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Stanners eager for Halloween Dance

By Sameera Kassim '13 and Monish Pahilajani '13

It's that time of year again when Stanners can express themselves through costumes and have fun with their friends at Molloy's only school dance of the year.

The annual Frosh/Soph Halloween Dance will take place Friday Oct. 29 in the Cafeteria, just two days before Halloween.

Student Activities Committee [SAC] Moderator Mr. Pat Flynn hopes the timing will help get more students into the Halloween spirit and increase attendance, making the dance even more fun to attend.

Tickets, which are \$5, went on sale Oct. 12. Frosh and sophomores can buy tickets in school on the day of the dance but none will be sold at the door.

Mr. Flynn said the Halloween Dance has been so successful over the years because it's the first major Molloy event for frosh and it is one of the few school events where Stanners can actually express themselves through costumes.

At past dances, about 70 percent of frosh in attendance came in costume as did about 50 percent of sophomores.

Mr. Flynn said that if an equal or even greater number of students can have that same enthusiasm this year, he would be extremely happy.

Senior Opal Vadhan, the head of

SAC, and senior committee members Ariella Levine, Jennifer Moncino, Catherine Mulvihill, and Kathleen Klein are working very hard to design the decorations to make this the best ever Halloween Dance.

"We are going to make it the scariest dance ever and hopefully get the people you'd least expect to dress up in some great costumes," Vadhan said. "It'll be Molloy's own fright fest, something it has never experienced before."

The annual costume contest will work the same as in previous years with awards for the most original costume, the best costumed pair, best group costumes, and the best single costume.

Costumes will be judged by the senior SAC members. Past contest prizes were Molloy shirts but there's a chance that will change this year, Vadhan said.

The DJ will be Matt Lavanco, who has been the DJ for most of Molloy's major events.

SAC hopes the faculty will get into the Halloween spirit and dress up as well for the dance.

In the past, SAC has tried to sponsor more school dances but has failed due to a lack of ticket sales, so it is likely the Halloween Dance again will be the only dance of the year.

Mr. Flynn said other types of dances have failed to draw enough interest most likely due to the fact that students



Sophomores Amber Emmino and Conor Tuohy came in costume to last year's Halloween Dance. (Photo by Derek Sokolowski)

are not allowed to bring friends from other schools to any Molloy dance.

But SAC is always looking for more ideas for themes for dances and has not ruled out planning more in the future.

Sophomores who are planning to attend their second Halloween Dance seem to be in a state of ebullience.

From jungle explorers to Taylor Swift's "But she wears short skirts, I wear t-shirts" apparel, this year's costumes should feature much diversity.

"I really enjoyed the costume competition and the DJ," said sophomore Rashanna Seymour of last year's dance. "I would love to see more dances at Molloy. Students here love dances, and always complain that there aren't enough. There would be a lot of support for another dance."

Sophomore Ann Palathingal said, "I would recommend [the Halloween Dance] to the frosh because it was fun and enjoyable."

Stanner High: expectations vs. reality

By Rashanna Seymour '13, AnnMarie Gaglio '13, George Gulino '14, and Anna Poulakas '14

There is no recess.

Members of the Class of 2014 have had to adjust to this and other high school realities while making the change from grade schoolers to Stanners.

Most came to Molloy with certain expectations. Some have been proven correct, others not.

Some surprises were in store, too.

So, after a month at Molloy, here is what some members of the Class of 2014 said about their new school.

Natalia Dyer, from Holy Name of

Mary School, had heard that "Molloy is very competitive. Only smart kids get accepted."

She said Molloy turned out to be more difficult academically than she thought it would be. "It's challenging in a good way," she said.

She also had heard that the school has a family type atmosphere and the seniors are nice. Only part of that turned out to be true.

"The seniors are kind of mean, especially in the hallways," she said. "But the teachers aren't mean. They're nice."

The cafeteria food turned out to be better than she thought it would be, the students are more diverse in race and religion, and Molloy is much better organized than her previous school.

"Molloy is awesome and fun," Dyer said.

The cousins of Meynard Ilagan, who attended Our Lady of the Snows School, told him Molloy is an inspiring

place and he would have a great time.

He expected that "everyone here would be smart nerds," but discovered that while some Stanners are "smart nerds, not all of us are."

Another Our Lady of the Snows graduate, Abigail Singson, had heard Molloy is "very difficult academically and the teachers are hard and mean."

Now she says, "Molloy is hard, but still fun. Not all of the classes are hard. The teachers are helpful and it feels like family here."

It surprised her how she immediately felt accepted and made friends easily.

Cassandra Rodriguez, who attended St. Stanislaus Kostka School, also had heard that Molloy is a "nerd school" because "a lot of really smart people come here."

So she expected that school "would be really hard and that tons of homework would be given."

While "about 75 percent" of what she

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Frosh are adoring the cafeteria food. (Photo by Derek Sokolowski)

Seniors deserve more perks

Students are the real reason that AM is so highly regarded by outsiders

Since our freshman year, we've often found ourselves staring out Molloy's classroom windows, watching one season go by, then another and another.

We've worked hard in those classrooms, despite the occasional daydream, and earned good grades.

We continued to work hard through the two long years after that as we counted down toward what we had been led to believe is the greatest time of our high school lives: senior year.

Congratulations Class of 2011! Senior year has finally arrived.

But now that it's here at last, many of us are finding out it really isn't much different from the previous three.

What does being a senior at Molloy really entail?

We're told it means displaying personal responsibility, leadership and academic success.

But those are all things we displayed back in eighth grade that qualified us to attend this college prep school.

Our school work is vigorous and challenging — something that sets Molloy apart from many other high schools — and for three years we have responded to that challenge.

The Class of 2011 put more students on the Principal's List for every marking period last year than any other class at Molloy, including a high of 42 students in the third marking period.

The Class of 2011 finished second to the graduating Class of 2010 in last year's Spirit Week Competition.

The Class of 2011 produced the top individual and top homeroom fundraisers at last year's Walk-a-thon.

The Class of 2011 has produced athletes who led their teams to titles and leaders who run many of Molloy's clubs and activities.

Yet we seniors have seen little reward so far this year for our contributions to Molloy for the past three years.

And this year an Administration which has never listened to our complaints will probably continue to do so.

Let's start with something we're all familiar with: the dress code.

Molloy is as notorious for its strict dress code standards (a.k.a. Detentions

Galore) as it is for its poorly made school uniforms.

After all these years of hearing us complain, maybe the Administration would re-think its requirement that we wear skirts from Marlou that don't fit most girls in the school.

On some of us the skirts are so loose they ride up to our bellybuttons, while on others, the skirts are so tight we can hardly move. Both problems give the illusion that our skirts are too short and as a result we get detention.

The girls' oxford shirts don't fit well either and as a result become untucked and provide us with another opportunity to visit Room 123.

If the Administration won't hire a new uniform company, perhaps it could reward seniors for their three years of devotion to the school by allowing us to buy our own khaki, blue or grey skirts and white or blue oxford shirts from a quality manufacturer so they'll actually fit for our final year at Molloy.

What a wonderful senior privilege that would be.

Every once in a while, Molloy does something new and this year it's online grades.

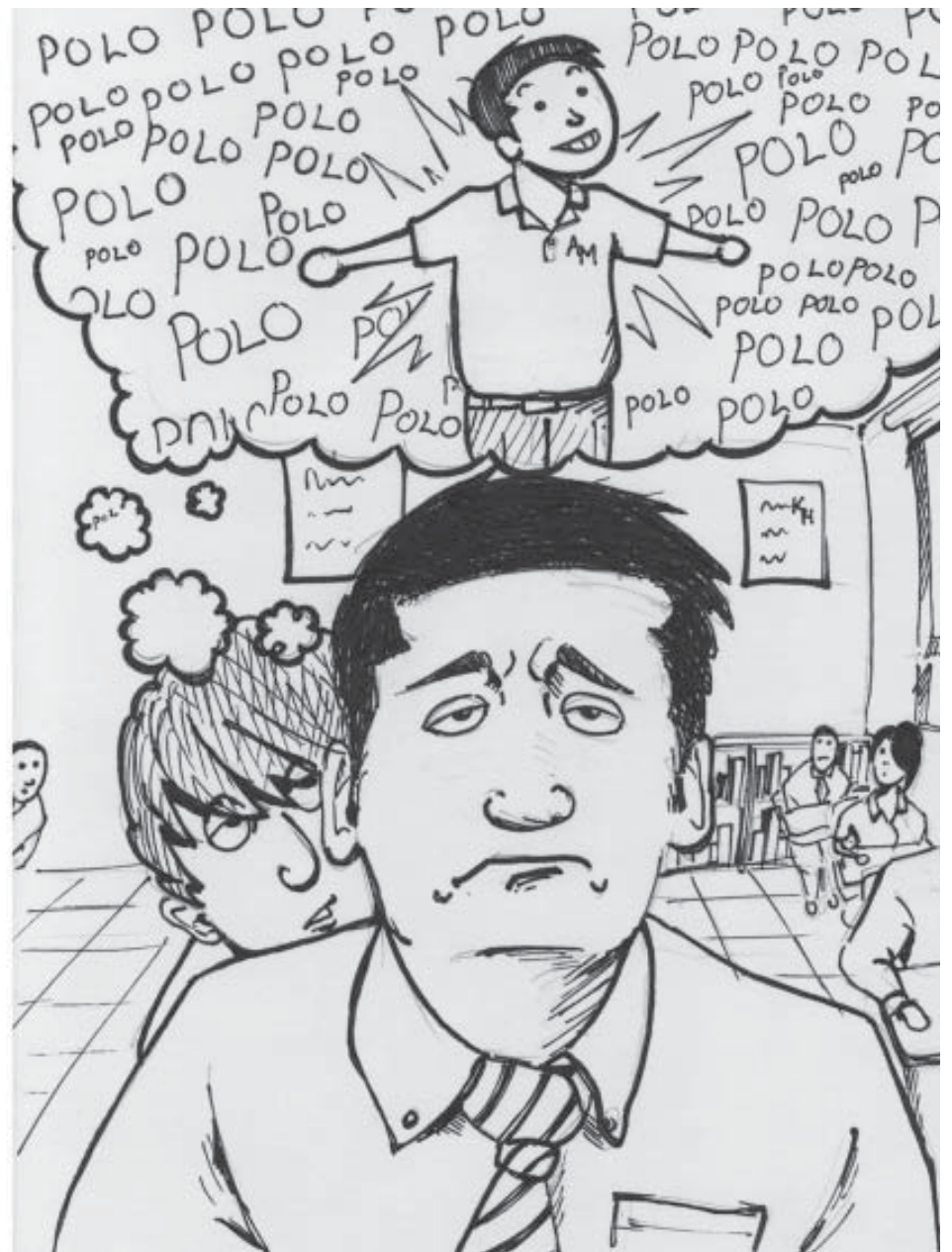
Yet this new development makes seniors feel more like frosh. How much further away from college can we get in terms of personal responsibility?

I was under the impression that the point of high school was to learn independence, not just for school, but for life.

However, online grades will result in our parents harassing us for one quiz mishap. To anyone who has strict parents who refuse to understand the overall Molloy grading process, my prayers go out to you.

Fortunately, we seniors only have to go through this online grading process for one year, so perhaps we can see this as a new senior privilege for the Class of 2011.

Call me biased, but after three years of our studying late into the night, attending school events, keeping school clubs active and alive, and haggling with our families to support the Walk-a-thon, the Class of 2011 deserves more than



September Senior Stanley Stanner Ponders Polo

Illustration by Kevin Hong '11

what is being put on our plates.

Molloy wasn't named an Outstanding American High School by U.S. News & World Report for nothing; its students helped get it there.

Because of our exemplary grades, 100% college acceptance rate, successful teams, active clubs, volunteer service, polite public demeanor, and self respect, Molloy can proudly say that it is one of the best schools in the nation.

So why doesn't the Administration treat us like we're the best?

How does Molloy supposedly reward its seniors at the moment?

If the Senior Lounge is to be seen as a reward, it needs to be re-modeled immediately.

If the Senior Polo Shirts, an article of

clothing that is an everyday part of many other Catholic school uniforms, are to be seen as a special reward at Molloy, they must be ordered in the spring of Stanners' junior year so seniors can wear their polos all year long and not just for three months.

So I challenge Archbishop Molloy High School to re-think the way it treats its seniors.

We have lived up to our end of the bargain for three years and senior year is the time for the school to give back to the students to whom it owes so much.

Because if it wasn't for us all going off to college every year, this college-prep school wouldn't be what it is today.

-- Eleni Kavvadias '11 .

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2 Stanners' devotion to their heritage

By Sitara Patel '13 and Pernashee Dave '12

Every International Day, Molloy gets a taste of the several different cultures represented within the student body because these Stanners get a chance to display their cultural heritage by offering the audience food and a dance performance.

The problem, however, is that the dancers only get a maximum of ten minutes to share their culture with their fellow students. Those ten minutes only give the audience a modernized bite — an appetizer — of that culture.

What it misses are the basic, traditional ingredients of those cultures.

These ingredients apply to all cultures at Molloy, whether they be African, Indian, Asian, Hispanic, Eastern European and Greek, or Irish.



Junior Pernashee Dave

Many American-born students have forgotten the rudiments of their parents and grandparents' culture and their society.

But as International Day shows, there are many who haven't. We are two such students.

In order to stay in touch with the culture of our families, our parents sent us to learn Bharat Natyam, one of the most ancient forms of Indian Classical Dance. Bharata Natyam comes from the words Bhava (Expression), Raga (Music), Tala (Rhythm) and Natya (Classic Indian Musical Theatre).

Today, it is a popular and widely performed dance style all over the world.

Bharat Natyam is usually performed as a solo dance, with two aspects: lasya, the graceful feminine lines and movements, and tandava (the dance of Shiva), the masculine aspect, which is identical to the Yin and Yan in the Chinese culture.

Arangetram literally means ascending the stage. It marks the completion of the initial training of the student and her blossoming into a dancer after years of preparation. It signifies the dancer's maiden performance and is an opportunity to show her talents and knowledge of the Bharat Natyam dance form.

On this auspicious occasion, the artist seeks blessings from her Guru (teacher) and Lord Shiva.

From the moment we started dancing, we started dreaming about the day we would complete our Arangetrams. Little did we know, we would soon have to develop time management skills, set our priorities straight, maintain our grades and sacrifice our social lives (especially our Friday nights out).

We came to understand that not everyone can actually do an Arangetram; not everyone can stick to the commitment, but those who do realize what a great gift and achievement it is.

In the time leading up to an Arangetram, the student changes drastically as a dancer and as a person. By doing an Arangetram, one not only learns about dance, but also about Hinduism, Indian values and ethics, and much more.

It wasn't until we started practicing for our Arangetrams that we realized exactly how much there was to learn. By taking on the task of doing an Arangetram, you commit to your teacher, the music, and your body; you have to learn to eat, sleep and breathe Bharat Natyam.

It is then that you understand that dance isn't just doing the steps; it's about feeling and connecting to the steps. Every hand movement should be followed by the eye; every eye movement should be followed with a smile.

Finally, the day arrives and you

perform before your friends and family members. The moment you strike your last pose on stage, you wish you could do it all over again. You don't want to stop dancing.

By the time you finish your Arangetram, having to eat, sleep and breathe the dance, it suddenly becomes a part of you.

You realize how much time went into preparing for the Arangetram only afterward, when you have nothing to do anymore. There is nothing to fear and nothing not to look forward to. It's not until after the dancer completes her Arangetram, that she feels ready for it. It is one of the most important accomplishments of the dancer's life.

After an artist's Arangetram, it becomes hard to distinguish the dancer from the dance.



Sophomore Sitara Patel

A new direction in drama

By Kirsten Paulson '13

There's a new face on the theater scene at Stanner High.

Replacing Mr. Kevin Schwab as director of The Stanner Players is Ms. Jessica Petschauer, a Molloy graduate from the Class of 2004, who had her first meeting with her returning actors on Oct. 14 to discuss the new season.

Due to his commitments to Queens College and other community theater engagements, Mr. Schwab decided it

would be impossible for him to conduct The Stanner Players' late afternoon rehearsals at Molloy except for a period of time in January.

"Everyone hoped he would be able to rework his schedule to return but when that did not happen, the job was posted," said Assistant Principal Ms. Mary Ann Safrey. "The position as drama moderator was first offered to [current] teachers. Then another alum, Jessica Petschauer, expressed an

interest in applying for the job [and she was hired]."

During her time as a Molloy student, Ms. Petschauer performed in four plays, two of which were written by The Stanner Players as a group.

After graduation, she majored in theater and opera at Hunter College in Manhattan.

While still in college, she worked with the Renaissance Fair and even started

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Tim Frenzel & Patrick McCarthy

Frosh: Molloy is even better than our expectations

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heard about Molloy turned out to be true, it isn't as hard academically as she'd heard and it isn't a "nerd school."

Rodriguez likes her classes and says, "Molloy is actually a really good school with a lot of great clubs. It's pretty cool here."

Thanks to his sister Jillian, who is a sophomore, Matthew Spataro, from St. Francis de Sales School, came here thinking "Molloy is nice, fun, and full of crazy, happy students."

Everything Spataro heard turned out to be true. The only thing that surprised him was all the student activities.

Mateo Giraldo, from St. Andrew Avellino School, had heard Molloy was a good school with nice teachers and a good swim team.

"I was expecting a school that was very strict and hard," Giraldo said. "About half of it turned out to be true."

He said the school's atmosphere made him feel comfortable from the first day. "You just feel at home," he said.

Albert Hasan didn't hear much about Molloy while at Holy Trinity School but, "My cousin told me that it was the best school in New York. I believed him."

Now that he's here, Hasan said, "It actually turned out to be more enjoyable than what I expected. The food and the fun in general really surprised me."

Matthew Newmeyer's mom wanted him to go to Molloy because of its academic reputation.

"I expected it was going to be hard since a lot of kids were smart," said Newmeyer, from St. Camillus School.

But he missed one thing about grade school. "The fact that there is no recess surprised me," he said.

Madeline Glaser, from Most Holy Redeemer School, said Molloy turned out to be as good a school as she expected but, "the great students in my homeroom really took me by surprise."

Nerissa Ragnauth, who attended St. Sylvester School, said, "I was told Molloy is the best high school I could attend and it is a very spiritual and academically enriched school."

Ragnauth said her friend's sister, a Molloy sophomore, "always told me to work really hard and stay focused in order to get into Molloy because their methods of teaching are excellent."

Now that she's here, Ragnauth said, "One hundred percent of what I heard

about Molloy turned out to be true.

"What most surprised me about being at Molloy is how much of a disciplined school it is. The rules in Molloy are very much enforced but I still manage to have a good time here," she said.

"Molloy has gone beyond my expectations. I love it here! The teachers are very helpful and understanding. They're always around when you need them.

"One of the many things I love about Molloy is that when it came to making friends, it came naturally because they were so inviting. They understood the fact that we all were feeling a little nervous and shy at first.

"Overall, my experience so far at Archbishop Molloy High School has been amazing!" Ragnauth said.

Tiny Homeroom 1E

By Alexandra Bertolini '13, Dina Mangialino '13, Cara Salvatore '13

The triumph of the tiniest team at the 2010 Freshman Field Day on Friday Oct. 1 was in many ways a surprise to the spectators of all the day's events.

Homeroom 1E, moderated by Mr. Donald Mooney, was the winner of Freshman Field Day despite being the smallest among the Class of 2014 homerooms.

Homeroom 1E had 10 to 13 fewer students than any other in ninth grade.

Despite this shortcoming, Mr. Mooney felt confident his students could do well because they are "very enthusiastic and full of talent."

Reaz Jafri, of Homeroom 1E, said that he and his classmates were victorious due to the homeroom's overall athleticism.

When the announcement of the team champion was made over the public address system on Oct. 4, not only were the students of Homeroom 1E jubilant, Mr. Mooney was also ecstatic, seeing as this is the first time his class has won in the three years he's been a homeroom teacher.

Mr. Mooney said he began to feel that Homeroom 1E could win the team title after he started hearing the early results of the various Field Day events.

"I had a good feeling based on some of the events where we won first place," he said. "It seemed like everyone was winning medals. Then Bro. Bob [Andrews] announced we were in first place with just a few events left. This gave me a feeling that we might win."

But frosh didn't need to have been on the winning team in order to have fun at Frosh Field Day.

Allison Terranova, of Homeroom 1K, said her teammates found it to be a wonderful experience as well.

Even though Terranova finished second in the girls shot-put event, she thought that the high jump was the most

exciting because the the boys came very close to tying the Field Day record.

Terranova enjoyed Field Day because "everyone was enthusiastic and cheered each other on."

2010 Freshman Field Day Results

Chess: 1. Kevin Pierro, 1H; 2. Matthew Escobar, 1C; 3. Kristian Mosquito, 1G; 4. Michael DeMaria, 1C; 5. Anthony Valenzuela, 1L.

History: 1. 1H (Daniel O'Reilly, Elizabeth Prado, Anna Poulakas); 2. 1G (Joe Merims, Christopher McGee, Matthew Neumeyer); 3. 1E (William Kazmierczuk, Ravi Jodha); 4. 1B (Sandra Cedillo; Kiran Chand; Francisco Cid); 5. 1D (Caroline Herrera, Eduardo Hernandez, Georgios Gulino).

Basketball knockout: 1. Gabriel Kilpatrick, 1E; 2. Gabriella Gangone, 1D; 3. William Riley, 1J; 4. Nyasha Irizarry, 1E; 5. Emily Rabot, 1J.

Boys/coed spoon relay: 1. 1D (Andrew Georghiou, Brian Hurley); 2. 1B (Brandon Chavez, Janine Cenica); 3. 1J (Paul Ramlochan, Robert Rosario); 4. 1F (Albert Marin, Matt Maneri).

Girls spoon relay: 1. 1C (Katherine Donnelly, Susan Flores); 2. 1K (Victoria Stawowy-Mokos, Jadwiga Strugacz); 3. 1E (Alison Jagessar, Pardeep Kaur); 4. 1D (Emily Hanna, Camilla Herbin); 5. 1L (Emilia Wojcik, Melissa Yurisak).

Boys/coed potato sack race: 1. 1K (David Stachnik, Christie Simonelli); 2. 1L (Keano Visperas, Branden Warders); 3. 1B (Luis Chauca, Amelia Byrne); 4. 1C (Ivan Egas, Theresa Fahey); 5. 1J (Adem Sadik, Robert Rosario).

Girls potato sack race: 1. 1F (Kristen Maurer, Deanna Mayo); 2. 1H (Lauren Pagano, Sarah O'Leary); 3. 1D (Samantha Grech, Briana Hajdarovic); 5. 1A (Julia Antignani, Alicia Ajodha).

Boys wheelbarrow race: 1. 1B (Ryan Budhram, Michael Cen Wu); 2. 1D (Albert Hasan, Brian Hernandez); 3. 1A (Jacob Bannon, John Bhattacharji).

Girls wheelbarrow race: 1. 1E (Brianna Kelly, Maryanna Kelly); 2. 1C (Tiffany Finnerty, Natalia Czajkowska); 3. 1H (Idamaria Pennolino, Arianna Prokos); 4. 1D (Katherine Garcia, Emily Gabrielsen); 5. 1B (Emily Chan, Bea Marie Cruz).

Football throw: 1. Logan Conroy, 1B; 2.

Her only complaint was that with so many events occurring at the same time during Field Day, she didn't get a chance to watch them all. She said it would have been fun to see everything.

James Doyle, 1C; 3. John Young, 1L; 4. Anthony Viteri, 1L; 5. Thomas Jean-Pierre, 1E.

Softball throw: 1. Katherine Kilkenny, 1E; 2. Christiane Crawford, 1B; 3. Tiffany Wayte, 1L; 4. Alexia O'Donohue, 1H; 5. Rebecca Wagner, 1L.

Boys soccer shootout: 1. Michael Osiak, 1H; 2. (tie) Nikko Tonolet, 1K; Denes Kostel, 1F; Christopher Studley, 1K.

Girls soccer shootout: 1. Shannon Pizzella, 1H; 2. (tie) Orlagh Brady, 1A; Rita Guglielmo, 1D; Lauren Viggiano, 1L.

Boys shot put: 1. Andrew Mercatante, 1G; 2. Gabriel Caamal, 1B; 3. Michal Szymanski, 1K; 4. Virgilio Jimenez, 1E; 5. Justin Alonso, 1A.

Girls shot put: 1. Katherine Kilkenny, 1E; 2. Allison Terranova, 1K; 3. Dominique Leone, 1F; 4. Jasmine Hoxha, 1D; 5. Danielle Vendome, 1L.

Boys high jump: 1. Kenneth Hoyt, 1D; 2. Daniel Murphy, 1G; 3. Jayson Cethoute, 1B; 4. Michael Rodriguez, 1J; 5. Zachary Davidson, 1C.

Girls high jump: 1. Chanel Allison, 1A; 2. Janelle Mullen, 1G; 3. Emily Lewis, 1F; 2. Bokey Wong, 1L; 5. Jordan Foster, 1C.

Boys 800-meter run: 1. Anthony Viteri, 1L; 2. William Hussey, 1E; 3. Liam Slattery, 1K; 4. Stephen Greene, 1D; 5. Adam Bakatsias, 1A.

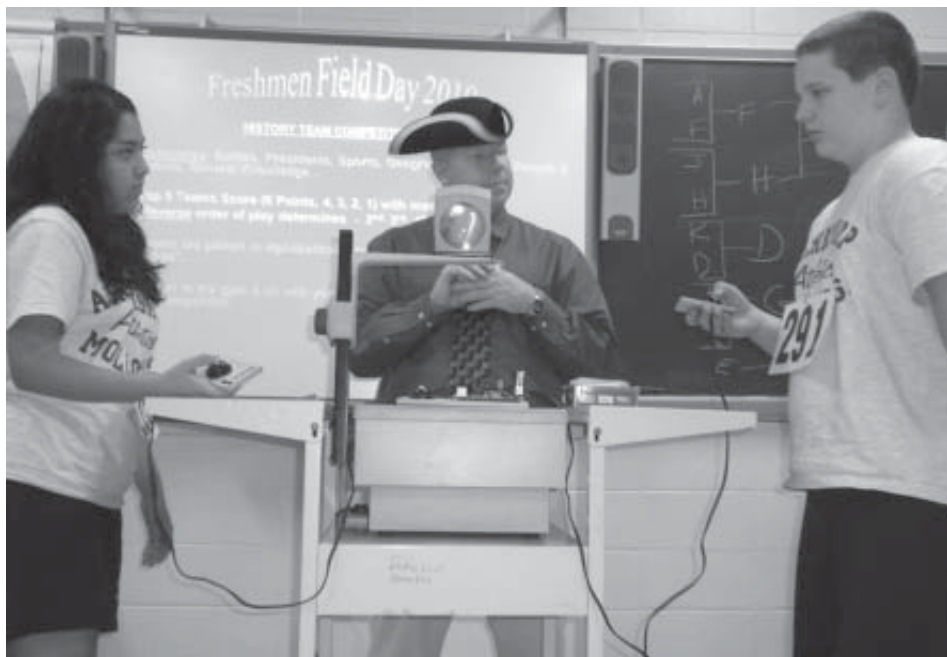
Girls 800-meter run: 1. Sarah Duryea, 1C; 2. Nyasha Irizarry, 1E; 3. Theresa Arcidiacono, 1A; 4. Hannah Parker, 1H; 5. Kimberly Torres, 1L.

Boys 1 lap relay: 1. 1E (Reaz-Nuriel Jafri, Anthony Iurillo); 2. 1H (Jorge Oliveira, Patrick Pierre); 3. 1F (Joseph Matier, John Mancini); 4. 1D (Sebastian Geraci, Mateo Giraldo); 5. 1B (Michael Chiaramonte, Justin Cinquemani).

Girls 1 lap relay: 1. 1C (Candice Forrester, Darien Dey); 2. 1K (Samantha Sattler, Molly Sasso); 3. 1G (Taylor Moss, Kayla Murray); 4. 1F (Alyssa Macchia, Savannah Lochansingh); 5. 1D (Emily Hernandez, Shannon Harris).



is champion



Boys 2 lap relay: 1. 1E (Karl Klesin, Constantine Kokis); 2. 1B (Patrick Cashin, Matthew Cazilas); 3. 1J (Michael Rossi, Sean Ryan); 4. 1K (Liam Slattery, Nick Scaturro); 5. 1J (Reynerio Rubio, Zachary Rudomen).

Girls 2 lap relay: 1. 1F (Cara Loftus, Shannon Lavin); 2. 1J (Amanda Rodriguez, Alexandra Rubiano); 3. 1C (Daniela Franceschetti, Shemaia Cumberbatch); 4. 1L (Katarina Vucetic, Katie Wenzler); 5. 1H (Jacqueline Quinones, Natalie Picon).

Team scores: 1. 1E 58 points; 2. 1H 40; 3. 1C 39; 4. (tie) 1D and 1B 38; 6. 1K 35; 7. (tie) 1F and 1L 25; 9. 1G 24; 10. 1A 19; 11. 1J 18.

Frosh Field Day fun

Whether they were playing chess, testing their history knowledge, shooting hoops, scoring goals, cheering on their homerooms or just hanging out with a friend, Molloy's newest Stanners had a good time at the annual Freshmen Field Day. (Photos by Monish Pahilajani and Jillian Spataro)



Soph College Night Debuts at AM

By **Cara Salvatore '13** and **Dina Mangialino '13**

Molloy's first-ever Sophomore College Night will be held on Thursday Oct. 21 at 7 p.m.

Sophomore College Night came about after last year's seniors were surveyed and many said they wished Molloy had started them earlier in planning for college.

Counselor Mrs. Christine Loo said Sophomore College Night will feature two guest speakers, the Assistant Director of Admissions from St. Michael's College in Vermont and the retired Director of Admissions from Columbia University in New York City.

The purpose of this new event is to tell sophomores what to expect when it comes to choosing a college and to explain the college admissions process.

Mrs. Loo believes that Sophomore College Night will become an annual event.

However, it may take a while before sophomores see the value of this new event if Sean Sanchez is any indication.

Sanchez does not plan to attend Sophomore College Night because he said he is too busy to do so.

However, he is starting to think about college and attending St. John's University interests him.

The annual Junior-Senior College Night was held Oct. 7 and 85 colleges were represented.

Mr. Kerry Hughes, Molloy's College

Guidance Counselor, said juniors and seniors benefit from attending their College Night.

Seniors talked to school representatives in order to make final decisions about their choice of schools to which they want to apply.

Juniors got a head start on deciding which colleges might be right for them by talking to representatives, who encouraged them to visit their campuses in the spring or summer.

Many Stanners find junior year to be stressful, so the Guidance Dept. hoped this event helped ease some of that stress by introducing students to the college application process a year early.

Senior Derek Sokolowski and junior Melissa Gabriel both attended Junior-Senior College Night.

Sokolowski is focusing on the CUNY schools, specifically John Jay College and went to College Night with many important questions regarding financial aid, AP credit policies, and dorms.

Both Sokolowski and Gabriel said the application process is very intimidating because of all the forms that must be filled out.

Gabriel, who is focusing her attention on military academies, also went to learn about the cost of SUNY schools and their financial aid policies.

"At times the process can be very discouraging, but you have to put all reservations aside and just do it," Gabriel said.



A Stanner talks with a representative of The College of Brockport of SUNY at Junior-Senior College Night. (Photo by Adrienne Zhou)

Reaction's mixed over online grades

By **Jackelyne Diaz '12** and **Jessica Montes '12**

Molloy announced last month that it would be installing a new system in which a student and her or his parents would be able to see that student's grades online in every subject and see them updated weekly throughout each marking period.

Last week, this new policy took effect.

This has become a controversial decision amongst the sophomores, juniors, and seniors as they debated

around the school the merits of the new system.

Junior Joel Antolijao said, "I don't object to parents seeing your grades, because I feel now the parents can be more involved in their child's progress in school. Every Molloy student is capable of having a passing grade, so they wouldn't have anything to worry about in the first place."

Senior Lucas Santos also had no problem with the new system.

"I think it makes things simpler," he said. "Instead of progress reports and

keeping all my test scores in the back of my notebook, I can just go online and check. It saves me the stress of handing a paper to my parents if they can just check my grades for themselves."

Junior Kaitlyn McGrory agreed that online grades make her life easier.

"Being able to check my grades weekly will let me know how I stand in all my classes even if a teacher forgets to hand back a paper," she said.

While some students find this new system to be a positive augmentation

to the school's grading system, others strongly disagreed.

Junior Matthew Rosal felt that some of the negative effects of this system would include additional "pressure and anxiety" caused by more parental oversight of their children's grades.

Junior Emily Caracci agreed that it adds more stress to an already stressful life.

"Junior year is already known for being the most stressful with SAT's and college just ahead and now we have to worry that every one of our grades will be online for our parents to see — even the bad ones when we didn't have time to study for the quiz," she said.

Junior Suzanna Petot was not only worried about the amount of stress the online grades would add to her life but also stated her concerns about the security of her grades from the prying eyes of others.

"People hack into each other's Facebooks all the time," she said. "What's to stop someone from trying to hack into my grades online?"

Assistant Principal Ms. Mary Ann Safrey, when announcing the new system, said it would be just as secure as any website the students visit that requires a user name and a password.

Despite that reassurance, the debate about the merits of the system is likely to continue in the halls of Molloy.

Alum is new drama director

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her own production company, called Whimsical Productions.

She also created a production for the Disney Corporation.

Ms. Petschauer has worked with Molloy's Theater Arts Club in the past, performing a demonstration monologue during the club's annual Shakespeare Festival, offering audition tips, and serving as a judge in the club's monologue competition.

Ms. Petschauer said she wanted to direct The Stanner Players because, "Molloy is where I got my start in theater. The Stanner Players are very

dear to me, and I hope to expand the drama program."

Ms. Petschauer would like to do a musical this year but said it will be up to the students whether they would like to do a play, a musical, or smaller productions in her first year as director.

While there will not be a fall production this year, Ms. Petschauer said that, in addition to a spring production, a few smaller shows will be staged and weekly acting classes held for students to develop their skills.

Junior Tiffany McCue, a member of The Stanner Players who has performed in three plays, said, "It will

definitely be a challenge [working under a new director] because everyone is starting with a clean slate. This new director doesn't have any previous knowledge about us from past performances and has no idea if we have ever shown an interest in theatre before or if it is our first audition."

While preference will be given to veteran actors, The Stanner Players will hold open auditions so students with no acting experience can try out.

"Come on down; don't be afraid," said Ms. Petschauer. "Everyone has to start somewhere. There will be a place for everyone who wants to take part."

Walk-a-thon '10 a re-run

By **Vimla Warslie '11**

It's here again!

Molloy's 18th Annual Walk-a-thon will take place on Friday, Oct. 22 when Stanners will walk for a second year in a row to help fund the renovations for the school Library.

"Walk-a-thon is something that I look forward to every year," said senior Stephanie Wood. "I have a great time every year with all my friends."

Wood remembers when her best friend fell down during the walk.

"I was laughing for days and I still joke about it to this day," she said.

The cost of the extensive renovations planned for the Library was not covered by last year's Walk-a-thon, said Mrs. Maureen Kelly, the Administrative Assistant who organizes the event each year.

"The Library is outdated and needs to be spruced up!" she said.

This year marks the second time in its history that the Walk-a-thon will be raising money for the same project two years in a row. The Chemistry Lab was the other project funded that way.

The Walk-a-thon shirts this year will

be grey and were chosen and designed by Principal Bro. Thomas Schady and Mrs. Kelly.

Since the Walk-a-thon began, the average fundraising goal per student for

Stanners to be rewarded with a day off from school has been \$70 dollars.

But to insure the Library restorations will be paid for this year, the goal per student has been raised to \$80 dollars.



From left, seniors Conor Burke, Nicholas Tommaso, Andrew Holman, Michael Stango, and Ryan Cheng show their solidarity at the 2009 Walk-a-thon. Stanners will once again be walking to raise money to pay for renovations for the Library. (File photo)

To encourage Stanners to meet that new goal, many prizes will be awarded, from free tuition to a droid phone and an I-pad. Several of the prizes are new for this year.

If every grade meets its target average, students will have the day off on Friday March 18th, the Day after St. Patrick's Day, which will enable Stanners to enjoy a four-day weekend.

The Walk-a-thon holiday usually is scheduled for a day in early December but Mrs. Kelly said this year's school calendar dictated that the day off be pushed back.

Throughout the history of the Walk-a-thon, Molloy has never failed to award every grade level a day off.

But Mrs. Kelly warns that if an individual grade does not meet its goal, school will be held just for them.

It has never rained on a Walk-a-thon day and most students don't know how they would respond if it ever did.

"I would stay home!" one sophomore joked.

Mrs. Kelly thinks that Molloy will always defy the odds. "It will never rain on the Molloy parade," she said.

I AM Green knows the way to Rockaway Beach

By **Stephanie Olcese '12 and Victoria Tan '12**

Molloy's Environmental Club, "I AM Green," has participated in several beach clean-ups at Rockaway Beach over the past five years, a tradition started by Susan Zheng, a member of the Class of 2010.

The beach clean-up is sponsored by The American Littoral Society (TALS), an environmental organization which promotes maintaining clean and healthy shorelines.

Club Moderator Mr. Chris Dougherty said the annual clean-up takes place on a ten-block stretch, which is about a half a mile of the Rockaway Beach.

Twenty-eight Stanners joined in on the action after school on Tuesday Oct. 19, arriving at the beach before 4 p.m.

There, Mr. Dougherty said, the group was split into, "three-person teams, with a garbage picker-upper, a garbage holder, and a record keeper. These jobs are rotated every twenty minutes; it's great because everyone feels involved."

Each team was given gloves, garbage bags supplied by TALS, and scorecard-like sheets, which Mr. Dougherty said was important because "we tally and mark every item found."

When asked about the most surprising and strangest items discovered over the years, a few knowing looks were shared amongst club members.

"We once found a dead duck," Mr. Dougherty said, pausing as if to let the statement sink in, "and a maggot-filled cardboard box stuffed with frozen hamburgers. Both on the same trip!"

"Sometimes we even find random car parts, but I mean, this is wrong. The beach is not your public garbage can," he said.

Of all the trash found, food wrappers are common, as well as cigarettes, which according to past participants, have numbered "no less than 3,000" on each trip, which the club considers an astounding yet dismaying fact.

Senior T.J. Darcy said, "Everyone just throws their cigarettes under the boardwalk as they walk."

Mr. Dougherty said, "Sand becomes the ideal ashtray. But as the sand moves inward, all the litter and cigarettes collect and accumulate at the foot of the boardwalk. Those of us who are veterans aren't really that surprised anymore [by what they see]. Anyone new is always totally shocked."

After the students are done cleaning the ten-block length of beach, garbage that can be recycled is separated into one bag and brought back to Molloy, while the rest is placed into existing garbage pails on the beach.

As a tasty reward after a distasteful job, the club treated itself to food at a nearby eatery.

By the end of the day, everyone left with a feeling of accomplishment and a "really cool" plaque awarded to the club by TALS.

"I'm always impressed by their work ethic," Mr. Dougherty said.

"Everyone completes the task. It shows that you can really make a difference when you commit to one environmental goal and accomplish it. The sad thing is, you also learn that

some other people don't really care [about the environment]."

In addition to this beach clean-up, the club has thought of other ways to make the world "greener."

"Our used book sale during the first week of school brought in almost \$200," said Mr. Dougherty, who added that the money goes to support pro-environment activities.

The club also sponsored an electronics recycling day, which was very successful.

"We went to the Green Bean Cafe afterwards," said Mr. Dougherty. "It's organic and all the kids loved it! We'll definitely be having one or two more e-waste events, and, of course, we always have the lunchtime recycling."

Mr. Dougherty has even more plans up his sleeve for this year.

"We'll have the trash clean-up during the Walk-a-thon," he said, smiling. "You know, to help beautify Briarwood. And every spring we always take a trip to the Museum of Natural History, followed by lunch at the Shake Shack."

"In May or June, we'll probably hold Operation Cleansweep. Then, there's always an environmental movie or two during the year."

Mr. Dougherty appreciates student suggestions.

"A lot of times, students come up with little projects on their own and that's just great," he said.

Senior Sarah Prieto said what she likes most about being a part of "I AM Green" is that, "it's a lot of fun, and so rewarding because we actually get the chance to help out, even if it's in the slightest ways."



Stanners clean Rockaway Beach last year. (File photo)

Soccer runs hot & cold

The Boys Varsity Soccer team went on a five-game winning streak from Sept. 17 to Sept. 28, during which time the Stanners outscored their opponents 20-2.

Molloy, which is 8-2-1 in league play and 8-5-1 overall, has seven shutout victories to its credit including four during its winning streak.

The Girls Varsity Soccer team started the season off well, winning four of its first six games including routs of St. Dominic (6-1), St. Mary's (5-0) and Holy Trinity (3-0).

However, a four-match losing streak has dropped the team's league record to 4-6-0.

Despite their up and down seasons, Athletic Director Mr. Mike McCleary is optimistic about the future.

"Our teams tend to play well in the playoffs," he said, "so we hope that happens again this year."

The undefeated Girls Junior Varsity Soccer team, meanwhile, has outscored its opponents 24-6 in posting a 4-0-1 record, while the Boys JV team is 4-4 on the season.

The Varsity Volleyball team is off to a 5-2 start with its only two losses of the season coming at the hands of Fontbonne Hall. Molloy's five victories have all been by a 3-0 margin.

The JV Volleyball team has started the season 5-1. The Stanners split their two matches with Fontbonne Hall, winning the first 3-0 on Sept. 20 before losing the second 0-3 on Oct. 1.

The Varsity Girls Tennis team opens the playoffs Oct. 21 as the No. 3 seed.



Sophomore Angelo Luongo dribbles through two defenders from Fordham Prep during the Varsity's 2-1 loss at home on Oct. 5.



Junior Cathryn Brown chases a St. Anthony's player during the Varsity's 3-0 loss at Alley Pond Park on Oct. 7. (Photos by Mr. James Sheldon)

Senior Tyler Bay wins Fun Run 5K

By Karla Hernandez '12 and Noelia Morales '12

The 23rd Annual Andrew Harvey Fun Run through the streets of Briarwood and back to Molloy on Sunday Oct. 3 was as successful as ever, said Mr. Frank Gambino, the fundraising event's organizer.

A total of 175 runners, most of whom were Molloy alumni and current students, participated in either the five-kilometer run through the neighborhood or the mile run around the track.

About 25 children, ages three to 12 participated in 55-meter or 100-meter dashes, with all the children receiving medals.

Senior Tyler Bay won the men's five-kilometer run in a time of 17 minutes, 17.5 seconds, with junior Robert Rossi second, and alum Mike McHugh third.

Heather Zimmerman, an adult running the race, won the women's 5K in 20:42 and junior Melissa Fesler was the top student finisher in 23:05.

"Our students do run hard," said Mr. Gambino, one of Molloy's cross country coaches. "We treat it as a workout."

The event raised \$500 for Molloy.

Mr. Gambino said many of the adults who took part in this year's Fun Run are former Molloy students and runners.

He said many return each year to participate and have a wonderful time running with Molloy's current students.

Here are the students who finished in the top ten in the two Fun Runs:

Men's 5-kilometer run: 1. Tyler Bay, 17:17.5; 2. Robert Rossi, 18:34; 4. Mark Perkowski, 18:47; 5. David Champlin, 18:58; 6. Chris Guevarra, 19:09; 7. William Burkart, 19:14; 10. Nick Yurisak, 20:10.

Women's 5-kilometer run: 4. Melissa Fesler, 23:05; 7. Julia Rosa, 25:52.

Boys mile run: 1. Branden Warders, 7:09; 2. Stephen Slusarski, 7:13; 3. Justin McBride, 7:24; 4. Matthew Cazilas, 7:46; 5. Adam Wondolowski, 7:49; 7. Patrick Cashin, 7:51; 9. Tom Morreale, 8:17; 10. Adam Bakatsias, 8:19.

Girls mile run: 1. Arianna Prokas, 9:20; Theresa Arcidiacono, 9:22; 3. Irina Arias, 10:21; 4. Amanda Pape, 10:25; 5. Katie Wenzler, 11:00; 6. Idamarie Pennolino, 11:11; 7. Romica Mitton, 11:14; 8. Katarina Vucetic, 11:14; 10. Jacqueline Quinones, 11:37.



Tyler Bay

Boys dominate the Brooklyn-Queens Soph X-C meet while girls finish 2nd

Molloy placed all seven of its runners in among the top 13 finishers to easily win the Sophomore Boys Brooklyn-Queens Sectional Cross Country Championship on Oct. 13 in Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx.

Molloy finished with 23 points as second place Bishop Ford was 36 points behind.

In cross country meets, the team with the lowest score wins.

Dillon Scibelli finished second in the individual competition, completing the 4,000-meter course in 14 minutes, 41.19 seconds, finishing 3.05 seconds behind gold medal winner Grant Barclay of St. John's Prep.

Individuals: 2. Dillon Scibelli, 14:41.19; 5. Patrick Goldberg, 15:57.26; 6. Gerald Corrigan, 16:14.40; 9. Jonathan Toneato, 16:24.70; 10. Darren James, 16:28.40; 13. James Mercer, 17:12.38.

Team Scores: 1. Molloy, 23 points, 2. Ford, 59; 3. McClaney, 71; 4. Loughlin, 108; 5. St. Francis Prep, 119.

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Led by Samaria Filosa's bronze medal performance, Molloy's Sophomore Girls Cross Country team finished second at the 2010 Brooklyn-Queens Sectional Championships on Oct. 13 in Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx.

Bishop Kearney won the team title with 46 points and Molloy was second with 51 points.

In cross country meets, the team with the lowest score wins.

Filosa ran the 4,000-meter course in 19 minutes, 33.48 seconds, finishing less than 95 seconds behind gold medal winner Cristina Martello of The Mary Louis Academy.

Here are Molloy's results:

Individuals: 3. Samaria Filosa, 19:33.48; 7. Rebecca Verrone, 20:39.19; 11. Chrysalis Terrado, 21:15.81; 13. Louise Pajor, 21:26.85; 17. Kelly Michalak, 22:20.43; 23. Mary Edward, 24:06.52; 27. Ololade Afolayan, 25:14.73.

Team Scores: 1. Kearney 46 points; 2. Molloy 51; 3. Mary Louis 57; 4. St. Francis Prep 77; 5. Ford 134.

Seniors Ghosh, Rooney are named AP Scholars

Two Molloy seniors, Kanad Ghosh and Mary T. Rooney, were named Advanced Placement Scholars with Honor in recognition of their exceptional achievement on AP exams.

The AP Scholars with Honor Award is given to students who earn an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken, with no score lower than a 3 on four or more of these exams.

Fourteen seniors earned AP Scholar Awards for completing three or more AP exams with scores of 3 or higher:

Arleen Aguasvivas; Lauren DeMarco; Melissa Evelyn; Amanda Gonzalez; Victoria Jimenez; Evan Kearney; Judy Li; Daniel Morales; Derek Netto; Carolina Ortiz; Mark Puglia; Derek Sokolowski; Christopher Vasile; and Isobel Williams.