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Nurse Forgione wants blood!

By Jessica Montes '12 and Shannon Megale '12

Molloy's tenth annual Blood Drive, run by New York Blood Services of the New York Blood Center, will be held April 5 in the Jack Curran Gym.

Donating blood is easy to do and a great way to help people, as the donated blood will help save the lives of cancer patients, newborn babies, accident victims, and many more patients in New York area hospitals, said Mrs. Kathy Forgione, the school nurse.

Last year, Archbishop Molloy donated 183 pints of blood to the New York Blood Services and Mrs. Forgione has high hopes of beating that mark this year because of the great number of compassionate and caring Stanners who have expressed their willingness to help.

Students who wish to donate blood must be at least 16-years-old and weigh at least 110 pounds and have the consent of their parents.

However, if students have been sick or recently have had surgery or a serious injury, they should not donate blood.

If students have any questions about a condition that may prevent them from giving blood, more information can be found in the nurse's office.

To sign up for the Blood Drive, students must first bring their signed consent forms to the nurse's office.

Mrs. Forgione assures volunteers that giving blood does not hurt. Donors will feel a little pinch in their arms when the needle goes in and nothing after that.

"Last year I was so scared," said senior Opal Vadhan. "I'm not good with needles but Mrs. Forgione calmed me down and I did it. And it made me feel good. I got to do it with friends and people who cared about me."

"Most of all, I felt good because I was doing a good deed that could be saving someone's life," Vadhan said.

There are no negative side effects to giving blood as long as volunteers have eaten a big breakfast before donating and don't do any strenuous exercises or activities for four to five hours after donating.

A donor's blood volume returns to normal in just 24 hours and the red

blood cells are replaced within a few weeks.

On the day of the Blood Drive, student volunteers will be excused from class to go to the gym and meet with one of the New York Blood Services staff members to fill out a few forms and then wait their turn to donate.

After having a small sample of blood taken to test for its usability, the donor will begin the process of donating a pint of blood.

Donors are then treated to juice and cookies.

The whole process takes about 30 to 45 minutes.

Junior Dana Moss said she will be

donating blood because "this is a chance to help people. How could I turn that down?"

Mrs. Forgione said a pint of blood from one student can help save the lives of several people.

Across the country, 32,000 pints of blood are used every day, so every donation is crucial.

Junior Kaitlyn McGrory encourages other Stanners to donate blood this year.

"It's the season of Lent," said McGrory. "It's the time to give to others. One of the ways to give to others is by donating blood, so come do it. You'll feel great about it afterwards."



Elizabeth Lynch and Marissa Puzino relax and enjoy snacks after giving blood last year. (File Photo)

Let's eat at International Day

By Lauren Maldonado '13 and Dina Mangialino '13

Molloy will hold its 31st annual International Day on Sunday March 27 to celebrate its students' rich and diverse ethnic cultural backgrounds.

Hot foods will be served in the Marsloe Gym and desserts in the Cafeteria, while Molloy's various ethnic and cultural clubs will perform in the Jack Curran Gym.

Ms. Kathy Loughran, the event's coordinator, said the event will run the same as it did last year with the doors opening at 2 p.m. and the event ending at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$10 or \$5 for children under age five.

Some of the groups scheduled to perform are the Boys and Girls Step Teams, Asian Club, Spanish Club, and the Pipes & Drums Band.

Mr. Luis Santos will organize the serving of the food donated by the

members of Molloy's ethnic clubs such as the Asian, Eastern European and Greek, Ebony, Irish, Italian and Spanish Clubs.

The students who will perform on the Jack Curran Gym stage have been practicing for months.

Senior Adam Maldonado of the Pipes & Drums Band said the band has been practicing since September. After performing at International Day last year, Maldonado is looking forward to doing so again.

Sophomores Elizza Marbella of the Asian Club and Aliessa Grandison of the Girls Step Team didn't perform last year but are excited to do so this year.

Marbella will perform a modern dance that the Asian Club has been rehearsing for three weeks.

"Rehearsals are going well and have been very fun," said Marbella.

Grandison said the First Ladies'



Paczki, which are Polish pastries, will be among the yummy delights at International Day. (File photo)

rehearsals have been going well, too, and she hopes the audience sees how

hard she and the rest of the First Ladies have worked to put on this show.

You need more sleep & less caffeine

Your alarm goes off at 6 a.m. You hit the snooze button a few times, desperate to get a few more minutes of shut-eye. Finally, you drag yourself out of bed and drink your first two cups of coffee of the day for breakfast. On the way to school, you stop to buy coffee No. 3. By your third period class, you still find yourself falling asleep. You need to stay awake for that seventh period math test, so you buy cup of coffee No. 4 at lunch. Yet you still feel tired. You then grab your fifth cup of coffee in the Cafeteria before going off to that practice, meeting, or rehearsal. On the bus ride home, you doze off and almost miss your stop. When you get home, you take a two hour nap, throwing off your sleep pattern. After dinner, you stay up late doing

homework. You finally crawl into bed at 2:30 a.m. Your alarm goes off at 6 a.m. and you drink that first cup of coffee. Teenagers need between 8.5 to 9.5 hours of sleep each night but many Stanners are not getting enough sleep. Family, friends, relationships, jobs, sports, extracurricular activities and most of all, homework are all excuses for not getting enough sleep. Mrs. Kathleen Forgione, the school nurse, warns that not getting enough sleep over a long period of time “generally can lead to medical problems such as obesity and high blood pressure.” Two typical solutions to sleep deficits aren’t as good as they seem. Sleeping late on weekends feels good but doing that disrupts your internal body clock. It becomes difficult to go to bed early on Sunday night and so your sleep deficit starts all over again

at 6 a.m. Monday. Using caffeinated drinks to get through the day temporarily wards off sleepiness and helps you feel alert. However, too much caffeine is unhealthy and can result in “anxiety, addiction, and heart palpitations,” said Mrs. Forgione, because caffeine stimulates the central nervous system, speeding up your heart rate, which can cause the heart to flutter or palpitate. Relying on caffeine will result in your needing to increase your intake over time to achieve the same result. You can go from drinking one harmless cup of coffee every morning to four or five cups a day and increase your health risks. The pressure to make the Honor Roll or the Principal’s List makes some Stanners do homework until 3 a.m. or cram for tests by pulling all-nighters. This is very counterproductive because you will be too tired to remember much of anything and you



Illustration by Michelle Rondon

certainly don’t want to fall asleep while taking the exam! If you don’t know the information at 12 a.m., you’re not going to learn it in the wee hours of the morning. What can you do to get enough sleep? “Turn off computers, cell phones, TV’s and close your books by 10:30 p.m. or 11 at the latest,” Mrs. Forgione said. “Twenty minute naps during the day also can be very beneficial.”

There really is no reason to get fewer than seven or eight hours of sleep a night.

You don’t need to stay up until 2 a.m. studying if you don’t leave things for the last minute. If you know you have a test in a week, study a little each night.

Don’t procrastinate. Do your homework when you get home, not after playing video games or being on Facebook for four hours.

Avoid caffeine late in the day. Do not eat, drink, or exercise within a few hours of your bedtime. Keep your bedroom dark, cool, and quiet.

Try to establish a consistent sleep schedule, including weekends. It will be easier to fall asleep at bedtime if you have a routine.

If you can do this, you will be able to avoid having to order a 20 oz. large cup of Dunkin’ Donuts coffee on the way to school every morning.

--Natalie Kurzyzna '11

BY: KEVIN HONG '11 A GOOD DAY'S WORK



Seniors deserve semester of wearing Senior Shirts

Things keep changing at Molloy. Over the past two years, Molloy has seen a new principal, a new president and many new teachers arrive at the school. Next year, the Class of 2015 will be wearing new school uniforms. All these changes have had a positive effect on daily life at Molloy. So why can’t Senior Shirts be part of another positive change at Molloy? Senior Shirts are a big part of the anticipation of senior year as juniors look forward to finally forgoing their button down Oxford shirts. As a junior, I can see that my own senior year is right around the bend and soon I will be wearing the Senior Shirt myself. Ever since the tradition of Senior Shirts began at Molloy, seniors always started wearing them in March. This year, the Senior Shirts were scheduled to arrive by March 7 so

seniors could start wearing them that day. Unfortunately, the shirts arrived two days late and this reduced the already short amount of time that seniors are able to wear their shirts. The Administration has said that Molloy will never change the date when seniors get their shirts because it doesn’t want to lose the academic atmosphere it worked so hard to create by granting the privilege any sooner. Yet that isn’t a very realistic approach to the situation. Seniors who have obeyed the school’s rules for the three and a half years, are not going to mess up and go crazy down the homestretch just because they are allowed to wear a polo shirt for a full semester. Seniors know it’s only a polo shirt, not a pass to do whatever they want. Is adding 20 days to the time period when seniors can wear polo shirts really

such a big deal? Moving up the start date also would alleviate some of the stress that was brought on this month by trying to meet the deadline of distributing the shirts due to their late arrival. So I am asking the Administration to

consider moving the date of when the polo shirts can be worn by seniors to the start of the second semester.

It’s a privilege seniors have worked hard to earn and it’s a privilege they deserve.

-- Alyssa Boller '12

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Pipes and Drums love the St. Patrick's Day Parade

By **Stephanie Bonanno '13, Jaclyn Eng '13, Christine Stanolevich '13**

Molloy's Pipes and Drums Band marched up Fifth Ave. in Manhattan for the 16th consecutive year on March 17 as part of New York City's annual St. Patrick's Day Parade.

The parade started at 10 a.m. and the Molloy band was scheduled to step off and join the march at 1:45 p.m.

"The best part about the parade is marching and seeing all the Molloy people in the crowd," said Mr. Ed. Cameron, the former moderator who has been a piper in the band for seven years.

Before going into Manhattan to march, the band members started their day by having breakfast at Molloy.

During the march, the band played traditional Irish and American tunes, such as "The Minstrel Boy" and "Wearing of the Green."

Senior Adam Maldonado's favorite part of the parade is the noise the Stanners in the crowd make when the Molloy band passes by.

"It's pretty crazy," said Maldonado, who is a student leader of the band along with senior Kevin Logar.

Sophomore Lauren Maldonado, Adam's sister, also enjoyed the parade.



Drum Major Mr. Jim Sheldon leads the Molloy Pipes & Drums Band in its march through March.

"I love marching by the Molloy people," she said.

Sophomore piper Eddie Krische said before making his first march on Fifth Ave., "I'm excited to play the pipes this year at the parade."

The St. Patrick's Day Parade marked the end of a very long St. Patrick's Day season for the band under the direction of new Moderator Mr. Matthew Lepre, who took over for Mr. Cameron this year.

The band performed this month at parades in Rockaway, Garden City, Ronkonkoma, and in the Tartan Day Parade.

The band also will perform at International Day on March 25.

Junior Varsity excels in Math League

By **Cara Salvatore '13 and Derrick Adam '13**

Going into its sixth and final match of the season on March 23, Molloy's Varsity Math League team has had a somewhat disappointing season as Moderator Mrs. Adele Solari had expected it to have a team score higher than 88.

On the other hand, the JV team has done very well after four competitions.

For the Junior Varsity Team, the top three scorers of the Advanced Math competition were junior Steven Truong scoring 85, junior Jeffrey Cheng scoring 84, and junior Jennifer Hwu scoring 81.

In Algebra 2, the top scorers were

sophomores Derrick Adam with a 74, and Christian Hadjigeorgiou with a 69, and junior Ramon Perez with a 54.

The highest scores in Geometry were obtained by sophomore Derrick Yuen with an 84, sophomore Patrick Cen with a 71, and sophomore Shibin Mathews with a 68.

Finally, Algebra's top scores went to frosh Kristian Mosquito with a 53, frosh Brianna Reformato with a 52, and frosh Samantha Sattler with a 46.

The top Varsity performers are seniors Christina Lucci, Judy Li, Mary Rooney, Marc Liubicich, and Trevor Motylenski. For the final match of the season, Mrs. Solari was looking to add

different players to the team because the last Varsity test required more preparation time, which is difficult since the team's top players are involved in other activities as well.

The Varsity tests consist of six questions each that must be completed in 40 minutes.

"The math component of the test is easy, but the logic of it is pretty challenging," said Li.

Li is satisfied with her scores on the tests considering logic isn't one of her strengths.

She finds some tests to be harder than others because each test focuses on different topics.

Li said she has always been good at math and it just came naturally to her until she took AP Calculus with Ms. Jeanne Longerano, which took a little effort.

She now likes calculus the best of all mathematics because it's challenging, fun, and now has become easy to understand.

Li joined the Math League team because she always liked math and wanted a little competition.

Several team members took part in the American Mathematics Competition and the top scorers were juniors Christina John, Jeffrey Cheng, and Alexandra Woods.

Stanners learn ups and downs of the Stock Market

By **Anna Poulakas '14**

In today's economy it is very important to understand how our investment system works and the members of Molloy's Investment Club know exactly how it operates.

Every year the club enters several teams in the Stock Market Game, an online contest which simulates the risks and rewards of real investing.

The game is sponsored by the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association Member Firms, Merrill Lynch, The McGraw-Hill Companies, Standard & Poor's, Wachovia Securities, The NYSE Foundation, Reuters LTD, A.G. Edwards, The Investment Company Institute, PNC Financial Services Group Inc., and Morgan Stanley.

Molloy has eight teams playing in the

full year game and three beginner teams in the half year game which started in February.

The team of Maggie Goreczny, Justyna Gawnys, James Kasakyan, Kayan Kazmuhi, and Jennifer Hnore is doing very well in the full-year game as is the team of Daniel Sukha, Robert Gogdz and Tom Connolly.

The club, which is open to all interested students, meets every other Wednesday in Room 318 to analyze the stock market and discuss how world events affect it.

Team members decide on which stock purchases and investments to make by reading various business reports, and listening to business programs such as the Nightly Business Report on PBS.

Since 1977, more than 10 million high

school students have played The Stock Market Game, and more schools sign every year from all 50 states and nations worldwide.

Frosh Jonathan Roy said his team is doing quite well for its first year and he checks the stock market results at least every other day.

Roy's tips for doing well are patience, teamwork and wise decision-making, as one must choose the right stocks and follow them constantly to succeed.

From participating in the game, Roy has learned about the economic systems of many countries and how much they affect the U.S. stock market.

Club Moderator Ms. Mary Pat Gannon said it was difficult to predict how all her club's teams will do when the game ends in May.

"Anything can, will, and does

happen," she said. "Since the New York Stock Exchange is not what it used to be, the best reward gained (by playing the game) is knowledge for the future. Just as Molloy's motto says: 'Not for School, but for Life'."

Raptis stars as Lady MacBeth at Festival

Junior Joanne Raptis, playing Lady MacBeth, won the Shakespeare Monologue Contest March 15 in the Theater at the third annual Shakespeare Festival sponsored by the Drama and Improv Club.

Senior Arleen Aguasvivas was awarded second place by the judges and junior Tiffany McCue was third.

Look for complete coverage of the Festival in the April issue of The Stanner.

Prom tix on sale

By Karla Hernandez '12

Tickets for the Junior and Senior Proms went on sale March 21.

Senior Prom tickets will be \$135 per person and Junior Prom will be \$60 per person, which are the same as last year.

The Junior Prom, which will be held in the Jack Curran Gym on May 21, will have a different menu and theme from last year's prom.

The theme has not yet been chosen by the Junior Prom Committee, said Student Activities Committee Moderator Mr. Pat Flynn, but he expects it to be chosen soon.

The Senior Prom will be held on Wednesday June 1 at Beckwith Point in New Rochelle for the sixth

consecutive year.

However, this might be the last year the Senior Prom is held there.

"We are always looking at new venues and may have a change starting next year," said Mr. Flynn.

The Prom will begin with a non-alcoholic cocktail hour, followed by dinner, dessert, and dancing.

Senior Prom Committee members include Opal Vadhan, Jen Moncino, and Ariella Levine

"Since the prom is later this year on June 1, we actually haven't done a lot of planning, but we will be starting soon," said Vadhan. "So if any of the seniors have ideas be sure to let SAC members know!"



Eleni Kavvadias, Juan Gomez, David Polanco, Elizabeth Langer, Steven Paciga, and Mark Liubicich pose at last year's Junior Prom.

Mock Trial advances to 2nd round for 1st time in 5 years

By Leanne Vaccaro '13

After splitting its first two trials in the first round, Molloy's Mock Trial team received word on March 4 that it had advanced to the next round and would compete again only six days later against Aviation High School at the Queens Criminal Court House.

"I was a bit surprised because we had been one and one [in the first round] in the past and not advanced," said Moderator Mr. Lou Barbera. "The last time that we advanced was five years ago, so this was a new experience for all these team members."

The winning team in the first round were seniors Victoria LoBosco, Cristina Lago, and Danielle Catinella as attorneys who represented the plaintiff and sophomores Patricia Bober, Jessica Cardiello, and junior Brando Fermin as witnesses.

"The most fun part is when we get to dress up as the role we're supposed to portray," said Cardiello. "It's fun to really get into your character."

"Being a team member made me want to be a lawyer someday, but it showed me how difficult a lawyer's job is," she said.

Catinella said she was nervous

waiting for the trial to begin but after everything started moving she became really confident.

"The most fun is when your knowledge of everything you've learned can help you take down the other team," said Catinella, who wants to become a lawyer. "The most stress are the final days before the competition when everything is being checked and double checked."

"Seeing how everything goes in the courtroom is a lot of fun and finally when the trial is over, you know your hard work has paid off," she said.

For the second round against Aviation High School, the defense team of sophomore Cara Salvatore, juniors Michael Mesa and Frank Marino as attorneys and senior Mark Puglia, juniors Sean Ramzan and Josh Infante as witnesses competed.

Molloy lost by one point and was eliminated, but Mr. Barbera said each member performed very well.

Mr. Barbera said, "I am extremely proud of them."

Aviation conducted the entire trial using no notes at all, something Molloy's had never seen before.

Half the team returns next year so "if we put in the effort, we should do well," Mr. Barbera said.

Stanners urged to 'Walk with Christ'

By Roberto Bertolini '13

Campus Ministry has planned many activities for this Lenten season to offer Stanners an opportunity to truly bring themselves closer to Jesus.

The theme for Lent this year at Molloy is "I Will Walk with Christ" to encourage Stanners to follow in Jesus's footsteps in leading a kind, just and reverent life.

For the first time, Campus Ministry will hold a Shoe Drive from March 28 to April 8.

Students will be asked to donate boots, shoes, sneakers and flip-flops in any condition or size which will be given to the organization "Soles for Souls."

Campus Ministry Director Mr. Michael Germano said these shoes will be given to "mostly children and adults worldwide who are in need and are less fortunate."

Worn-out pairs of shoes will also help the cause because they will be "recycled" and "refurbished."

He said the Shoe Drive would tie in with the theme of walking with Jesus.

Mr. Germano said the shoes will be stored in different areas throughout the school and some will be on display.

Mr. Germano is very confident that this new drive will be a success and become an annual event like the Toy Drive.

He said there are "always people in need" and students will want to support

a good cause and give to those in need.

Mr. Germano has a goal of at least "1,000 pairs of shoes" but the more, the better.

Campus Ministry member Arleen Aguasvivas said she is confident the Shoe Drive will be a success and many Stanners will participate.

"Students like new ways of helping others and will be interested in the new drive," said Aguasvivas, a senior. "It won't take much time out of your schedule to give to those in need and to those who are less fortunate."

Campus Ministry began the Lenten season with an 8 a.m. Ash Wednesday Service on March 9 in the Jack Curran Gym.

Students received ashes from the Eucharistic Ministers and meditated. A paper footprint was given to every student containing the name of a Stanner who had passed away recently such as Mr. John Mecca and Bro. Declan Murray and many other alumni.

Students were asked to pray for the deceased throughout Lent.

The gospel authors' names, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, were written on the footprints, and students were asked to read from these gospels and pray for guidance and strength.

The footprints also contained suggestions of things that students could work on to improve themselves like being less angry and less worried.

Campus Ministry also is conducting



Rows of Stanners focus on the Lenten prayers at the morning service in the Jack Curran Gym. (Photos by Derek Sokolowski)

a Lenten Prayer Service every Tuesday in the Chapel after school for the length of the season.

Mr. Germano said that there will be a different theme for those prayer services each week which will be "interconnected with the actions and goals of Jesus's ministry."

He said that prayer services will be a time for both "prayer and meditation" to bring students closer to God and Jesus.

Campus Ministry also has planned a Day of Reconciliation on April 12, the annual Fast-a-thon on April 13 and a showing of the movie "The Passion of Christ" on April 19 to continue with the Lenten spirit as Stanners walk with Christ during the 40 days until Easter.



Sophomore Ashwini Chawla gets ashes on her forehead.

Faculty defeats seniors in basketball

By Monish Pahilajani '13

The teachers defeated the students 58-44 in the fifth annual Senior-Faculty Basketball Game on March 11 in the Jack Curran Gym.

The faculty won, in part, because it hit more foul shots but seniors suggested another rationale for their defeat.

The seniors had to get 20 players into the game while the faculty only had 12 players on its roster so faculty players had more time on the court and to get into the flow of the game.

Mr. Chris Dougherty, who organized the game and the dance that followed, was delighted with the outcome and the fact that 766 tickets were sold, which was a lot more than last year.

"It was probably one of the best nights in five years," said Mr. Dougherty.

Senior Kate Mulvihill of her classmates, "Everyone was into the game, and there was great spirit going around."

Proceeds from the game will go to charity, either the Marist Missions or perhaps to the Red Cross relief in Japan.

Mr. Dougherty said more students stayed for the Sock Hop after the game than have in years past.

"I stayed for 15 minutes, danced, and had a blast," said Mulvihill.

Earlier this year, the seniors were victorious in the Senior-Faculty Softball Game.

The Senior-Faculty Football Game was scheduled for early on in the year, but has been postponed several times due to bad weather.

Mr. Dougherty said a Senior-Faculty Volleyball Game will be played in the spring.



Takin' it to the hoop

Seniors and faculty faced off in their annual basketball game in the Jack Curran Gym. Teachers beat the students by 14 points, avenging their loss last year to the seniors. (Photos by Derek Sokolowski '12)



Stanners enjoyed "un viaggio in Italia"

By Kirsten E. Paulson '13

Despite some chilly temperatures, students and faculty agreed that Molloy's February trip to Italy was a fun and successful event.

Mr. Chris Dougherty, the trip's

organizer, said the temperature was about 30 degrees in Venice but was 20 degrees warmer in Rome, making for a pleasant week overall.

Many students on the trip expected warmer climate and weren't quite

prepared for temperatures that were pretty much like New York's, while others had followed Mr. Dougherty's pre-trip advice and packed some warmer clothing.

Mr. Dougherty and many students agreed the funniest, most memorable moment of the trip was the day they played a game known simply as "Riding the Pony" in a giant square in Pisa.

Junior Karla Hernandez said her favorite memory was a of gondola ride through the canals of Venice.

Sophomore Sitara Patel said that Rome was her favorite city due to its many gift shops, moderate pricing, and, of course, excellent sight-seeing.

Mr. Dougherty recalls spending, "an hour looking for a club in Rome. The funny thing was, we were given directions to a different club but we found the one we wanted to go to on the way to that other club."

On their visits to small, quaint towns such as Verona and elegant cities such as Rome, the students were able to learn some basic Italian phrases such "Good morning" and "Hello."

Using Euros instead of dollars was confusing to Stanners since using them made the prices seem cheaper than they were, as the Euro is worth \$1.30.

"Although the food was cheap, nothing else was," said Hernandez.

Stanners said the only thing to put a mild damper on the trip was the fact that the Molloy group traveled with students from another school, who acted in a manner that was politely described as "un-Stannerly."

Nevertheless, students and faculty agreed that the trip was a fun, enriching experience and if given the opportunity, would return to Italy.

3 named NMS finalists

Seniors Judy Li, Mary Rooney and Karen Zhou were named finalists in the 2011 National Merit Scholarships Competition. They are among 15,000 finalists who are competing for 8,400 Merit Scholarships.

The competition's semifinalists and finalists are selected from the 1.5 million students who took the PSAT/NMSQ Test last year as juniors.



Seniors Eleni Kavvadias, Daniella Antolos, Lucas Santos throw three coins in the fountain at Trevi in Rome. (Photo by Karla Hernandez '12)

AM ping-pong pretty popular

By Sore Agbaje '13

Molloy Intramurals sponsored a ping-pong tournament this month for the first time in school history thanks to members of the National Honor Society, who came up with the idea.

In the doubles finals, Ballz of Fury (frosh Denes Kostel and Mike DeMaria) defeated Jacked Kids to win the frosh-sophomore title and DeVeina (seniors Nick Halvatzis and C.J. Gerdowsky) defeated Magic Man y El Diablo to win the junior-senior competition.

In the finals of the two singles tournaments on March 22, sophomore Derrick Yuen faced frosh Brandon Lau for the frosh-sophomore title and Halvatzis faced senior Noel Bello for the junior-senior championship.

The winners of the four tournaments will meet in a playoff with the upperclass students facing off against the lowerclass students in both singles and doubles.

The tournament was a co-ed competition. Boys and girls faced opponents of their own gender in the first round but then faced opponents of either gender in the second.

The tournament started March 2 in the Senior Lounge and, despite having only one ping-pong table to work with, the competition concluded on schedule on March 16.

Posters and announcements to promote the tournament appeared in February and entry forms for both the singles or the doubles competitions were available outside the glass booth in the Cafeteria.

The brackets were quickly filled with some students playing in both singles and doubles tournaments.

Intramurals Director Mr. Brian Kelly was very surprised that there were so many Stanners interested in a ping-pong tournament.

"I wasn't aware ping-pong was such a hot sport," he said.



Ping-pong passion

The first annual Molloy Intramural Ping-Pong Tournament drew large crowds to the Senior Lounge every day after school this month. Senior Jennifer Moncino, left, was one of the many players involved in the tournament. (Photos by Derek Sokolowski)



Despite the great interest in the tournament, no students or teams were turned away and all who signed up were able to play.

Mr. Kelly said the games attracted large crowds of spectators and that only a couple of players forfeited their matches and those who did usually notified him in advance rather than just not show up.

"Pleasantly competitive" was the way Mr. Kelly described the mood of the players and the games.

Mr. Kelly admitted that the playing conditions in the Senior Lounge "are a little raw but the kids don't seem to complain."

National Honor Society members served as the tournament referees and officials.

Mr. Kelly gave much of the credit for a successful tournament to seniors Joe Smallwood and Victoria LoBosco.

"They ran the whole thing," he said.

Mr. Kelly said that in all the years he has worked as assistant director and now Director of Intramurals, the ping-pong tournament has proven to be the most popular sport.

The tournament was so successful that Mr. Kelly is thinking of making it an annual competition. He even talked about having a student versus teacher game in the future.

Mr. Kelly has not decided whether to award t-shirts or trophies to champions.

Sophomore Isacha Tucker, who played in the singles tournament, said he decided to play because "I wanted to be involved with extracurricular activities."

Tucker said he did not practice before the tournament because his involvement was just for fun and not at all serious.

He said that the playing conditions in the Senior Lounge were good and hopes the tournament becomes an annual event.

More qualify for the Principal's List

Nineteen more students earned a vertical academic average of 99 or better to qualify for the Principal's List in the second marking period than had qualified or the first.

The 97 Stanners on the list represent a 20 percent increase from the first marking period as nine more seniors, six more frosh and four more sophomores qualified while the number of juniors remained unchanged.

Fifty-three of the students on the List (55 percent) qualified for a second consecutive marking period.

As has been the case since it was created, more girls (64) than boys (33) were on the Principal's List, with girls representing 66 percent of qualifiers, up one percentage point from the first marking period.

Juniors had the most students qualify

(34), while frosh had 23 and sophomores and seniors both had 20.

For the second consecutive marking period, over three quarters of the Class of 2011 qualified for the Honor Roll, as 303 of 396 seniors (77 percent) had a vertical average of 90 or better, two percentage points higher than in the first marking period.

While 20 seniors had an average of 99 or better, 99 had an average of 95-99 and 184 had an average of 90-94.

Here is the second marking period's Principal's List:

Frosh: Dhanesh Binda*; Thomas Brinskelle; Pamela Decolongon*; Darien Dey; Tiffany Dial*; Daniela Fazio; Sebastian Geraci; Samantha Grech; Georgios Gulino*; Emily Hanna; Camilla Herbin*; Edrean-Neil Kabigting*; Nicole Korzeniecki;

Jessica Kraker*; Felicia Mendoza; Louiza Molohides; Kristian Mosquito*; Daniel O'Reilly*; Shannon Pizzella*; Samantha Sattler*; Matthew Spataro*; Tiffany Villacis*; Branden Warders*.

Sophomores: Derrick Adam; Roberto Bertolini*; Patricia Bober; Jacob Borkowski*; Graziella Ferrara*; Andrea Garcia; Calvin Garcia*; Annmarie Kosiewska; Shibin Mathews*; Shilpa Mathews; Aislinn Messina*; Monish Pahilajani*; Sitara Patel*; Toni Ann Petovello; Tatiana Requijo*; Cara Salvatore*; Steffi Shilly*; Ayana Tan*; Derrick Yeun.

Juniors: Olivia Balog*; Cara Chow; Agnieszka Czaja*; Kristina D'Angelo*; Jackelyne Diaz*; Alyssa Dolan*; Stephen Eng*; John Esposito; Michael Fanizza; Claudia Fernandes*; Melissa Fesler*; Jamie Giuntini; Myrna

Hanna; Melissa Hernandez*; Jennifer Hwu*; James Kasakyan; Lauren Kelly; Simranjit Mangat*; John Meyer; Joseph Mikhaeil; Julian Olbinski; Marilena Orfanos*; Ramon Perez; Edward Pizzo; Bianca Quiceno*; Joanne Raptis*; Margaret Rooney*; Christa Sankar*; Paulina Stefanowski; Niles Uy*; Samantha Walker*; Alexandra Woods*; Adrienne Zhou*.

Seniors: Arleen Aguasvivas*; Daniel Holowiak*; Navdep Kaur; Malvina Klusek; Judy Li*; David Lozada; Elizabeth Lynch; Stacey Nieves; Carolina Ortiz*; Dhandevi Persand*; Sarah Prieto; Mary Rooney*; Jacqueline Shay; Nancy Strbik; Toni Tobias; Christopher Vasile*; Nader Yamout; Christopher Zappel; Karen Zhou*.

* denotes second appearance

After a good fall, AM set for spring

By Kevin Fernandes '13

Coming off a strong performance in the fall exhibition season when it won six of its first seven games, Molloy's Varsity Baseball team might seem poised for a big year when the regular season began on March 19 at home against Norman Thomas High School.

But don't tell that to Molloy's legendary baseball coach, Mr. Jack Curran, who doesn't buy into all the hype.

"The fall season is not a legitimate indicator [of how well a team will do in the spring]," said Mr. Curran. "But it does help us see the kids that can perform in competition."

Coach Curran said he did not see many surprises last fall, and that for the most part he got what he expected from a talented group of returning players.

The only player who jumped out at him in the fall season was sophomore catcher Michael Rogers.

"He's pretty good and he'll be our back-up catcher," Mr. Curran said.

Looking ahead to the start of the season, Coach Curran said, "If the pitching holds up, we've got a good shot

[at winning a title]."

Two members of that pitching staff also make contributions elsewhere on the field.

Senior lefty Michael Auriemmo also plays third base while junior righthander Jonathan Ramon, the team's best hitter, also plays first base, third base, and rightfield.

Ramon, who batted .385 last year with seven homers and 30 RBI, knows that Xaverian will be one of the teams to beat in the spring.

"It's been the same way for the past of couple years," he said. "We always give them a good game, so we'll see what happens this year."

League play in the CHSAA Brooklyn-Queens Sectional begins April 11 at Bishop Ford.

The Stanners will play Xaverian at home on April 18 and on the road on May 4.

While the team played well in the fall, Ramon wasn't pleased with his own performance.

"Not at all," he said. "There's always room for improvement and I've got to keep working."



Junior Jonathon Ramon does it all for Molloy as a pitcher, infielder, outfielder and leading hitter. (Photo by Blue & White Yearbook Staff)

Senior Dorgler's hard work paid off

By Kevin Fernandes '13

Senior forward Chris Dorgler made an important decision before Molloy's Varsity Boys Basketball team's rollercoaster season even began by announcing his intent to play next year for the College of St. Rose in Albany.

Getting that decision out of the way put him at ease and allowed him to concentrate on leading Molloy to a 12-12 regular season record and earning Second Team All-League honors.



Senior Chris Dorgler will play for the College of St. Rose next year. (Photo by Blue & White Yearbook Staff)

Few people expected Molloy to compete with much stronger teams such as Rice, Christ the King, and St. Raymond's this year after the the Stanners lost last season's top scorer, Ernest Rouse, to graduation but the Stanners were able to hold their own.

One of the team's most heartbreaking losses was a 79-78 defeat to St. Ray's on Feb. 4.

But there were several thrilling victories as well.

Dorgler's buzzer-beating shot gave Molloy a 61-59 victory over Bishop Loughlin on Jan. 11 and he had 15 points, five rebounds, five steals and four assists in a 76-71 double-overtime victory over rival St. Francis Prep on Jan 21.

Dorgler worked hard during the offseason to improve his game.

"My overall shot improved, thanks to working out with my older brother Freddie," Dorgler said. "I had to play smarter and try to limit my turnovers in order to give the team the best chance to win."

Coach Jack Curran was impressed by Dorgler's work ethic.

"He's the hardest worker on the court," he said. "The kid has no let up."

Coach Curran, who included a couple of sophomores on the roster this year, utilized the newcomers in pivotal spots throughout the season and was impressed with their performance.

"[Sophomore] Marko Kozul has been impressive," Coach Curran said. "He goes in and gets his points plus some rebounds. His awareness on the court isn't great, but that will come with experience."

Coach Curran also applauded the play of sophomore point guard Christian Giles, who backed up junior George Davis III and ran the offense efficiently in Molloy's 56-55 defeat of St. Francis Prep on Feb. 11.

"He's quick and he makes the right pass," said Coach Curran.

Dorgler had high hopes that the

Stanners might advance far into the playoffs, but Coach Curran knew they could win only if they shot well and rebounded.

"The teams in our league are pretty even," said Coach Curran. "If we have a good shooting night, we can beat anybody, but if we don't hit our shots we're not going to win."

Molloy opened the Brooklyn-Queens playoffs by beating Bishop Loughlin on Feb. 21 in a first round game.

However, in the Feb. 23 semifinals, the Stanners were defeated 69-40 by their nemesis, Christ the King, who won all three meetings between the two teams this year.

Molloy then lost 59-54 to St. Peter's in the opening round of the CHSAA intersectional playoffs on Feb. 28 to end its season. Dorgler led Molloy with 13 points in the season finale.

With many key players returning next year, expectations will be higher than they were for this season.

Coach Curran plans to be on the bench again next year as he has no plans to retire.

"I only think about it when people bring it up," he said with a chuckle.

In the meantime, he follows on TV the college careers of some of his former players such as Russ Smith, who's a freshman at Louisville.

"I saw him on the bench the other night and he looked sad," Coach Curran said. "But, I'm sure he'll have a great sophomore season."

Frosh win first city title in 10 years

By Jennifer Foley '13, Melissa Foley '13, Alexandra Bertolini '13

Led by C.J. Davis, who scored 36 points, and Gabe Kilpatrick, who had 20, Molloy's Frosh Boys Basketball team beat Christ the King 80-67 in the city championship game on March 5 at

Holy Cross High School to win its ninth city title since 1958 and its first since 2001.

It marked the third victory over the Royals in four meetings this season.

Molloy finished the season with an overall record of 24-1 and a regular

season league record of 21-1, with its only loss being a 57-51 defeat to Christ the King on Jan. 30.

To get to the city championship game, Molloy beat St. Francis Prep in the city playoffs quarterfinals and Bishop Loughlin in the semifinals.

Mr. Chris DeSarno, who has been the frosh basketball coach for 13 years, said that this is the best team he's had at Molloy.

The starting five in the championship game were Davis, Kilpatrick, Kenny Hoyt, Sam Carter and Jayson Cethoute, while some of the key players who came off the bench were Michael Buckley, Michael Rodriguez and Rashard Williams.

The Stanners believed the turning point of the game occurred when King's star player picked up his fourth foul in the third quarter and had to go to the bench.

Molloy's offense took over from there.

Teammates Hoyt and Eric Alerte

enjoyed counting down the last few seconds of the championship game.

"I had to look at the clock a few times just to see if the score was right" Alerte said.

Hoyt said, "It was one of the happiest moments of my life"

Looking back on the season, Coach DeSarno said that the highlight for him was when the team won the Iaabo Tournament by defeating Holy Trinity, Holy Cross and Christ the King.

Coach DeSarno thinks that some of the players on this year's team could make the jump to Varsity next year as sophomores, but said that decision will be made by Varsity Coach Jack Curran.

Even if the team loses one or two of its best players to the Varsity, Mr. DeSarno said the remaining players have the ability to win the Junior Varsity city title next year.

"JV Coach [Ed] Shannon does a great job getting his teams to compete," said Mr. DeSarno.



Frosh guard C.J. Davis brings the ball up the floor during the boys' championship season. (Photo by Blue & White Yearbook Staff)

Doherty qualifies for the state swim meet for a second time

Senior Chris Doherty qualified to compete at the state meet for the second year in a row by finishing third in the 100-yard backstroke in a time of 54.98 seconds at the New York City CHSAA Swimming and Diving Championships Feb. 11-13 at the Nassau County Aquatic Center.

Doherty also was one of seven swimmers from schools around the league to be nominated for the Jack Kennedy CHSAA Career Award.

Molloy finished seventh in the team standings with 217 points, 16 ahead of Brooklyn-Queens rival St. Francis Prep.

The top three finished at the city meet were Fordham Prep (796 points), St. Anthony's (687) and Chaminade (672).

Doherty also finished 10th in the 100-yard butterfly and anchored two relay teams to top six finishes.

The 200-yard medley relay team of senior Joe D'Antoni, senior Brendan Erskine, frosh Mateo Giraldo and Doherty finished fifth and the 400-yard freestyle relay team of D'Antoni, Erskine, senior Dean Reilly and Doherty finished sixth.

Molloy's 200-yard freestyle relay team of Giraldo, senior Brian Greene, senior Eric Dorcean and senior Anthony DiVanna finished eighth.

Doherty finished 29th in the 100-yard backstroke in 54.45 seconds at the state meet on March 3-5 at the Nassau Aquatic Center against swimmers from both public and private schools.

Cooney wins the city 600-meter title

Senior Pat Cooney won the 600-meter run in a time of 1 minutes, 22.6 seconds at the 2011 CHSAA Boys Intersectional Indoor Track and Field Championships on Feb. 19 at the Armory in Manhattan.

Molloy finished 10th in the 20-team field with 10 points, one point behind ninth place finisher St. Francis Prep.

Chaminade won the team title with 34 points, followed by St. John the Baptist (29) and Fordham Prep (20).

The only other Stanner to score points for Molloy by finishing among the top five places at the city championship meet was senior Matt Lambert, who finished third in the triple jump with a leap of 41 feet, 7 inches.

Three others came close to scoring, as junior Pat McGibbon finished sixth in the 25-pound weight throw, junior Marc Ochs finished seventh in the high jump and senior Tyler Bay finished seventh in the 1,000-meter run.

Varsity 'B' the champs!



The Varsity 'B' Basketball team poses with its city championship trophy at St. Francis College after beating Christ the King.



Vega is MVP

Led by senior guard Ernesto Vega, right, who earned the game's Most Valuable Player Award, Molloy's Varsity B Basketball team defeated Christ the King 56-50 to win its first City Championship on Feb. 17 at St. Francis College in Brooklyn. Vega stuffed the stat sheet in the title game with eight points, five rebounds, five assists, and five steals. Senior Kevin Lawlor, who was named All-League First Team for the second consecutive year, led Molloy with 13 points and 12 rebounds against Christ the King while junior Walter Rodriguez scored 11 points. Molloy finished the season with a 23-4 overall record. (Photos courtesy of the Blue & White Yearbook and the Alumni Office)