department of Substance Abuse Awareness, TNA is a chance for students to get out and have a fun and entertaining time each month. RHA Vice President Kimberli Gerechoff attested to the TNA each month. “TNA is a lot of fun! Many students come out to share their talents and it’s always nice to hear everything,” said Gerechoff. Beginning at 10 p.m., students sign up for free gift certificates – this month, it was three certificates to choose from – and sign up to perform. Free popcorn and drinks are also provided. “TNA is free of charge and open to all students until midnight. Around 80 students come and go during the night, which makes it flexible for many students to come and hang out,” according to the Substance Abuse Awareness Web site (www.monmouth.edu/studentsubstanceawareness), “Throughout the year campus-wide events raise awareness and provide information for students regarding alcohol and other drug use. This event began as an ‘alternative’ to the Thursday night party scene, for students who were looking for something different to do. Read a poem, sing a song, or tell a joke, and get some free food and drinks.”

There is a wide variety of students that come to TNA, including commuters, residents, and R.A.s. Christian Traum, an RHA member, enjoys coming to TNA. “I really think this is a great event, because it gives people something to look forward to every single night, even if they don’t drink every Thursday night,” said Traum.

“TNA has 16 performances, every act was unique and different from the next. Many of the routines this semester included Edmonton’s entertaining and singing, and one act recited a poem. The songs were a wide range and a nice variety to the nonstop entertainment. Some songs played were by artists like The Dave Matthews Band, Early November, The Starting Line and D&D. Other TNA performers went as far as playing original songs they wrote. Some songs required everyone’s help to sing the chorus, and some performers asked that everyone sing along for fun, including songs like ‘Happy Christmas’, and the ever-popular ‘Feliz Navidad’. The best part about this month’s TNA was hearing the mix of holiday music that people performed,” said Traum.

After performances were complete, a crowd, still going strong, wanted to hear more. A few of the performers volunteered to play again, which saved the night from ending too soon. “Everyone was singing and enjoying the music that everyone performs, because it is always different and involved a lot of Gerechoff.”

Overall, the night was filled with an array of fun, food, and student-run entertainment. RHA member Caiti Carroll commented on the success of TNA, “I think this is a great way for students to show off their talents. It’s not your average college student; and the next, I was riding an elevator with Senator Ted Kennedy. The vibe that I get from TNA is ‘fun and it’s a very comfortable atmosphere for students. Everyone who comes is very supportive of one another and everyone has fun. I love coming to this event, because it’s a great alternative for people who do not like to go out and drink. It’s a fun and relaxing way to have a fun and a Thursday night,” said Carroll.

The next TNA is after the break on January 25.

Honor's School Hosts Colloquim

Dr. Maureen Dorman Dr. Susan Douglas

Honors freshmen have an opportunity in their first two semesters to be a part of an Honors learning community called a “cluster.” In clustered courses, students attend two to three Honors courses in different disciplines with the same group of 15 to 20 students. The professors collaborate and develop a common theme that is presented in all of the classes. This interdisciplinary approach includes common assignments that encompass the different disciplines.

On December 7, students in Honors Cluster I presented their final PowerPoint projects for Fall 2006 in an end of the semester colloquium. Drawing from English, Anthropology, and Western Civilization in World Perspective, current events are used in consultation with their professors (Maureen Dorman, Rich Veit, and Lisa Vetere) that related to the theme of the cluster, “Ideas, Science and Technology.” During each of the student presentations, the other students wrote a critique and submitted them at the end of the colloquium. The variety of topics was impressive, ranging from the impact of John Lennon and Yoko Ono on society and the peace movement; Chinese Foot Binding explored on the basis of the aesthetic, social status, and sexual control issues on which it was based; the significance of The Zero in Society, an intellectual revolution dating back B.C.E. in Greek, Indian, and Mayan culture; to Anthropology in Film, looking at the media stereotypes such as Indiana Jones, A New World, and the upcoming Apocolypse. Lunch and snacks were served. It was a good experience for the students, sharpening both their oral and critical skills. For the faculty, it was rewarding to observe the process of interdisciplinary integration of course material, the goal and objective of the first year Honors clusters.

On December 11, students in Honors Cluster II presented their final projects. Their cluster theme was “The role of the Government in the Life of the Individual.” Professors Neil Belinski, Susan Douglass, and Anthony Inciong developed a collaborative project to bring this theme to life via ’Anime’, a style of animation developed in Japan, using stylized, colorful art. The title of this anime production is “A Meeting of the Minds.” Each Honors student in this cluster selected an histori cal or literary figure within their course of study to be the subject of their anime. Students then prepared storyboard and contextuation for their animation partner in Professor Inciong’s class in “Motion and Design.” Each anime is portraying that individual’s view of the cluster theme. Another component of the collaborative project was the use of Japanese vocabulary and music to reflect the role of Japan in our course of study. Steve Mervine, Man on the Multi-Media-Multi-Media, presented these anime onto DVD’s which were viewed for the first time at this clusters’ final event. All students and faculty involved in this project will receive a copy of this DVD. This project provided an opportunity for Honors students to bring the past to life with the use of the technology of the 21st century.

On the Hill: For the Last Time

Student Bids Farewell to Nation’s Capital

Dana Panzone Staff Writer

Just the other day, at our commencement ceremony, The President of The Washington Center, Michael Smith, told us how proud we should all be of ourselves for being risk-takers; for taking a challenge and leaving the places that we had become so comfortable in over the past several years. As I sat there listening to him, I thought back to when I had first considered applying to The Washington Center program. I remember when I

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Professors Rich Veit, Maureen Dorman, and Lisa Vetere with their Honors students at their end of semester colloquium.
Inmates Speak to Students About Making The Right Choices

JACQUELINE KOLOSKI
CO-EDITOR IN CHIEF

The Magill Commons is hosting the “We Support You” campaign from noon to 3 p.m. on December 14. The campaign is in association with the Women’s Reentry Initiative for Training and Education [WRITE-NJ] and with the assistance of Monmouth University student organizations Gender Studies Club and the communication honor society Lambda Pi Eta.

The purpose of the event is to serve the women by meeting a tangible need, said Kay Kindt, director of Redeem-Her. This is one aspect of the organization’s overall mission to help formerly incarcerated women. “We are working together to become valued members of our community,” she said. That includes service in such areas as employment, housing, support, and clothing.

On December 14 there will be approximately 10,000 bras packaged for impoverished women statewide. The campaign includes women in drug treatment programs, homeless shelters, domestic violence shelters and family planning houses,” added Kindt.

Kindt explained how the idea for the campaign originally developed. “We provide clothing to incarcerated and recently released women and bras was a constant area of need since community members did not typically think to donate this much needed item,” said Kindt.

She said that they received a donation of 10,000 bras from a Philadelphia-area radio station show, Q-102’s Booker Show. “These bras were originally apart of their ‘Bras Along the Boulevard’ campaign, which occurred during Breast Cancer Awareness Month,” she said. “Their dilemma was what to do with the bras after the event, which is how we got involved. Ten thousand bras far exceeded our needs, so we created this event as a way to provide the items with other organizations working with women throughout the state.”

Some examples of organizations that are receiving packages include Camden County Women Center, UMDNJ-Carri Program in Piscataway, Project Free in Asbury Park, Ephraim House in Long Branch, New Hope Foundation in Marlboro, and the Monmouth County Women Center.

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“Once students come and talk with women who have been incarcerated and learn more about the difficulties formerly incarcerating people face in returning back to a productive community that it will help students themselves become more aware and able to contribute not only to Monmouth but our surrounding communities,” said Foster. Dr. Stanford agrees that this event is positive for the University as well. “I think it is great Monmouth is willing to hold an event like this. We have an obligation to the community that while we are training citizens to go out there and have death by auto, leaving the scene of an accident, and possession of drugs (she had a small amount of marijuana with her). For these charges, she is serving a 12-year sentence, will have her driving license revoked for 15 years after her release, and will have three years of parole. “My sentence is a life sentence,” she said. “If you drink don’t drive, if you drive, don’t drink.”

The presentation closed with a question and answer session. Leon, Charles, and Rose all have some anxiety about the day they are released because prison is such a different world from the one we live in. However, all of them plan to continue speaking to others about how important it is to always make the right choices.

Statewide Aid to Benefit Women In Need

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Program Director of WRITE-NJ and Specialist Professor of Sociology

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She continued these patterns and even went on to experiment with drugs like marijuana. When she was 17, her father confronted her about her alcoholism. However, her mindset was that she “wasn’t hurting anyone.” Rose continued her habits after high school.

She said, “Alcohol and drugs robbed me of my motivation.” Thus, she dropped out of the community college she was attending and began to work. By the time she was 21 years old, and legally old enough to drink, she realized that she was not a “social drinking,” but a “blackout drunk.” Rose preferred to stay in and drink by herself.

This behavior went on for years until the night before Thanksgiving in 1998, when a few people she worked with invited her out to a bar for drinks. She went, and only had a few beers; however, while driving home, she dropped a cigarette and bent down to pick it up. She heard a crack in the windshield.

When Rose arrived home that night, she noticed blood on the windshield and had to turn back because she knew, “something terribly wrong had happened.” Police were at the scene when she went back; she got scared and went back to her house, and the police arrested her in the morning—Rose had killed a 45-year-old man who had been crossing the street.

She went to trial in January 2001. She was charged with death by auto, leaving the scene of an accident, and possession of drugs (she had a small amount of marijuana with her). For these charges, she is serving a 12-year sentence, will have her driving license revoked for 15 years after her release, and will have three years of parole. “My sentence is a life sentence,” she said. “If you drink don’t drive, if you drive, don’t drink.”

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The president has stated his admiration and support of the Educational Opportunity Fund, a state-funded program that aids in financial and educational support of students from income-challenged families. His first meeting with Monmouth students as president was with the 2003 EOF Summer Program class.

According to the president, the University is the first school in the state to give bi-lingual tours of the campus and visit all Abbott Districts, or “urban” areas deemed by the New Jersey Department of Education that are in need of additional educational support. Although recruiting does take place in several surrounding communities, he added, “It is not engineered specifically to get all our resources together to aim at Long Branch, Asbury Park, Neptune, or other places around.”

However, some students were unconvinced of the University’s measures in diversifying the campus.

Josh Medrano, who received his undergraduate and graduate degrees at Monmouth, recalled instances of blatant discrimination during his time at the University, and questioned the effectiveness of recruiters in bringing minority students to the campus.

Differences arose between Medrano’s statistics on the number of African-American students at the University compared to President Gaffney’s figures. Medrano said there are 162 African-American students enrolled at Monmouth while President Gaffney said the figure is 203. Neither Medrano nor President Gaffney disclosed the source of their statistics.

According to the University’s Web site, there are a total of 6,200 students enrolled at Monmouth, with 3,902 of them being full-time undergraduates. It also states that the student body emanates from 26 states and 52 nations.

“The reason why I came tonight is that the feeling of diversifying Monmouth is getting worse,” said Medrano. “I think that Monmouth is not proactively trying to seek out, or recruit. They are not doing anything to diversify, in that regard, to get Monmouth where it needs to be. It’s disgruntling and disheartening to feel that way.”

Statistics provided by President Gaffney at the forum showed minority student percentages match the median of a school of its kind at 12.5 percent. Though the figure was reported lower by the students conducting their own research, President Gaffney stated that the figure remained relatively the same, within a percentage point, from the start of his presidency in 2003.

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President Gaffney went on to say that the diversity issue is larger than just a couple of select groups.

“I do worry a bit about focusing only on two communities [Latinos and African-Americans], although I know we have to make progress,” explained President Gaffney. “You have enough interest on hand to make progress, but we have to worry about other groups that are here too that may feel that they are different, and want to feel welcome, like people from Eastern Europe,” he added.

“There’s all kinds of diversity, not just skin color diversity. Its all kinds,” he added.

Existing minority organizations have also voiced views of misguidance and other issues concerning Greek life on campus.
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It’s sad to say that this is the last Outlook for the fall semester. It bogged my mind that we have already put out 13 issues for this school year. Time sure does fly when you are working non-stop. For this final editorial of the semester I wanted to elaborate on a subject I know that everyone can relate to. That subject happens to be stress. I’m sure all of you are feeling it right now as you read this thinking about a final that will be haunting you in a couple days or a paper that you waited to write until the last minute.

So, we made it. Congratulations to you freshmen out there for surviving your first semester of college. It’s the end of the semester which means only one final exam, papers, and the dreaded final exams. As a result of this hospice comes the expected stress this time brings. Stress is synonymous with the last week of the semester probably more so than any other time. The whole semester itself is pretty stressful when you have five or six classes plus other activities that consume your precious time. Time I found is very precious especially this time of the year. As I sit here and compile my editorial for the week I can’t help but think about the sociology exam that I have to study for as well as another essay project that requires my attention.

It seems as though you ask yourself, “Where did all this come from?” Didn’t seem like much during the middle of the semester. Now it has all very quickly coming just once and the due dates are rapidly approaching it as if you almost go into panic mode trying to get everything accomplished. During my Thanksgiving break I thought to myself that the next couple weeks are going to go by slow because I am very much anticipating the much-needed winter break. It’s a time where I am going to attempt to catch up on all the sleep I did not get during this past week of school.

The million dollar question is why do we put so much stress on ourselves at this time of the year? I wish I knew the answer to that. I really will, but unfortunately I don’t have it. There’s just a stigma about the end that just gives off this feeling that time is running out that makes you stress out. I know everyone is probably wishing right now that there were more hours in the day. I know I am feeling that right now.

Even though it is the homestretch and you feel like there is really nothing left to do, that’s when the work you have should have done earlier, including papers and projects, are piling up on your desk like a mountain. Everything else seems like a blur right now because you are in a mode that revolves around getting work done.

Besides the work in general, after you complete the work you stress out about grades. Grades are a gray area in my book. You hear some say that you should not worry about grades and focus on the end. It is ironic because grades do mean something because why would we be here in the first place? Students stress towards the end to get extra credit assignments done to increase their grade just by a little bit. Even if it is just a point, that one point matters if it means you are getting a B rather than a C. As they say, every little bit helps. Students can’t help but fret about grades. If you put the work in you naturally want to see how you did.

Our University does one activity that helps relieve the stress of finals week just a tad. The Life Career Advising Center (LCAC) hosts an event called The De-Stress Fest a couple times and I have enjoyed it. For at least a half an hour, it helped take my mind off of finals and papers. I highly suggest you check it out this year. Think there should be more events like this on campus so students can get away from the stresses of school during finals week. Even if it was watching a movie or just hanging out all together, that would help students get through the hardships of finals week just a little easier.

The stress of school from the holiday season is upon us which just adds to our stress. Students are busily trying to get holiday shopping done in between working and school. The holidays are supposed to be a time where you can relax and enjoy time off but that’s never the case. You always find yourself rushing around at the last minute picking up gifts, baking, etc. It never fails. It is almost as if when the holidays are over that’s when you can actually sit and relax. Have a safe and happy winter break. Good luck on finals.
Outside of the classroom, we can learn many valuable lessons from our day-to-day lives as college students. Looking back on the semester, what have you learned about yourself that you think you should change for next semester?

Brett, Megan, Jordan

"We have to stop procrastinating and doing assignments right before their due so that we can go to bed earlier and so we don’t sleep through classes.

Morgan,reshman

"Since I’m involved in zero activities on campus, I should probably get involved next semester because it looks good on your resume."

Antonio,reshman

"I learned that I can be responsible living on my own without my parents around. I do need to do all my work ahead of time, though, because I don’t want to have to go through the whole ‘twelve pages due tomorrow’ situation anymore."

LISA PIAKARD

ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

When it comes to living in Fountain Gardens, tenants are supposed to be responsible regardless of whether they are students or win- ter long residents. The only issue I have with this is, we are not sup- posed to have our visitors’ park in the visitors’ spots. They are sup- posed to always park in the guests’ residents’ guests. The parking sit- uation is horrendous as it is, leaving students to park on the street and even around the block where there is little lighting. It is difficult to have a friend come over because there is no place for them to park. It is even more difficult when I am on campus at a meeting at 11:00 pm and have to drive back to the apartment and find there isn’t a single spot for me to park. My nearest option is down the block but that is even more available.

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Fountain Gardens are such an enjoyable place to live that I have no complaints about anything that is not on campus every day when it isn’t warm enough for the residents to ride bikes or walk and the impending winter weather that promises to make it difficult to get to and from campus, it is become- ting glaringly apparent that this apartment complex may not have been the wisest choice for myself to reside in.

Don’t get me wrong, living in my own apartment with only one roommate of people who agree with everything she kitchen and all of the benefits of living on my own is great, but I am definitely current on my status as a stu- dent, however, was not something

Fountain Gardens

The good, the bad, and the ugly of living on yet off campus

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Holiday Safety Tips

The Monmouth University Police Department is hoping that your holiday and winter break is a happy and safe one. With that in mind, please take the time to review the following holiday safety tips while shopping.

Before Leaving Home
- Plan your shopping trip carefully. Know where you are going and what routes you will take to get there.
- If possible, arrange for a friend to go shopping with you. There is safety in numbers.
- Let someone know where you are going and what route you will be taking. Additionally, let them know when you expect to return.
- Leave your home secure, engage alarms and give the appearance that your home is occupied by leaving the lights on in the most frequently used rooms.
- Don’t leave valuable items out in the open. Secure them in closets, safes, etc.

When Parking
- Always park in well-lit areas.
- Note the location of your vehicle in the parking lot to conveniently return after shopping.
- Always lock all your doors.
- Remove all items, such as radar detectors, laptops, portable navigation systems, or packages and hide them in the trunk, glove compartment, or out of site.
- Avoid parking near vans or other vehicles with covered cargo areas.
- Avoid carrying large handbags. Carry only what is necessary.
- Look around the parking lot for suspicious persons before you exit your vehicle.
- Don’t get out of your vehicle until you are ready. If you don’t feel safe, stay in the car or drive away.

When Returning To Your Car
- Never leave the store with your arms full of packages. Use a courtesy cart.
- Have your car key in hand, ready to unlock your door.
- Check the parking lot for suspicious people and look around before you exit the store.
- Do not return to your vehicle if you see people loitering nearby.
- Carry a whistle or other audible device. If you feel threatened, use it. If you’re inside your vehicle, lock your doors and honk your horn to attract attention.
- Check underneath, in front and in back of your car as you approach it.
- Check the front and rear passenger seats inside your car before you enter it.
- If you are planning on returning to the store, never leave your packages in plain view inside your vehicle. Lock them in the trunk or place them on the floor and cover them with a blanket or jacket.

Once again, on behalf of the Monmouth University Police Department I’d like to wish everyone a great holiday and happy and safe new year.
Det. Frank Graham
MUPD

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Please join us every week!

Mass
Every Sunday at 7pm

Mass during Advent
Wednesdays, Dec. 6, 13 & 20th at 12 noon in Wilson Chapel

Eucharistic Adoration
Every Wednesday, 8-9pm

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Thursday, Dec. 7 at 8:30pm

Study Nights
Dec. 18-20 from 7-11pm

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Father Ephraem can be found on campus, or he can be reached by calling: 732-671-5932

Quotes

"The most glorious moments in your life are not the so-called days of success, but rather those days when out of dejection and despair you feel rise in you a challenge to life, and the promise of future accomplishments."
- Gustave Flaubert

"Christmas is not a time nor a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas."
- Calvin Coolidge

"Peace on earth will come to stay. When we live Christmas every day." - Helen Steiner Rice

"Don’t be afraid of showing affection. Be warm and tender, thoughtful and affectionate. Men are more helped by sympathy than by service. Love is more than money, and a kind word will give more pleasure than a present."
- Sir John Lubbock

"No act of love is ever wasted."
- Geneen Roth

"My idea of Christmas, whether old-fashioned or modern, is very simple: loving others. Come to think of it, why do we have to wait for Christmas to do that?"
- Bob Hope

"There’s nothing sadder in this world than to awake Christmas morning and not be a child."
- Emy Bombac

"Peace is not something you wish for; it’s something you make, something you do, something you are, something you give away."
- Robert Fulghum

"For myself I am an optimist - it does not seem to be much use being anything else."
- Sir Winston Churchill

"The thing that is really hard, and really amazing, is giving up on being perfect by a 30-year-old."
- Anna Quindlen

"Winter is on my head, but eternal spring is in my heart."
- Victor Hugo

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Variety Show Proves Students “Got” Talent

WESLEY CHIN  
NEWS EDITOR

Susie St. Amour took first place for an acoustic performance in the “Monmouth’s Got Talent” variety show at the student center Monday night, walking away with a $200 prize.

The event, sponsored by the Student Activity Board, showcased various talents from the student body. St. Amour, a veteran campus performer, won the judge’s vote by performing an original song, “Another View,” and a vote by performing an original song, “Another View,” and a vote by performing a traditional wind instrument from Australia.

“The setting was in front of a fireplace, I decided to choose songs that people would know and want to sing along,” remarked Ruda. “I’d be cooler if there was a real fire, but hey, it was fun anyway.”

Abragamov would later change outfits for his portion of the variety show. Switching attire between sets, he took the stage in a martial arts uniform, complete with a third degree black belt he had earned at a younger age. Requesting the assistance from the audience and blaring music through the sound system, he proceeded to break pieces of wood. He set a new personal record, palm-strking through eight blocks of wood in a single try. Although gaining the complete attention of the crowd, Abragamov was ineligible to win because of his SAB membership.

“If I wasn’t in SAB or running the show, I probably would have won,” he jokingly said. “The crowd was fired up, the intensity was tremendous. MU’s got talent, for sure.”

Crowd response to the various acts was positive and enthusiastic. SAB intends on holding another talent variety show this upcoming spring semester. For more information check the SAB Student Events calendar.

“It was crazy watching him break all that wood,” said Dan Gregory, a freshman. “For a moment there, I thought he was going to go on a rampage and chop everything!”

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The simplicity of Three Days Grace makes One-X one of a kind.

This gives No Doubt fans hope that they will stick to their ska roots when Gwen joins them again next year. The album features appearances by big name artists such as Akon, Swizz Beats, Tony Kanal (of No Doubt), Pharell, and Tim Rice-Oxley from Keane.

Love Angel Music Baby, her first album, was a much better effort. But, if you are a Gwen fan, pick up The Sweet Escape for a good time.

The outcome is a record that switches from hip-hop to electro pop in the blink of an eye, overcoming a lack of depth by making up for it with twists and turns that have not been done before. Well, maybe with a classic Madonna album.

After a strong start, The Sweet Escape begins to slightly wane with the desperation to be modern, but just then is when Pharell comes back with “Yummy,” which is chintz-chintz, similar to “Holla-back Girl”.

Although it seems tough to dig out the sweet moments on this album, it is worth it. Beneath it all, there are some moments that shine, and Gwen Stefani remains the SoCal sweetheart she has always been.

This album follows the same formula as Three Days Grace. For fans of the band’s first album, this sophomore album, The Sweet Escape and shows no signs of having mellowed out after becoming a mother for the first time. There is more of an R&B feel, but Gwen seems to be more comfortable with new wave, as only a child of the 80s would.

This time around, there is more of a modern sound present with songs like “Yummy” and “Wind it Up.” “Wind it Up”, produced by Pharrell Williams of the Neptunes, is the first single, and is built around a yodeling sample from The Sound of Music.

The second single is the title track with an appearance from Grammy nominated rapper, Akon. The track most reminiscent of No Doubt is “Don’t Get It Twisted,” which is a mix of dancehall and reggae with a bridge of ska and reggae.

Overall, this is a great album in terms of going stale shortly after the halfway point. But the fresh ones are delicious. The first single, “Animal I Have Become”, is one of the catchiest rock songs I’ve heard since their debut hit, and deals with the struggle with a human being’s darker side.

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This song addresses feelings of isolation from a society that steps on its adolescence, and the urge for adolescents to step up and rebel. This is something that has surely dwelled in the minds of the majority of our youth, and makes this song instantly recognizable and relatable. Backed with awesome riffs and a great breakdown, this song is a definitely the main highlight of One-X.

The album has its ups and downs, in both tenor and in quality. The band says that they tried out a lot of new ideas with their melodies and choice of instruments, and it shows in a lot of the songs.

There are several songs that provide a repeat of the chorus near the end with a different instrument and effect, and it adds a nice sense of musical experimentation to the songs.

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Déjà Vu: It All Falls Apart

SAHAN MATHENY
COLUMNS

Déjà vu is another big budget Mel Gibson film. But does it hold up to its last work The Passion of the Christ? Déjà vu is a movie that takes place in what is now known as Central America. It revolves around a tribe of Mayans living within the forest. They are eventually taken hostage by an opposing Mayan tribe of hunters. One of the tribe men who is captured is a hunter, with a wife, son, and another child on the way. This is what influences our character with his ultimate struggle to get back home to his family. As they are traveling through the forest, they do not know why they have been taken prisoner, or what they will do with them. Eventually their captors take them into their city, which is located where the forest has been cut down to make way for the vastly growing and encompassing civilization. The culture there is very advanced, with many Mayan pyramids, a different idea of dress and a different monetary system. Here in this advanced civilization seems to revolve around prayer to the gods for prosperity and good fortune, and also about money. Money was introduced to the society, the captured tribesmen realize they will be sacrifices to the gods to bring prosperity to this land. This is where our main character really realizes that he will not go home and that he must escape to save his family. This leads us to one of the best chase scenes ever filmed, through the immense jungle. The forest almost seems to become its own character, as it influences what our characters do and what happens to them. Déjà vu is definitely going to be remembered as the bloodiest movie of the year. This movie is all action, with non-stop chase scenes through the forest. This movie is being considered for Oscar nominations, and is also being considered one of the best movies of the year. If you are looking for that one great action movie of the year, Apocalypto might be the movie.

KRISTEN RENDA ENTERTAINMENT SECTIONS

Versus the Ethical Dilemma in Minority Report

Denny (Elden Henson) helped to provide a sense of the past and present, namely the superposition of Kuchever’s life onscreen while she was seen kissing producer JR Rotem in December 2006. What’s crazy about this relationship is that Rotem (working on Britney’s album) worked on K Fed’s album. Could there possibly have been an affair? Just in case any Britney fans want to buy her wedding dress, the dress in Miami clubbing with Paris Hilton was spotted at LA hot spot The Ivy months later. She got four hours in jail before she got out on $15,000 bail. This is a disturbing relationship going on between Paris Hilton and Stavros Niarchos. The two were seen Miami clubbing together this weekend and they appeared to be hinting things up again. Let’s see how long they last this time. Will they make it down the aisle? One of the biggest nominations of the year, The Oscars, is up for grabs. Britney Spears moved on from K Fed rather quickly. She was seen kissing producer JR Rotem in Los Angeles Sunday. What’s crazy about this relationship is that Rotem (working on Britney’s album) worked on K Fed’s album. Could there possibly have been an affair? Just in case any Britney fans want to buy her wedding dress, the dress in Miami clubbing with Paris Hilton was spotted at LA hot spot The Ivy months later. She got four hours in jail before she got out on $15,000 bail. This is a disturbing relationship going on between Paris Hilton and Stavros Niarchos. The two were seen Miami clubbing together this weekend and they appeared to be hinting things up again. Let’s see how long they last this time. Will they make it down the aisle? One of the biggest nominations of the year, The Oscars, is up for grabs. Britney Spears moved on from K Fed rather quickly. She was seen kissing producer JR Rotem in Los Angeles Sunday. What’s crazy about this relationship is that Rotem (working on Britney’s album) worked on K Fed’s album. Could there possibly have been an affair? Just in case any Britney fans want to buy her wedding dress, the dress in Miami clubbing with Paris Hilton was spotted at LA hot spot The Ivy months later. She got four hours in jail before she got out on $15,000 bail. This is a disturbing relationship going on between Paris Hilton and Stavros Niarchos. The two were seen Miami clubbing together this weekend and they appeared to be hinting things up again. Let’s see how long they last this time. Will they make it down the aisle? One of the biggest nominations of the year, The Oscars, is up for grabs. Britney Spears moved on from K Fed rather quickly. She was seen kissing producer JR Rotem in Los Angeles Sunday. What’s crazy about this relationship is that Rotem (working on Britney’s album) worked on K Fed’s album. Could there possibly have been an affair? Just in case any Britney fans want to buy her wedding dress, the dress in Miami clubbing with Paris Hilton was spotted at LA hot spot The Ivy months later. She got four hours in jail before she got out on $15,000 bail. This is a disturbing relationship going on between Paris Hilton and Stavros Niarchos. The two were seen Miami clubbing together this weekend and they appeared to be hinting things up again. Let’s see how long they last this time. Will they make it down the aisle? One of the biggest nominations of the year, The Oscars, is up for grabs. Britney Spears moved on from K Fed rather quickly. She was seen kissing producer JR Rotem in Los Angeles Sunday. What’s crazy about this relationship is that Rotem (working on Britney’s album) worked on K Fed’s album. Could there possibly have been an affair? Just in case any Britney fans want to buy her wedding dress, the dress in Miami clubbing with Paris Hilton was spotted at LA hot spot The Ivy months later. She got four hours in jail before she got out on $15,000 bail. This is a disturbing relationship going on between Paris Hilton and Stavros Niarchos. The two were seen Miami clubbing together this weekend and they appeared to be hinting things up again. Let’s see how long they last this time. Will they make it down the aisle? One of the biggest nominations of the year, The Oscars, is up for grab...
University admission aid for sale

Shirley Dang
APRACHOS

With her daughter’s collegiate career stake, Miriam Schafer delved into the at-times byzantine world of admissions heading. She urged her daughter Laila to hunt for schools, create a timeline and pen her essays during her junior year. But when the girl rebuffed Mom’s words of wisdom, Schafer “buffed Mom’s words of wisdom, junior year. But when the girl rebuffed Mom’s.” She hired Sharon Lack, a marketing executive-cum-college admissions consultant. “Admissions is really competitive,” Schafer said. “That’s why it’s important for some people that they have the best application they can, so they can stand out in the crowd.”

For $1,500, Lack helped Laila winnow a list of 30 colleges, finish her applications on time, review her essays and “put her best foot forward,” Schafer said.

The girl earned acceptance at all five private colleges to which she applied and now attends American University in Washington, D.C.

As universities and colleges becomes more selective and entry requirements more complex, parents are increasingly hiring private advisers with and without counseling experience to navigate the admissions process. Some parents spend a few hundred dollars to find the best school for their child. Others spend a few thousand for years of advice on everything from pre-college summer enrichment camps. A few select invest upwards of $30,000 to work with counselors like Lila Hernandez in Oregon or Ivy-Wise in New York to mold students into ideal candidates for elite universities.

Of the 1.7 million high school students who went to college last fall, a projected 84,000 or 5.4 percent of the class of 2005 hired private admissions advisers, said Robert Zemsky, director of the Independent Educational Consultants Association based in New York.

Among the 260,000 students who were accepted to at least one of five colleges in five hired a consultant, Sklarow said.

Consultants cite January of junior year as the prime time to begin the college admissions process. But with a glut of competition, many consultants see students at an even younger age as parents shop for high schools that may increase their chances of entry to a specific college.

As the college admissions advising market continues to grow, so does the number of consultants. Bob Laird, former admissions officer for the University of California, Berkeley, said, “It related industry breeds consultants that go too far.”

“They come to do what’s called ‘packaging’ a prospective student,” Laird said. “I think it distorts the admissions process. How much help is permissible, or ethical?”

The market for admissions consultants expanded as the frenzy for coveted spots at elite schools heightened in the late 1990s. A glut of education flooded in from children of baby boomers to elite and state schools, driving down admission rates.

In 1980, Harvard University took 16 percent of applicants, according to the Chronicle of Higher Education. This year, the school admitted 9 percent. Stanford University takes close to one in 10 students; in 1980 it took one in five. During the past 25 years, the University of California-Berkeley’s admission rate plummeted from 20 percent to about 8 percent.

“Suddenly, the simple question of who gets in and who doesn’t is out of control. The debate over private admissions guidance roils those in the admissions, who, despite their role in counseling to panicunya parents, says the admissions craze has grown out of control.”

“It’s gotten out of hand,” said counselor Jim Walker.

Walker Walker & Associates now includes seven advisers and sees 150 students a year from Napa to Boise, Idaho, to Planos, Texas. Seeing a surge of admissions counselors in San Luis Obispob, Walker serves 500 students or more. In California, the number is closer to one per 1,000. High school counselors serve about 500 students or more. In California, the number is closer to one per 1,000. High school counselors serve about 500 students or more.

While public high schools eliminated counselors in the 1980s, many private schools retained some counseling. In both cases, many students lost out on a free source of college guidance.

Typical high school counselors serve 500 students or more. In California, the number is closer to one per 1,000. High school counselors generally handle not only admissions guidance but also classroom discipline and schedule.

Some “kids need more,” Eldson said.

Eldson offers juniors a package called “Paving the Way.” She focuses on getting to know students. Along the way, she may administrations to match their interests with careers, which can help in creating a college list. She helps steer younger students to classes and summer programs that suit their interests but also bolster their chances of acceptance.

“Seniors last about an hour and a half. The average hourly rate for new students is $95, meaning each meeting costs about $145,” Sklarow said.

“I try to keep it affordable,” Eldson said. “Students don’t need a lot of money to come.”

Laird argues that any edge given to students who hire consultants ultimately harms the chances of entry for other candidates. Those rejected are those who cannot afford private advisers.

“I think that they have made the competitive edge more severe. The more people who go to elite schools, the more people who are rejected,” Laird said.

Schafer took online classes in college guidance through UCLA. She picked up some books, “What Every Student who Hire Consultants Don’t Need a lot of Money to Come,” and “The Gatekeepers,” a tell-all tome about college admissions.

When she began her business, Colleges for You. That’s the thing, Walker said. “Anyone can do it.”

Most students and parents with a little time and patience can apply to schools on their own, he said.

“This is not rocket science,” Walker said. “With a little guidance, families can do this themselves.”
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Today’s Birthday (Dec. 13)

Others look to you for advice even more than usual this year. They see you as a fountain of wisdom, which, actually, you are.

To get the advantage, check the day’s rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries • (Mar. 21 - April 19) - Today is an 7
Partnerships are a very important part of your daily life. Ask those teammates now to help you carry a heavy load.

Taurus • (April 20 - May 20) - Today is a 7
The work you’ve been putting off, amazingly, hasn’t done itself. The pile is so high you can’t really ignore it any longer. Just do it.

Gemini • (May 21 - June 21) - Today is a 7
You’re getting luckier and you’re attracting good attention. No need to act in haste; your odds are even better tomorrow.

Cancer • (June 22 - July 22) - Today is a 7
Everybody’s got an opinion about how the job should be done. Listen, because some of these suggestions are pretty good.

Leo • (July 23- Aug. 22) - Today is a 8
Your luck is better again, partially because you’re doing your homework. Following a hunch is good but having a map sure saves time.

Virgo • (Aug 23 - Sept. 22) - Today is a 7
This can be an unsettling time of year for you but it turns out well. Pace yourself, so you’re not worn out by the time that happens.

Libra • (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23) - Today is a 7
The answers are beginning to come into focus. In order to understand, you have to look at the situation differently than before.

Scorpio • (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) - Today is a 8
Your increase in status leads to new connections, which lead to more good deals. It’s up to you to maintain your cool... in public, anyway.

Sagittarius • (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) Today is an 7
You’re bringing more people onto your side by your actions and your behavior. Don’t be shy; let them know what needs to be done next.

Capricorn • (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) - Today is a 7
Accept a more authoritative role in the decision-making. Provide facts and motivation to get things moving now.

Aquarius • (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Today is a 6
Conditions are much better now for meetings, rehearsals and parties. Everyone’s in the mood to compromise, and that certainly helps.

Pisces • (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20) Today is a 7
If at first you don’t succeed, give up the whole idea. Just kidding. Come up with a way around a major barrier.

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PSK Brothers Bring Winter Weather to Area Early

SEAN KENNY
CLUB AND GREEK EDITOR

There is still a little over a week left until the winter season is officially under way, but that hasn’t stopped two Monmouth Greeks from bringing winter weather a bit early to their backyard.

Mark Mezynski, 21, and Aaron Griswold, 20, both brothers of Phi Sigma Kappa, have taken home projects to a new level by constructing their own personal snow making machine. It is a scaled down version of the machines ski resorts use to create artificial snow for ski slopes, and the pair has used their contraption for just that.

Walking up the driveway and into the backyard of their Deal residence on Phillips Avenue, you are greeted by two feet of solid snow complete with an eight-foot tall ramp. With the ramp leaned up against the house, Mezynski and Griswold practice their skiing and snowboarding skills in total privacy.

“Living in Deal we obviously haven’t had any snow yet,” explained Mezynski. “Aaron and I like to ski and snowboard, so we built the machine, created from products that could be purchased at any local hardware store, the machine can be used to spray down a large area of ground with ice and snow, which at first glance, cannot be distinguished from natural atmospheric snowfall. Mezynski, an avid handyman and accounting major at Monmouth, explained how he went about constructing the snow maker in somewhat technical terms.

“I used a high powered air compressor, high pressure water pump, brass fittings and high pressure water nozzles,” He said. “The machine works perfectly but we can only produce good amounts of snow when it is exactly 28 degrees or below.”

The pair hopes the upcoming winter season will add to their artificial snowfall, but they plan on expanding the already large amount of snow made.

“We plan to make enough snow to have an even larger area to snowboard in,” stated Mezynski. “I would like to have the entire backyard covered and create 15 foot drop-ins from the top of the roof. I really want to make a serious snowboarding park.”

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What will you be doing over the break?

BY: SUZANNE GUARINO

"Champions don't take breaks." - Eddie, junior

"We're pretty sure we're doing absolutely nothing." - Chris & Matt, freshmen

"Not only am I celebrating Christmas, I'll be celebrating my birthday the next day. I'm gonna be hangin' out with my friends and family, sleeping, and looking for a job." - Andrew, sophomore

"This break I'm going to sail around the world in a catamaran of my own design." - Derek, senior

"I plan on taking a really long nap because I know when I get back it's back to getting four hours of sleep a night." - Matt, freshman

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"My plans for the break are to get much rest and to catch up with my lovely family; and prepare for the spring semester." - Matt, freshman

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Fall 2006 Writing Proficiency Examination (WPE)

The Writing Proficiency Examination will be offered next on Friday, December 15, 2006, from 5:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., and Monday, December 18, 2006, from 9:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Check-in for the December 15th exam will begin at 4:15 p.m. Check-in for the December 18th exam will begin at 8:45 a.m.

Check-in for both exams will be held in the lobby of Pollak Theatre.

Eligibility Requirements for the Exam

In general, you are eligible to take the December 2006 WPE if and only if you meet all three of the following conditions:

1. you are a current student at the time of the exam (that is, you have a start date that falls before the date of the exam),
2. you have previously completed EN 101 and EN 102 or their equivalents (such as transfer equivalencies or Credit by Examination), and
3. you have not previously attempted the WPE.

Requirements for Attempting the Exam

The mandatory reading set for the WPE will be available at the University Bookstore for a minimal fee, beginning Wednesday, November 29, 2006. Before the exam, students must purchase and read the reading set, and must bring it to the examination.

In order to be admitted to the WPE, students must present a Monmouth University Student Identification Card. If you do not have an ID, you may obtain one at the ID Center, located in the Rebecca Stafford Student Center.

Resources for Preparing for the Exam

To prepare for the examination, students should pick up and read the Writing Proficiency Requirement Preparation Manual, available for no charge at the Writing Office (Wilson Annex Room 510) or online at http://bluehawk.monmouth.edu/~eng/wpr.pdf.

The Writing Office will offer three information sessions about the WPE at which the format and expectations of the exam are explained and at which you can ask questions in person. The sessions will be held on Thursday, November 30, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday, December 6, from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.; and Monday, December 11, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. All sessions will be held in the Rebecca Stafford Student Center, room 202B.

Additional information is available from the WPE Information Line at 732-263-5491 and from the Writing Office in Wilson Annex Room 510. All students should consult the Monmouth University Undergraduate Catalog for the Writing Proficiency Requirement policy.
Beyond the Classroom:
Professors Perform Humanitarian Works
Outside of Monmouth University

Everything that goes on at a college or university is based on the priority of the student. Clubs, athletics, classes, and organizations are all designed for the benefit of preparing students for life afterwards. Little time and effort goes into knowing about those who allow students to succeed, the people who do the preparing, and many times the forgotten piece of the puzzle that makes up this institution. They are the professors.

The purpose of this multiple-part series is to acknowledge professors for the humanitarian work done outside of the classroom.

**Part I: Professors Working within the Prison System**

Dr. Eleanor Novek: Development of a Prison Newspaper

In 2001, communication professor Dr. Eleanor Novek, in collaboration with fellow Monmouth communication professor Dr. Rebecca Sanford, first taught a class at a women’s prison with the goal of establishing a newspaper.

According to Dr. Novek, in her article titled, “The devil’s bargain,” the purpose of the class was to establish a prison newspaper that would give the incarcerated women a chance for self-expression. “We also wanted to raise inmates’ interest, skills and confidence to a level where they could independently sustain a regular publication schedule for their paper,” Novek said.

Developing a newspaper within a prison is no easy task. While the constitution does give inmates the right to have a newspaper, recent court cases have agreed with the penitentiary in censoring the paper to the specifications of the wardens.

Some of the other challenges prison newspapers face is limited budgets, lack of assignments and topics that could be covered within the paper.

In the article, Dr. Novek states that the inmates benefit from the prison newspaper by having an increased ability in research methods and writing as well as developing self-awareness, and the ability to analyze a situation without taking sides.

The eventual result of two-and-a-half years of work was that more than 80 women participated, learning journalism skills and contributing to more than 30 issues of the newspaper published to date.

Recently, Dr. Novek has been participating in the Alternatives to Violence Project at the Garden State Youth Correctional Facility. The project teaches people how to make a facilitator for the project.

At Monmouth, Dr. Novek’s Civic Journalism class connects students with communities outside the school. Students during the fall semester wrote stories about Long Branch, its citizens, and the heroic efforts of community organizers to improve the quality of life for residents. The students toured the city and got to know these residents on a personal level.

Dr. Rebecca Sanford: The Women’s Reentry Initiative for Training and Education, Project Inside

When away from the Monmouth campus, Dr. Rebecca Sanford and Dr. Johanna Foster have over 13 years of teaching time in prisons between them. Dr. Sanford has been working in the prison system for the past eight years and is the Executive Director of WRITE-NJ, a not-for-profit organization otherwise known as the Women’s Reentry Initiative for Training and Education. Dr. Sanford also works for Project Inside, a federally-funded program for college credits for students in prison.

According to Dr. Foster, Dr. Sanford is “the person who has really been leading the charge to improve access in higher education and viable job training for incarcerated women in our state.”

Dr. Foster has been teaching in prison systems for over five years. Prior to coming to Monmouth, Dr. Foster was involved in NY prison work for a couple years and co-founded an NY organization called College Connections: Higher Education for Women in Prison. According to Dr. Foster, “When I moved to NJ to work for Monmouth, Dr. Sanford and I met and learned we had similar interests in the problems of mass incarceration. At that point, she gave me a wonderful opportunity to collaborate with her in her ongoing work here in NJ.”

Together, they have amassed more than 222 university credit-hours taught behind bars, over 81 different sections of college classes at six prisons for both men and women in two states. The two have also taught approximately 30 non-credit pre-college and college prep course workshops at three facilities and have co-founded WRITE-NJ, an educational prison program.

Dr. Sanford has taught Interpersonal Communication, Business and Technical Communication, and Computers and Communication classes. On a pre-college level, Dr. Sanford has taught Critical Reading Skills, a class in which she teams with Dr. Foster.

Meanwhile, Dr. Foster has taught courses in Intro to Social Justice, Intro to Gender Studies, Intro to Criminal Justice, pre-college English and Freshman Seminar. Dr. Foster also in 2003 co-founded The College Program, a volunteer-run college-in-prison for women in a medium security prison.

Dr. Sanford and Dr. Foster continue to work year round in these correctional facilities, educating inmates and preparing them for life inside and outside the prison system.
Men's Basketball

Hawks Head into Holiday on Sour Note

Drop a Pair of Games at Boylan Gym by a Total of Four Points

CRAIG D'AMICO
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

After playing eight of their first nine games on the road, the Monmouth Hawks returned home this week to start a six game home-stand in what they thought were the friendly confines of Boylan Gym. The Hawks dropped a pair of games in the “Boylor Room,” falling in their conference opener against Long Island University 74-71, and in a non-conference clash with the Hartford Hawks 76-75.

Last Thursday night, Monmouth looked to prove themselves worthy of the top spot in the prescasion coaches’ poll, as the Hawks faced the team that they eliminated in the first round of last year’s NEC Tournament on their way to the conference crown.

Long Island was predicted to finish third in the coaches’ poll, and still had memories in their heads of shooting the Hawks out of the gym in their regular season meeting in Brooklyn, where the Blackbirds connected on 18 three point baskets.

The Blackbirds didn’t miss a beat to start out, as they started to pull away from Monmouth early, going five straight possessions with a three pointer, to grab a 23-14 lead with just under eight minutes remaining in the first half.

LIU grabbed their biggest lead of the game, 17 points, on an old fashioned three point play by Ty- rose Mattison with 3:16 left in the half. But Monmouth would not go away quietly, as they made one last run prior to the break. The Hawks scored the last eight points of the first half, on a three by De- jan Delic, a Marques Alston free throw, and layups by Alston and Whitney Coleman. Monmouth battled back to trail at the half by single digits, 38-30.

Picking up right where they left off, LIU came out of the break and connected on back-to-back threes to increase their advantage to 13 points, at 44-31, just two minutes into the second half.

Monmouth rookie Jhamar Youngblood led the charge and the Hawks’ comeback effort, anchoring a 6-0 Hawks run to pull within seven, 44-37. With ten minutes remaining, Alex Nunner drained a three, which was followed by a Youngblood layup, closing the gap to three. Whitney Coleman had a chance to tie, but his three point attempt was off the mark. Then with seven and a half to play, Monmouth had another chance to draw even, as Youngblood rattled home a three to cut the deficit to two points, 61-59. After a Black- bird miss, Delic missed a jumper in the lane that would have tied the game, and again Monmouth came up empty.

In the final minute, a Young- blood layup brought the Hawks to within 74-71. After two missed LIU jumpers, Mike Shipman brought down the rebound to give the Monmouth one final chance with 17 seconds left. The Hawks raced up the floor without a timeout, as Whitney Coleman’s three point at- tempt from 25 feet out on the left side missed, wide to the right, as the final buzzer sounded.

For Long Island, it was their first win in Boylan Gym since 1999. They finished red hot from behind the arc, going 13-20 on the game and 6-7 in the second half.

Monmouth came out looking to rebound on Saturday night against a Hartford Hawks team that they narrowly defeated the year before in the Consti- tution State on a Coleman block at the buzzer. Hartford came in returning only five players from last year’s team, losing 88 percent of last year’s off- ense.

Monmouth’s first three baskets were all threes, as they grabbed 9-8 advantage early on. Long- balls by Delic, Coleman, and Alston. Monmouth burst out on a 9-0 run midway through the first half to grab a 23-14 lead. The Hartford Hawks battled back with a 7-0 run of their own to cut the deficit to two. With Monmouth down 34-31 in the final seconds of the first half, Delic drained a three at the buzzer to even the score at 34 going into the break.

Fast-forward to late in the game, Monmouth tied the game at 67 af- ter Youngblood served Alston a spectacular behind-the-back dish, as Alston drained the basket and drew the foul. However, Alston missed the ensuing free throw that would have given Monmouth the lead.

With the score tied, Bo Taylor converted on a three point play on the other end to give Hart- ford a 70-67 lead. Delic then hit a layup, as Hartford converted a free throw to keep a two point ad- vantage, 71-69.

Monmouth then turned the ball over, as Shipman’s pass was inter- cepted by Jarret Von Rosenberg. Rosenberg converted four free throws in the final seconds to seal the deal for Hartford. They man- aged to hold on for a 76-75 victory in the “battle of the Hawks.” The game saw seven ties and 11 lead changes.

Delic led the Monmouth Hawks with 24 points, including a career- high seven three pointers. The loss drops Monmouth to 3-8 on the season and 0-1 in Northeast Conference play.

Monmouth will have a 20 day layoff before their next conference game, a December 29th meeting against Lehigh. The Hawks will take part in an exhibition game on Sunday, December 17th against Richard Stockton at 1 p.m.

Outlook’s Weekly NFL Picks - Week 14

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Women’s Basketball
Hawks Drop Non-Conference Game, Then Upend NEC Foe
Blue and White Drops Exhibition Game to the NY Gazelles at Home; Take conference opener at St. Francis (NY)

Before the Blue and White got the NEC season under way, they had to face the NY Gazelles in an exhibition game at Boylan Gym on Wednesday, December 6. In a high-scoring affair, the Hawks were outshot in a 95-86 defeat. The squad rebounded nicely on Sunday, December 11, to win their NEC opener at St. Francis, 69-63.

In their final prep before begin-
ing a tough conference sched-
ule, Monmouth took on the NY Gazelles. The game was even even through the opening five minutes, as Veronica Randolph had eight of the team’s 15 points. After getting within one of the Gazelles at the 11:06 mark, NY went on a 15-2 run that put the Blue and White down double digits for the remainder of the first half. The Gazelles scored 55 percent from the field in the first 20 minutes, leading 50-35 at the break. The Hawks were even sharper from the field in the second half, going 55 percent from the arc to put the Hawks on top. Jimenez led the team with 14 points with Jimenez’s effort as well.

The women were highlighted by Lataasha Dickson’s ECAC qualifying time of 1:15.74 in the 500m. Dickson came back and anchored the 4x400 relay team that took first place. Freshmen Michelle Losey, Britanny Gibbs and Crystal Stein were the other three components to MU’s winning time of 3:57.35. Gibbs also finished 11th in the 300m with a time of 43.40, which is the seventh best time in school history. Deanna Paulson’s time of 42.63 in the 300m was seventh best time in school history.

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Monmouth Track
Competes at Princeton and Harvard

Latashe Dickson Qualifies for ECAC’s; Nikki Zwartjes Ties School Mark in Pole Vault

Participating in their last meets before the holiday break, Monmouth University’s track and field athletes had a successful showing at the Princeton Invitational and the Harvard Pentathlon.

“The Princeton meet was the first opportunity for us to see our full team in action, with the exception of some of the distance runners who just finished cross country,” said head coach Joe Compagni.

The Princeton Invitational was a non-team scored event featuring Rutgers, St. Joseph’s, West Chester, Temple, Rider, Penn (men only), Manhattan and several other partial teams.

Three MU athletes competed at Harvard on Friday night, which hosted a Pentathlon and a Hep-
tathlon. Senior Ashley Huffman who sat out all of last year due to an injury, qualified for the ECAC’s in her first seventh best in MU history. Huffman scored 3,604 points, which is the third best output in school history. Jude Rene broke his own school record in the pole vault clearing 4.40 meters, earning 4,216 points to take first place at Harvard. Monmouth freshman Mike Buccheri tallied 4,196 points for second place behind Rene. Buccheri’s point totals earned him second best output in school history and set a Monmouth freshman record.

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The Monmouth women’s basketball team is back over the .500 mark with victories over Lehigh and St. Francis (NY). Full Story Inside.