Students Win $1,500 in Software Challenge

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Student teams competed for a grand prize of $1,500 in a challenge to create a 'chatbot,' a knowledge management software that companies implement in their customer service departments. The event was hosted by the School of Science and Business School, along with Edison knowledge provider RightAnswers, an information technology organization that's focus is on creating accessible customer service for other companies.

The RightAnswers@Monmouth University Chatbot Challenge demonstrated students' collaborative efforts to work in a team and create a helpful and inventive 'chatbot.' The event included students in teams of three that's mixture of business software engineering, and computer science majors.

The winners of the Chatbot Challenge were the team Binary Trio, with their chatbot, 'Shadow.' The team consisted of Anthony Vazanna, a senior business student, Nicole Puccio, a senior marketing student, and Giuseppe Licata, a senior computer science student.

The three teams that competed were named 'Binary Trio,' 'Bot Camp,' and 'Get Degrees.' Binary Trio came up with a bot playfully named 'Shadow' that retrieved information on the University's website in a swift fashion. Bot City's bot created different meal choices for people with difficult health needs. Last, C+ Geek Degrees' bot called 'CampMe' was focused on giving campers survival tips, keeping campers' safety at the forefront of the bot's purpose.

Students were allowed a few weeks for preparation and planning with help and guidance from various professors at the University and representatives from RightAnswers, for the event. There were three teams of three that competed for the grand prize.

According to the data, 69 percent of Google's approximately 50,000 employees globally were men in 2016. Of its U.S. employees, 59 percent were white, 32 percent were Asian, three percent were Hispanic, and two percent were black.

"Google is not where we want to be when it comes to diversity," Laszlo Bock, Google's former Senior Vice-President of People Operations, wrote in a blog post. "And it's hard to address these kinds of challenges if you're not prepared to discuss them openly, and with the facts.

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Dr. Marilyn McNeil, an assistant professor of political science and sociology and a representative of the sociology course, "Sports and Society," explained that sports are often portrayed on TV and movies in a way that they are mainly for men. It was first used as a method for training for military combat; therefore, sports were gendered because women were not able to engage in military combat.

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Students Excel in Competition

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Members of the UK parliament are to hold a debate on President Donald Trump's controversial state visit. The debate, which will be held in the House of Commons on February 20, comes after a petition calling for the invite to be recalled attracted over 1.6 million signatures.

According to John Bercow, the Speaker for the House of Commons, President Trump will not be welcome to address Parliament on his upcoming state visit to the United States. Bercow cites Trump's racism and sexism, as well as his contemptuous manner, as justification for not inviting him.

According to The Independent, members of Parliament are divided on whether to invite Trump. Some see the visit as an opportunity to showcase British diversity and challenge Trump's rhetoric. Others argue that the visit should be cancelled until Trump rescinds his travel ban.

“State visits...are rare; therefore, it is usually a consensus and common sense, not to create diplomatic scandal.”

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It is suspected that the intervention will cause problems in Downing Street. Prime Minister Theresa May has spent much time attempting to rekindle the so-called ‘special relationship’ between the United Kingdom and the United States, saying that Trump would fly to London before the end of the year to make a state visit.

That visit is just as controversial as Trump's visit to Australia. According to a number of politicians, including Bob Brown, the Australian Greens senator, this visit should be cancelled.

“The bottom line is that no one has the right to be accommodating to him. They should not support his actions, or agree with his beliefs,” said Underhill. “It goes back to the whole ‘respect is earned, not given’ saying. Just because you are now the president does not mean that you automatically garner the respect of a president. The only way to successfully resist and assure change is to refuse to give in to those notions of accommodation.”

However, Kaitlyn Hill, a Regent’s Park University political science student, disagreed with opposition to the visit. “I don’t think he is deserving of respect, and I do think that he stands in opposition to much of what a lot of people believe in,” she said. “However, he should be able to lead, as his predecessors have. From what I understand, Donald Trump likes to play the victim and say that he is being bullied. Moves like this only give him more ammunition - he can say that they’re refusing him for his beliefs, et cetera. It may not be the smartest move, but it’s a strong one.”

As pointed out by Anjelic, this is not the first time a state leader has been invited to the United Kingdom. They are joined by several others from around the world, with a less than perfect human rights record, both addressed the United States, “I feel very strongly that our opposition to racism and sexism are a support for quality before the law and an independent judiciary are hugely important considerations in House of Commons.”

Bercow’s statement was supported by Neven Anjelic, a senior lecturer in the international relations and human rights department at Regent’s University, a London-based school which houses a number of students who are studying abroad. Trump is not the first state leader to take an academic approach to solving the problem. Ideally, the leaders of the IT world should be educated on the causes for racial inequalities in our society and actively support public policies that seek to transform the social conditions for a more equitable world,” he said.

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The University decided to run a 30-second advertisement in the Philadelphia market on FOX 29’s Super Bowl right before the second half. The advertisement, which has been run by the University on their ESPN3 broadcasts throughout the year, featured men’s basketball Head Coach King Rice.

The commercial started with a flashback to the team’s defeat to Iowa in last year’s Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) Championship Game, with Rice’s voice saying, “They say one single moment can mean everything. They’re right.”

Rice went on to say, “A moment can test limits, measure heart, and defy expectations. It can make your legs heavy, and your lungs burn. And how you respond to it will determine who you are, and who you become.”

Tara Peters, Associate Vice President of Marketing and Communications, stated that the goals of the commercial were to “create awareness, enhance reputation, and build pride for Monmouth University.”

Editors at The Outlook were generally positive with their feedback on the commercial. As of Feb. 5, the commercial reached more than 200,000 viewers, with 150,000 of them engaging with the brand. As of Feb. 7, the commercial had 2,309 comments, 1,889 shares, and 677 likes.

One editor said, “I think it was the right decision. The audience that Monmouth was trying to reach was an ideal location to run the advertisement because the University was able to reach a target demographic of in-state and New Jersey viewership.”

Overall, the commercial has been successful in terms of audience and engagement. However, some members of the editorial board felt that the advertisement could have been more specific in its targeting.

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Overall, the Outlook editors viewed the commercial as a positive step forward for the University, and they encouraged other universities to consider similar advertising strategies in the future.
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The newly released series, Riverdale, is a game changer in the entertainment world.
A Recap of the 2017 Grammy Award Show

ALLISON PERRINE

After the closing of a popular surf magazine, SURFING, some question the strength of print media.

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After more than 50 years of publication, SURFING magazine has been put to rest. According to the Ocean County Business Journal, on Jan. 23 of this year, The Enthusiast Network (TEN) announced it would be disbanding SURFING Magazine. TEN plans to realign its digital resources into the network’s sole surf publication, SURFER magazine.

“IT was actually pretty bummed when SURFING mag shut down. I’ve been surfing that magazine since the mail every month for ten years so it has kind of been my go-to for surfing,” junior English student John Waldron.

In an article on Surfline.com, the author underscores SURFING’s importance for surf culture. “They [SURFING] were a voice for the youth, the punk, the inno...
RIGHT: STUDENTS ATTEND WINTER BALL FEB. 11 IN WILSON HALL. (PHOTO COURTESY OF MEGAN KUDISCH)

LEFT: NICOLE SEITZ AND DAVE DEPAOLA ENJOY THE BEACH IN THE SNOW. (PHOTO TAKEN BY AJA ARMSTRONG)

LEFT: THE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM DEFEATS IONA AT THEIR 'PLAY 4 KAY' GAME. (PHOTO TAKEN BY AMANDA DRENNAN)

RIGHT: MONMOUTH GETS A FRESH BLANKET OF SNOW AND STUDENTS GET THE DAY OFF. (PHOTO TAKEN BY AMANDA GANGIDINO)

WHO WAS YOUR FAVORITE PERFORMER AT THE GRAMMY'S?

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Monmouth Outdoors Club Announces Spring Events

The Monmouth Outdoors Club has planned a number of events for the spring 2017 semester. Events include camping trips, indoor on-campus activities and outdoor activities as well.

Due to the weather, the club will be hosting a monthly Game Night on campus. The first Game Night event will be held on Friday, Feb. 17 at 7 p.m. in the Rebecca Stafford Student Center.

Beverages and an assortment of snacks will be sold. At Game Night students are welcome to compete in various board games. Game Nights are also scheduled on Mar. 3 and April 7.

The club’s main trip this semester is a tubing trip to Blue Mountain, Premier Pocomo Mountain Resort on Sunday, Feb. 19. Those registered will travel to the resort to snow tube down the slopes. Due to the winter weather, the trip will be rescheduled for a warmer day.

Members of the Outdoors club pose with faculty advisor William Reynolds in their new t-shirts.

COURTNEY BUELL
CLUB & GREEK EDITOR

The Cost of Going Greek

The Monmouth Panhellenic Council has made strides to help women have their best Greek experience, and hope to keep improving the process for them.

Meaghan Wheeler, a sister of Alpha Omicron Pi and senior history education student said, “It would have been nice to know the cost of the dues going into it, but I really feel like it wouldn’t have changed my decision and would have been worth it no matter what. It isn’t cheap to join a Greek organization, but the memories and friends that you make are priceless.”

The Guardians Club

The Guardian’s club will be hosting an event on Wednesday, Feb. 15 in the Wilson Hall Auditorium. Guest speaker Julia Torres, Army veteran, undercover law enforcement agent, best selling author, and member of the DEA taskforce will be talking about her experiences.

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Surf Club

The Monmouth Surf Club will be hosting an Surf Film Festival on Feb. 28 in Pollak Theatre at 7 p.m. Volcom will be sponsoring the event and there will be free Surf Taco. For information contact Ryan Gallagher at s0931061@monmouth.edu
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female Athletic Director. McNeill is only one of 32 female Athletic Directors at our University in the country. This number juxtaposes the 348 total athletic directors in the country, which means that only approximately nine percent of athletic directors in our division are female. According to McNeill, one of the main causes of this issue is the lack of female representation in athletic positions. America’s focus on football is a sport that is played only by male athletes, with no female counterpart. While female tackle football attempts to poke its head in various schools, there is no strong support behind its growth. Because of football’s immense popularity, women are excluded from many athletic positions. There is nothing that says women can’t understand football equally or even more than male fans, but, because women cannot play the sport, their input is often brushed off. However, basketball does have a female counterpart and female fans of the sport continue to have a difficult time ‘fitting in.’

Recent Monmouth graduate and former basketball manager, Alexus Bird, said of her position, “I think working for the team definitely helped the way people treated me [as a fan]. My first year I think most people thought I became a manager for the wrong reasons. But I think I proved to everyone that basketball was something that I had always been passionate about and I just wanted to work hard and gain experience in the business side of the sport I love. It definitely gave me more credibility.”

Bird brought up an important point: women feel the need to prove to men that they belong in the field of sports even if it truly is their passion. By achieving the position of team manager, Bird was able to show her love of the sport, which made her a more credible fan in the eyes of males.

While not all of us have the opportunity to show our dedication in the same way Bird did, knowledge is an important aspect of fandom that any female fan can show in order to gain respect. Most sport fans, at the end of the day, respect what you know. If you are a female fan, to many, it is acceptable and a part of the conversation whenever hockey is a topic and never feel looked down upon or discriminated against. Bird added, “Most sport fans, at the end of the day, respect what you know. If you are a female fan, to many, it is acceptable and a part of the conversation whenever hockey is a topic and never feel looked down upon or discriminated against.”

McNeill stated, “You as much as the guy next to you, should let them believe you. Try asking him, ‘What do you know about the game?’” Many girls will know more than the guy they are sitting next to on the bleachers.

On the other hand, Reggie White Jr., sophomore Monmouth football wide receiver, said, “I know some fans have a lot of knowledge and I know some who don’t, but that doesn’t matter to me if they still come and cheer us on.” White brings up an important aspect of being a fan—loyalty. Being a true fan, to many, is even more important than being an extremely knowledgeable fan.

While we point out that female fans are often shunned by other male fans, there are also plenty of female fans who enjoy the company of fellow female fans. Kelly Brockett, a graduate student of communication and passionate Rangers hockey fan, said, “Most of my closest friends are actually males and we bond over sports. I feel accepted and a part of the conversation whenever hockey is a topic and never feel looked down upon or discriminated against because I’m a girl.”

Brockett further stated, “They respect my passion for the sport and my knowledge. I was actually a part of a fantasy league last year and I was the only female out of the 10 of us.” Obviously, it seems that a person’s passion has knowledge, fellow fans of any gender are accepting.

As an avid Monmouth basketball fan and manager whom attended/attends almost every game, Rob Panasuk, a senior English student, is exposed to all types of fans in the stands. He commented, “A true fan is anyone that watches the game and truly cares about how their team is doing. Absolutely any gender can achieve this status.”

“Sports shouldn’t be viewed as a ‘men only’ thing, it should be something everyone can enjoy without being judged.”

ALEXUS BIRD
MOUNTHMOUNTH MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY ALUMNA

Women students can help their fellow hawks by becoming a writing assistant or a commuter student mentor.

A Peek at the Gendered World of Sports Fandom
Emotional and physical abuse cases are much more common and damaging than we think, and are educated on.

In a relationship, one partner does feel more in control and has more power over the other. Jack Demarest, a professor of psychology, said, “Physical and emotional abuse often appear together in relationships. The mental abuse in this case reinforces the physical abuse. In fact, it’s rare to find physical abuse without the presence of emotional abuse (usually referred to as mental abuse).”

Demarest continued, “Often, when the physical abuser cannot physically abuse the victim, such as in public, they can emotionally abuse him or her.”

Emotional and mental abuse ranges from name calling, yelling, shaming, or putting one down. Demarest explained, “Some tactics of emotional abuse include dominance, humiliation, isolation, threats, intimidation, and denial and blame. Emotional abuse’s purpose is, in part, to make the victim completely dependent on the abuser.”

Demarest added that financial abuse is a subtle way of doing this, saying “Financial abuse is a form of mental abuse, it’s where the abuser severely restricts access to money, such as putting the victim on an allowance, preventing the victim from working, or taking his/her credit cards.”

Having a relationship like this can harm someone, and scar them for their future. They feel useless, defenseless, and alone. It starts off with minor comments and name-calling, but can escalate into something bigger, like physical abuse, such as hitting or punching.

Alyssa Viscione, a senior psychology student, said, “If someone is in a relationship, it is never too late to get out and seek help. Relationships need to be healthy and positive. There is help, support, and guidance everywhere. On campus, there are professionals waiting to help in Counseling and Psychological Services, along with the National Domestic Violence Hotline. 1-800-799-7237 or TTY 1-800-787-3224. Get the control back in your life.”

“I personally feel that emotional abuse can be just as damaging as physical abuse.”

Viscione continued, “One often experiences immense psychological harm due to emotional abuse, such as decreased self-esteem, anxiety, and depression. I feel like warning signs of an emotionally abusive relationship includes a partner controlling who their partner hangs out with, a partner looking through another’s phone constantly, and a partner exerting general power over their partner.”

In college, boyfriends and girlfriends can feel threatened with their significant other going to parties or the bars. Viscione has seen couples fight first-hand about who said hi to whom, and who liked their Instagram picture.

There is no reason for someone to bring another human being down, just because of their own insecurities. That is usually the underlying reason; an individual who has trust issues, or has been hurt, uses his or her pain against someone else.

Gary Mortellite, a senior communications student, said, “If two people are in a relationship, they should trust each other, respect each other, and be there for the other. No one should decrease someone else’s self-worth and confidence.”

Mortellite added, “Relationships are created because two people love each other, not two people talking negatively and acting like a babysitter.”

Relationships are not easy. There are good days and bad days, but no days for abuse. No one should tolerate emotional, mental, and physical abuse.

Demarest said, “It’s important to recognize that domestic violence is not normal, and no human being ever deserves to be abused. There is no shame in seeking help or looking for an escape. You are typically not responsible for what has happened, but you are responsible for what happens next. You have the power to help yourself.”

If you are in an abusive relationship, it is never too late to get out and seek help. Relationships need to be healthy and positive. There is help, support, and guidance everywhere. On campus, there are professionals waiting to help in Counseling and Psychological Services, along with the National Domestic Violence Hotline, 1-800-799-7237 or TTY 1-800-787-3224. Get the control back in your life.

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STAFF WRITER

The Dangers of Emotional and Physical Abuse

February 15, 2017

Emotional abuse can be extremely common in modern relationships, said senior psychology student Alyssa Viscione.
Men’s Lacrosse Defeats No. 16 Villanova

JOHN SORCE
SPORTS EDITOR

The men’s lacrosse team defeated a ranked opponent for the first time in program history as they took down No. 16 Villanova 12-10 on Sunday afternoon at Villanova Stadium.

Villanova came out of the gates strong scoring the game’s first three goals, but the Hawks answered back and scored four of the next five goals to tie the game at four midway through the second period.

Mommouth took its first lead in the fourth period when senior midfielder Tyler Keen completed his hat trick. He went on to score three goals in the frame, which gave Mommouth a 1-0 lead that they would not relinquish. The game was tied at seven heading into the final period and MU outscored the Wildcats 5-3 in that frame.

Senior midfielder Zack Schleich- er also scored his first career hat trick. 

“This was the program’s first victory over a Big East Conference opponent. The team improved to 2-2 all-time in season-opening games and 1-1 all-time in road opening games.

“The win means a lot to our program, school and fan base,” Keen said. “This kind of win shows the potential and where we can be. Going into Villa- nova, we knew their plan and I think it was just overall the effort and our championship mentality that we bring every single day in what we won that game.”

“I remember a couple of years ago where wins were hard to come by and beating a Villanova team that is highly regarded and the lacrosse community,” Head Coach Brian Fisher said. “They have a very good team this year especially on the offensive end with a couple of All-Americans. It was a good win for us and to start the season off with a win against a good team is a good springboard for us for this week of practice and has us looking forward to our next opponent.”

Senior goalkeeper Nick Hreshko recorded a career-high 15 saves and was named Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) Defensive Player of the Week. This marked the fourth time in Mommouth history a goalie has stopped 15 shots and the first since Garrett Con- away made 15 saves at Detroit on Apr. 11, 2015.

Entering their fourth season as a program, the blue and white were picked to finish first in the MAAC Preseason Coaches’ Poll.

“That exposure for us is great as a young program,” Fisher said. “It helps us in recruiting and it has helped us develop a fan base and our people in our sports in- cluding our fans. It’s just good. It certainly helps us but we don’t get caught up in it. Our focus is on each day trying to get better and trying to make this a memorable season because we do feel that we can make this a spe- cial year.”

Senior defender Andrew Grau- jowski was named to the Pre- season All-MAAC First Team. He is the only Hawk to start every game each of the last three years and was an All-MAAC First Team defender as a sophomore in 2015.

The Hawks finished with 38 points and finished behind Quinnipiac, who were a unanimous selection to repeat as MAAC Champions. Finishing third was Marist (34), while Siena (24), Canisius (23), Detroit (17) and Manhattan (11) rounded out the ballot.

Senior midfielder Tyler Keen scored a team-leading four goals in Mommouth’s 12-10 win over Vill-anova on Saturday afternoon.

Men’s Basketball Wins Program Record 12 Consecutive Games

JOHN SORCE
SPORTS EDITOR

The men’s basketball team extended a program record by winning their 12th straight game in their 102-82 win over Siena at Times Union Center in Albany, NY on Monday night.

It was the Justin Robinson show once again as the senior point guard scored a career-high 40 points while adding six rebounds and four assists. Robinson became the seventh Hawk to score 40 points in a game and was an All-MAAC First Teamer.

“I’m going to do this a long time so this is their 100th win. I feel great for them and thankful to Dr. McNeil because she saw when I got these kids that good things were about to happen,” Robinson said.

The Hawks also picked up their first ever win at Draddy Gymna- sium on Friday, Feb. 10 when they defeated Manhattan by a score of 62-59.

“(Manhattan Head Coach) Steve Masiello is as good of a tactician as there is in the game,” Rice said. “If you play against his teams, he is going to find some weaknesses and he is going to take advantage of that. Their goal tonight was to go after Justin and I thought they were successful at that, but we held them on just long enough for Micah to hit that shot at the end to win the game. That was just a hard fought college basketball game.”

The Hawks were trailing late but closed out the Jaspers on an 11-1 run over the last 3:34 highlighted by a three-pointer by Seaborn that put the Hawks in the white heat and in the lead.

Mommouth was led by senior guard Je’lon Hornbeak, who scored 15 points while Seaborn finished with 10. Brady finished one rebound shy of back-to-back double doubles with 10 points and nine rebounds.

“When I first drove in I saw J- Rob (Robinson) open but I didn’t get a good enough pass to him,” Seaborn said. “It was a bounce pass, so he drove in. I ran out and I thought if he gets it to me, he gets it to me. I spotted up, and it was a pretty easy shot.”

“Micah’s a big-time player,” Rice said. “His confidence is the roof and he thinks he can score on anybody and he can really guard too. Micah is a complete basketball player that we are very lucky to have in our program.”

The victory was also the 100th in the head-coaching career of Rice, who deflected the milestone to his seniors.

“When I walked into the locker room, I told these kids I have a job because of them. I started out with 60 losses and you don’t get to 100 wins when you start out with 60. This has been a great boss,” Rice said. “Since my 60 losses, (Vice President/Director of Athletics Dr. Marilyn McNeil) has given me two re-ups. I told my seniors that if they don’t come to Mommouth when they did, I prob- ably don’t make it to the first bump- up because I lost 60 times. I’m go- ing to do this a long time so this is their 100th win. I feel great for them and thankful to Dr. McNeil because she saw when I got these kids that good things were about to happen.”

Mommouth is now 22-5 overall and 14-2 in the MAAC and they return to OceanFirst Bank Center for their second-to-last home game of the season. They will take on Ni- agara on Thursday at 8 p.m.

Senior point guard Justin Robinson became only the seventh Hawk to score 40 points in a game in Mommouth’s 102-82 victory over Siena on Monday night.

PHOTO COURTESY of Rene Schleicher
The women’s basketball team defeated the Iona Gaels 75-65 Sunday afternoon at the OceanFirst Bank Center.

Freshman guard Alaina Jaront led the Hawks with 19 points and five assists, and sophomore guard Mackenzie Barker scored 16 with five rebounds. No other Hawk reached double figures in the scoring column.

“I’m really pleased with how we played today,” Monmouth Head Coach Jenny Palmateer said after the game. “I thought we played very, very well today. It was a great job of minimizing mistakes.”

In the opening tip, the Hawks connected on three 3-point shots to open up a 9-4 lead one minute into the game. Monmouth continued their hot shooting from beyond the arc, as senior guard Tyese Purvis knocked down four of their first six attempts from downtown. Monmouth continued their hot shooting from beyond the arc, as senior guard Tyese Purvis knocked down four of their first six attempts from downtown.

Sophomore guard Nicole Caruso, who was named MAAC Rookie of the Week after scoring four goals and eight points in her collegiate debut against George Washington on Saturday, was our main goal coming into this season on Friday when we welcome Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) rival Saint Peter’s University to West Long Branch for a 7:00 p.m. start.

Women’s Basketball Picks Up Two Conference Wins

The women’s basketball team is looking to build off of last season’s success in which the team finished second in the MAAC网络游戏 conference games. The main highlight of last season was their first ever appearance in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) Championship where they suffered a loss to Canisius.

Monmouth was voted as the second best team in the pre-season MAAC women’s lacrosse coaches poll against George Washington on Sunday, 7-0. For the first half, the Hawks shot 44 percent from the field and 57 percent from three, with Jaront leading the way, scoring nine points. Purvis had seven, knocking down two 3-pointers in the first half. The Hawks closed the half strong, as Purvis hit three, and then Graham converted on a three-point play, as the media timeout of the first quarter. Jaront responded again, holding Monmouth scoreless for almost three minutes, and cutting the deficit to four. The Hawks closed the quarter strong, with the score 55-48 after three quarters.

Iona came out of halftime red-hot, going on a 7-0 run to start the second half, calling a timeout also forced 10 turnovers, leading to 11 points on the other end. Iona converted two free throws to open up a 12-6 deficit in the third. The Hawks opened their lead back up to 10 points with 9:15 remaining in the third. The Hawks closed out the quarter strong, with the score 75-60 in favor of the Hawks.

The Hawks opened the game up one final time, as they built a 10-point lead with 1:18 remaining, and then sealed the victory on six free throws from Barker.

“I’m very proud of how everyone played today,” Barker said after the game. “Defense was our main goal coming into today. Some of our freshmen, including Alaina Jaront, really stepped up. She hit some big shots for us today.”

For the game, the Hawks shot 48 percent from the field and 55 percent from three, forcing 17 turnovers while scoring 15 points off of those turnovers.

The win was the second in a row for the Hawks, as they were coming off of a 2-4 start to the season over Saint Peter’s Friday night at the Yanitelli Center.

Freshman guard Kayla Shaw scored 12 points, all on 3-pointers. Caruso and senior guard Helena Kurt scored 11 each. Freshman forward Taylor Nason was the only other Hawk in double figures with 10 points.

The Hawks have now won their last two games, including a 29-point victory against Hofstra on Saturday, 7-0. The win was the second in a row for the Hawks, who improved to 12-4 overall and 6-2 in conference play, second best team in the pre-season MAAC poll.

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“Toughness in the MAAC,” Ghent said. “We are the fastest they’ve been all season on six free throws from Barker.

“I’m proud of how we reacted to adversity,” Ghent said. “We played as a team and always kept fighting forward. Now we are a much better team than we were after the loss.

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