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## *New skorts coming up short of code*

By Stephanie Jaipaul '13

Many Stanners were happy to learn last spring that Molloy was switching from Marlou to Lands' End as its official school uniform provider because the old uniforms had so many problems.

The girls' uniform Oxford shirts didn't fit well and kept becoming untucked from the girls' skirts, which also didn't fit some girls very well.

As a result, all incoming frosh, and any sophomore, junior, or senior who chose to make the switch, are sporting new Lands' End uniforms.

The biggest changes are in the girls' uniforms which feature dark blue, light blue and white fitted shirts which don't need to be tucked in and new skorts.

But these new uniforms are now causing some new problems mostly involving the length and fit of the skorts.

The first problem was that some frosh had their Lands' End uniforms delivered so late that they didn't have a uniform to wear for the first day of school on Sept. 7.

Mr. Ken Auer, Assistant Principal for Students, spoke to Lands End and discovered that the cause of the late deliveries was that the frosh had ordered their uniforms too late

to arrive on time.

This problem could occur again next year because the stocks can run out due to the fact that Lands' End supplies uniforms for many schools, some of whom start classes much earlier than Molloy.

So Mr. Auer advises students to order early next summer and not wait until the last minute.

Another problem with the new uniforms is that the girls' skorts are either too short or too long for some girls and Lands' End doesn't seem to offer a size that is "just right" for everyone at Molloy.

Because the long skorts hang far below the knee, many girls ordered the short version, unaware that it would cause any problems.

Mr. Auer first saw exactly how short these short skorts were on some girls when they walked into school on the first day of classes.

He said the sample skorts Molloy ordered last year were tried on by both tall and short girls, and the skorts weren't too short or too long for either body type.

Mr. Auer said he expected girls would order skorts based on their individual height but now realizes that didn't happen.

Mr. Auer said Molloy might work with Lands' End to eliminate the short skirts for Molloy next year and offer instead a style that hangs



Frosh Camille Dupiton, left, and Angelica Carpenter model the desired skort length. (Photos by Melissa Gabriel '12)

just above the knee.

Mr. Auer has told girls who are wearing skorts that the have been deemed to be too short that they won't be allowed to wear them for much longer.

Mr. Auer is telling those girls that they must order new, longer skorts.

"The girls ordered wrong and should have ordered the skirt that corresponds to their height, which is obeying the dress code," Mr. Auer said.

Considering the fact that Molloy approved of Lands' End as its uniform company, students and parents could access its website from a link on Molloy's official website, and short skorts were listed as a uniform option, Mr Auer was asked if it's fair to ask those girls to order new skorts.

"Again, it was their fault for ordering the wrong skirt and not checking with the school rules," Mr. Auer said. "So it wasn't Molloy's

fault for not checking on the length of the skirt before buying it."

Mr. Auer said short skorts were made part of the uniform because, "the school has a lot of shorter girls and the incoming freshmen are also short. They didn't deserve to have a skirt that is very long on them. Girls just had to know their sizing."

Mr. Auer said Lands' End has a good return policy and will accept returns even on skorts that have been worn for weeks.

"It shouldn't be a big hassle to return short skirts they have already bought to get longer ones," Mr Auer said.

The new skorts seem tighter than the old skirts, too, but Mr. Auer doesn't see that as a violation of the dress code and repeated that if girls ordered their right size, the skorts wouldn't be tight.

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Freshman Justin Esposito wears the new Lands' End fleece.



Margarita Lopez, left, and Lauren Durante wear khaki.

# Stanners, leave your mark!

Welcome back to a new school year, Stanners, and the beginning of a fresh start for both students and faculty!

New faculty members, incoming frosh and transfer students have joined the Molloy family.

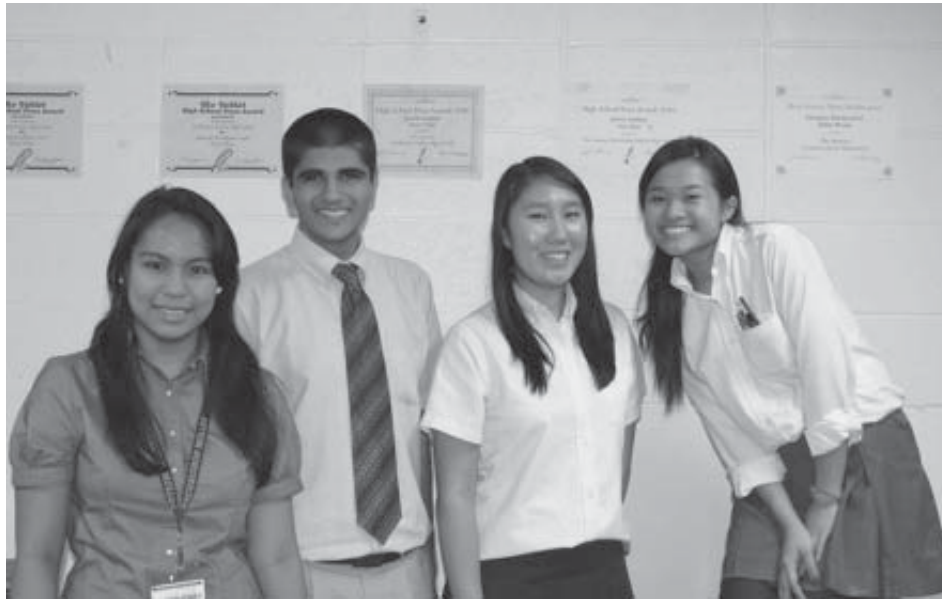
Along with new uniforms, new ID card lanyards, and the redesigned Library, Molloy's student newspaper, The Stanner also has been revamped!

While reading this issue, we hope you realize that a snazzy, new front page design has replaced the layout of last year's issue and that the newspaper is using a new typeface.

This new look is the result of a new editorial staff with junior Monish Pahilajani as Editor-in-Chief, senior Adrienne Zhou as Managing Editor, senior Natalie Look as News Editor and sophomore Pamela Decolongon as Photo/Layout editor.

The start of a new school year brings the first of many editorials which will offer advice to our fellow Stanners and to the Molloy Administration about how to make the school and our lives better.

To the Class of 2015, we'd like to remind you that you will be exposed to a variety of new things and people. You should think of this year as a chance to start building a Molloy reputation



The Stanner's new editors: Pamela Decolongon, Monish Pahilajani, Natalie Look, and Adrienne Zhou. (Photo by Melissa Gabriel '12)

for yourselves.

Join whatever clubs, activities, or sports satisfy your interests.

Earn the highest grades you can because the world only gets more challenging after high school.

It all starts now. What you do this year as frosh will begin to form the personality and character you develop over the course of the next three years at Molloy.

To the Class of 2014, our sophomore "wise fools," we'd like to request that you don't live up to that name. The way you handle situations this year will continue to define who you are as a person.

Don't stress in silence about academics, relationships or your

social life. Don't be afraid or ashamed to ask for help from teachers and guidance counselors.

Sophomores taking Advanced Placement courses may start to see them as impossible burdens. But they just need to stay focused, do the work, and in May, it will all pay off.

Help out the frosh. Remember that you were a confused frosh only a year ago.

To The Class of 2013, we say congratulations on finally becoming upperclassmen with your top lockers.

You are halfway through your high school years. Welcome to the hardest year. It's when insomnia really kicks in because this year can decide much of your future.

Floaters, grab a life vest because if you continue to float through school, you're going to sink in the end.

The juniors who didn't work hard as frosh and sophomores should start now. After this year, it will be too late.

To the members of the Class of 2012, we say you're now the new leaders of Molloy.

This is your year to polish off the reputation you've been building throughout the past four years.

Take a deep breath as you walk through the doors, because this is it, your last year here. As you begin each day, remember that it could become one of the highlights of your high school experience when you look back at it years from now.

Seniors, this is your year to leave your mark on Molloy.

Know that no matter where life takes you next year, you'll probably end up missing Molloy, so make the most of this year.

Make logical decisions about college, friends, relationships, family, and get your priorities straight.

Good luck on your last year here and best wishes on all your future endeavors!

-- Monish Pahilajani '13  
and Sameera Sarah  
Kassim '13

## Stanners like new uniforms but...

### *What's up with the short skorts?*

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Mr. Auer thinks that the new uniform shirts for girls fit nicely and because they don't have to be tucked in there haven't been many problems with the way the girls are wearing the shirts.

Overall, Mr. Auer thinks the new uniform is a good change.

He said the uniform company was changed because of requests made by Student Council two years ago and he said most students feel good in the new uniform.

He said he has been getting all positive comments about the new uniforms with no negative ones. He has even heard some "thank you's" from students in the halls.

The students seem to like the uniforms, too, despite some minor complaints.

Junior Cara Salvatore loves the new Lands' End skorts and agrees with Mr. Auer, saying the skorts are too tight or too short only if the

wrong size was ordered.

She likes the new fabric because it is "comfy," even though it's a little wrinkly, and they look nicer.

Salvatore's only complaints are that skorts don't stretch as the old skirts did and the skorts come in khaki and blue but not gray.

Salvatore loves the new shirts because they aren't tucked in and have three-quarter length sleeves. However, she doesn't care for the puffy sleeves.

Salvatore said it would more practical if the shirts had pockets but they look nicer without them.

"The school looks much more modern and professional with the new uniform," Salvatore said.

Junior Kelly Michalak is glad shorter skorts are an option.

"They are a little tight and run small, but I kind of like it that way because I am small," she said.

Michalak said she didn't like the skort's outer fabric but the shorts underneath are soft. She misses

how the old Marlou skirts stretched because it was easier to sit, but she doesn't mind these skorts.

Michalak said new blouses have nicer fabric but she doesn't like the puffy sleeves saying, "It's just not my style."

Michalak said the fact that the new shirts don't have to be tucked in will mean a lot less detention for girls.

Frosh Reah Rajmangal never wore the old uniform but said the Lands' End skorts are comfortable.

"It has a short pants underneath it, which makes you feel much

more comfortable in school, and the material of the skirt itself is also strong and durable," she said.

Rajmangal said the best thing about the skorts is the adjustable elastic band at the back.

Rajmangal thinks that Molloy is being fair in asking girls who bought skorts that are too short for the dress code to buy a new ones because girls shouldn't wear skorts that barely fit them.

Rajmangal doesn't mind the puffy sleeves but doesn't like the fact that there are no pockets to hold money, pens, and I.D. Cards.

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# Snazzy library pumps up Molloy

By Anna Poulakas '14

The smell of freshly painted walls and newly sanded wood hit Stanners when they first walked into Archbishop Molloy's newly renovated Library in September.

The new design and layout has turned the Library into more of a computer-oriented research center in an attempt to keep Molloy on the forefront of technology.

Sophomore Ryan Quigley loved the new look and said the atmosphere alone is inviting.

Librarian Ms. Dorothy DeNoto is thrilled with the renovations because they have resulted in more Stanners using the Library.

She said students are more eager, serious, and focused in the Library than in the past, sitting down at a table and immediately getting to work.

Sophomore Shannon Pizzella said the new Library is the ideal place for researching information for a major project.

Juniors Christian Ovalle and Bryan Nunez are looking forward to their next big project so they can use all the Library's new resources.

Ms. DeNoto is strictly enforcing the Library's "no talking" rule this year and it has helped students be



The new computer room in the Library can accommodate an entire class. (Photo by Melissa Gabriel '12)

much more focused.

She said students seem to appreciate working in this new environment. "It's an amazing transformation," she said.

The Library had 25 computers last year but now has room for up to 54 new Dell computers.

A conference room was added at the east end of the Library by taking away a storage room.

Sophomores Arianna Prokos and Mariyanthie Linaris said computers are used daily by Stanners to do homework, and

having them available in school is very convenient.

Although the renovations have made the Library seem more a place for computers than books, Ms. DeNoto said it will still have books, just not as many as in the past.

Before the renovation, all the books in the Library were taken off the shelves and many were and either recycled or donated.

Ms. DeNoto said the Library has many new books with more on the way. Most new books will be fiction

because they are read most.

Molloy's Book Club created a list of popular fiction books it would like to see added and Ms. DeNoto has asked some academic department chairpersons for suggestions.

In time, Ms. DeNoto hopes to see Stanners using e-readers in the Library.

Eight of 10 Stanners interviewed preferred doing research on computers rather than books, newspapers or magazines.

But for students who prefer using books, Ms. DeNoto said research books will still be available, just not as many.

Eventually Ms. DeNoto hopes an entire class can come to the Library to use the computers.

During juniors and seniors' free periods, the Library is available for them to do homework, projects, reading and research on the computers.

In the past, students could do group work quietly during the school day but Ms. DeNoto now wants groups to work after 2 p.m.

The Library is open every day from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. but Ms. DeNoto said she may extend those hours.

## Not all Regents exams flawless

By Roberto Bertolini '13

The Board of Regents of New York State admitted that several errors were found in the June 2011 Algebra 2/Trigonometry and the August 2011 Global History and Geography Regents exams but no

Stanners' grades were affected thanks to Ms. Jeanne Longerano.

The Regents Board sent an e-mail out to all New York State schools during the summer advising teachers and administrators to adjust the students' scores to make up for these errors.

The Algebra 2/Trigonometry Regents had mistakes in a Part II Free-Response question so that the question could be misinterpreted.

The Global Regents had a error in the scaffolding question.

The math errors were caught by Mathematics Dept. Chairperson

Ms. Longerano before the graded exams were sent back to the state with final marks, so no Stanner grades were affected.

Molloy does not administer the August Regents, so no Stanners were affected by those mistakes.

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## Molloy graced with new teachers

By Noelia Morales '12

Archbishop Molloy High School welcomed four new teachers this fall, Mr. Fabian Chong in the Science Department, Ms. Danielle Choo in the Math Department, Mr. Daniel Quinn in the Social Studies Department, and Bro. Kenneth Hogan, who replaces Bro. James Norton for the fall semester in the Guidance Dept.

Mr. Chong also is the new Girls Varsity Soccer coach.

In addition, Ms. Ya-Ting Yang, who filled in for Mr. Greg Leonardo last year as Band Director, was hired as a full-time music teacher after Mr. Leonardo retired.

Ms. Choo, teaching Geometry and Introduction to Calculus, graduated from General Douglas MacArthur High School in Nassau County, Marist College with an undergraduate degree in Mathematics Education, and The

New York Institute of Technology with a graduate degree in Instructional Technology.

She was involved in many extracurricular activities in high school such as National Honor Society and a community service club.

"I think it is important for students to get involved in their school and neighborhood in order to reach to the full potential of their education," Ms. Choo said.

Ms. Choo decided to come teach at Molloy to continue the Marist experience she had in college.

"Molloy focuses on creating a well-rounded individual and learning does not end once students exit the school doors," Ms. Choo said, "I am happy to join the Molloy community and am looking forward to the rest of this upcoming year!"

Ms. Choo feels that the students

and the staff at Molloy have been very welcoming and she is excited to work with everyone.

Mr. Quinn, who graduated from Molloy in 2000, was a varsity swimmer before moving on to Saint Francis College in Brooklyn where he majored in History.

Mr. Quinn, who teaches Global I and II, said, "I always thought when I was in high school that I might want to become a teacher based on my experience here."

Before teaching at Molloy, Mr. Quinn taught at Saint Edmund Preparatory High School in Brooklyn.

Now being back at Molloy brings back memories of when he was a student.

"So far teaching here has been a great time," Mr. Quinn said. "The students here have been very friendly and receptive and promote a positive atmosphere."



Mr. Dan Quinn teaches history. (Photo by Melissa Gabriel '12)

# Fun for all at 2011 Fresh



Wearing their camp t-shirts, members of the Class of 2015 sing songs on the banks of the Hudson River during Freshman Camp 2011. (Photo by Mr. Jim Sheldon)



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## By George Gulino '14

Freshman Camp 2011 saw 116 soon-to-be Stanners spend a week getting to know each other and other members of the Molloy community at the Marist Brothers Retreat House in Esopus from July 10-16.

The 58 boys and 58 girls were chosen by lottery from about 180 applicants because not all who apply can go due to housing limitations at the Retreat House.

Freshman Brian McNamee definitely enjoyed himself. "I had a great time," he said. "I went to Esopus expecting some great experiences and expecting to make new friends, but the week was better than anything I could have imagined. Playing Flag was the best part.

"Camp made the first few days here at Molloy a lot easier because I was able to walk down the

hallways and see the people I had met during the summer," McNamee said.

Fifty-four Stanners helped out at Freshman Camp this year, a small increase from the 50 who helped the year before, as 18 sophomores, 16 juniors, and 20 seniors joined the camp crew.

The sophomores worked on the kitchen crew while the upperclassmen were given their traditional roles of leading the activities at the camp under the supervision of Mr. Jim Sheldon, the camp organizer.

Mr. Sheldon was very pleased with the work of these upperclassmen.

"The juniors and seniors worked very well as a team to get the job done," he said. "They concentrated on having really good teamwork. They were all so great."

The number of faculty members who volunteered rose from 28 in 2010 to 34 in 2011.

Mr. Sheldon expressed his gratitude, in no particular order of importance, for the work of Bro. John Raeihle, Mr. Brian Kelly, Mrs. Maureen Kelly, Mr. Mark Sweeney, Mr. Brian Klimas, and Bro. James Maher.

Mr. Sheldon said a successful camp would not have been possible without the work of all the volunteers, including 15 alumni.

Mr. Sheldon was particularly happy with the incoming frosh at the camp.

"The purpose of Freshman Camp is to give the incoming freshman the opportunity to become acquainted with faculty, older students, and their fellow classmates before they start school," he said. "The freshmen at this year's camp were very enthusiastic about this and very cooperative."



Two boys, left, take part in a wheelbarrow race in the gym while both girls and boys, above, cool off on a hot July day by floating around in the pool at Esopus during Freshman Camp. (Photos by Mr. Jim Sheldon)

# Freshman Camp

Mr. Sheldon said this year's camp featured some new additions to the traditional Freshman Camp activities of Flag, swimming, sports, group discussions, and tubing the Esopus River.

"We went roller skating and took everyone to a new local water park, Splashdown Mountain," he said. "We're always looking to make the camp better and to try new things to provide a better experience for the freshmen."

Mr. Sheldon said, "Seeing Bro. John on roller skates and then my crashing into him was probably the funniest thing that happened."

Frosh Travis Reilly said, "I expected camp to be mostly about athletically demanding activities, but even though the other things we did weren't what I had expected, when combined with the sports they made a good combination."

Reilly said Mr. Sheldon's sarcasm was the funniest part of the experience and he liked playing Flag and the Camp Wars.

"Making some new friends [at camp] made the first few days [of school] a lot easier," Reilly said.

Frosh Claudia Zurek said, "I expected the camp to be fun, but it ended up being above and beyond my expectations. I am definitely happy that I decided to go because it was really worthwhile."

"I got a lot of laughs from watching the people I knew would be my teachers at Molloy roller skating. It isn't often that you have that kind of experience," she said.

Like many of her peers, Zurek's favorite memory was Camp Wars.

She said the ice breakers at Freshman Camp made the first few days of school easier to handle and much less nerve wracking.

Of course, the frosh weren't the only ones who enjoyed themselves.

Niall Fox volunteered to be on the sophomore kitchen crew and had fun on and off the job.

"It's a great opportunity to welcome people into Molloy," Fox said. "The whole experience was lots of fun. Esopus never disappoints. Kitchen crew was fun, but playing Flag was the best part. We played on three of the days."

He said the frosh "were fun, outgoing and nice. If I see some of them in the hallway, I'll still say hello."

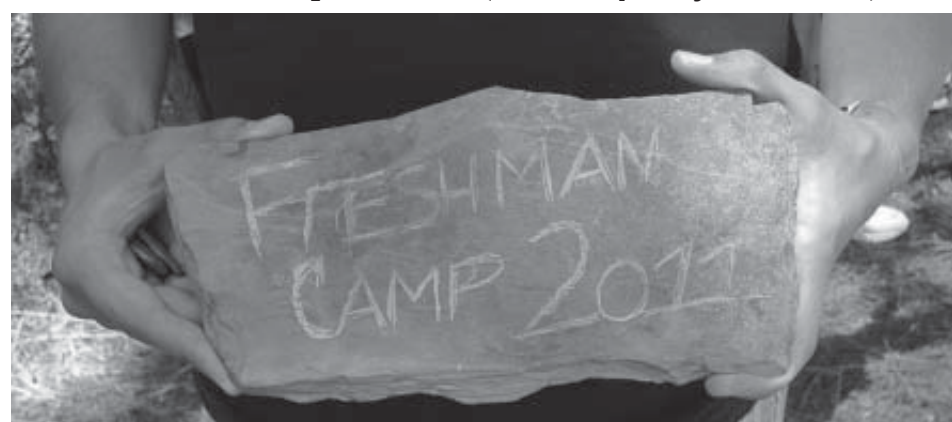
Sophomore Brian Hurley worked on the kitchen crew washing dishes.

"Even though I helped wash dishes, the whole week was fun and I even had fun on the job," he said. "I volunteered because Freshman Camp had been so fun for me the year before, so why not do it again?"

Mr. Sheldon's favorite memory from that week occurred "on the last night after Camp War had ended. The camp broke out into song to the rhythm of guitars. I came away from the entire thing with a very positive impression of the incoming freshmen to the point that I can easily say that if this year goes as well as camp, it is going to be a great year."



After taking a break from playing hockey, above, the Class of 2015 left their mark at Esopus, below. (Photos by Mr. Jim Sheldon)



## Diverse Class of 2015 finds its way through crowded hallways

By Kirsten E. Paulson '13

As the last golden days of summer give way to the amber season of autumn, Stanners return to Molloy for another year of classes, books and learning.

For some of them, it's just another year. For the Class of 2015, however, it's an academic milestone.

This year's frosh class, consisting of 386 students, was described by Assistant Principal for Academics Sister Elizabeth Bickar as "exceptionally attentive and eager."

"We noticed the very first day when we gathered there in the gym, they were very quiet and they looked up at us as if everything we said was the most important thing in the world," said Sister Elizabeth.

The new ninth graders are all academically bright given Molloy's selective standards of acceptance, with incoming students usually scoring in the top 25th percentile on the TACHS test and having sixth, seventh, eighth grade marks in the nineties or high eighties.

Most members of the Class of 2015 come from Queens, but there are a number of students who live in Nassau County and in other New York City boroughs.

Approximately 80 percent of the frosh had previously attended a Catholic school while about 20 percent came from public schools.

The various ethnic and religious backgrounds of the members of the Class of 2015 are as diverse as the city in which they live.

"We certainly reflect the diversity of Queens County," Sister Elizabeth said. "Queens County is, I think, the most ethnically diverse county in the country."

She also notes that the frosh were "very orderly and mature on their first day in the cafeteria" in contrast to previous years, and said that the teachers have reported only good things about the new Stanners.

The frosh also had generally good impressions of Molloy during their first week.

Rayn Lagtapon, who graduated from St. Bartholomew's in Elmhurst, chose to attend Molloy mainly because she has cousins who are Stanners.

Crowded hallways dominated Lagtapon's first impressions of the school.

"Many kids stay and chat in the hallways, making it crowded," she

said. "It's still an interesting school though, and I want to experience the enjoyable activities it offers."

Maria Kasper, who attended P.S. 146 in Howard Beach, said choosing to come to Molloy "wasn't a hard decision. My dad attended Molloy and I've always known I've wanted to come here. I love it. It's just what I expected."

Liana Liang, from Our Lady of Mercy in Forest Hills, chose Molloy because of its reputation as an excellent school and its renown for its exceptional sports program.

"It's been really easy to adjust, but I have a feeling it's going to get harder," she said.

Isabella Mezzettone, who also graduated from Our Lady of Mercy, said she decided to attend Molloy because, "I really liked the Open Houses. A lot of people from my school also go here. I did a bit of research, and I just fell in love with the school."

Mezzettone finds that the students and staff of Molloy are nice people and that her classes are relatively easy.

Olivia Kielczewski, of St. Matthias in Ridgewood, also said that Molloy's Open Houses were factors in her decision to become a Stanner and that clubs, such as the Anime Club, also played an important part in her decision.

"The atmosphere just felt cool and casual and everybody was really nice," she said. "The first day was really confusing though. I had a hard time getting my locker open and getting between classes was a little difficult, too. Overall, though, it feels like family. I thought it would be harder to adjust. It really gives meaning to 'Not for school, but for life.'"

Ewa Gerlak, also from St. Matthias, chose Molloy because of its academic excellence and its large number of sports and clubs.

"The first day," she said, "was overwhelming, especially between switching classes and having trouble opening my locker. I thought that there would be more time to get between classes. I also expected it to be a lot more strict and disciplined."

Sister Elizabeth had a few words of advice for the new Stanners.

"Go with the flow but work hard," she said. "It sounds very banal, but do your homework. I think the best advice is to take advantage of what Molloy has to offer. Join clubs. Go on retreats. Make friends. The best thing is to have fun over your four years. I think that's important."

# Detention deported to Room 225

By **Stephanie Bonanno '13** and **Jaclyn Eng '13**

Ever since Molloy first opened in 1957, whenever Stanners heard the words "Room 123," they would immediately think, "Detention!"

Not anymore.

With it now serving as the new attendance office, the Administration has had to find a new home for both the after school detention room and in-school study hall that Room 123 was last year.

Room 225 is new detention room but finding a new study hall has proven to be more difficult.

Study hall rotates between Rooms 221, 222, 302, 309 and 330 depending on day and time with it never being in the same room twice on any given day. The schedule depends on which classroom is empty at the time.

Changing Room 123 to the attendance room was discussed by

the Administration before the change was made.

"There were too many different places [for students] to get late passes," said Mr. Ken Auer, Assistant Principal for Students. "We wanted to make one place for students to get late passes instead of going to all different places."



Room 123 no longer means detention. (Photo by Adrienne Zhou)

So far, the new detention room has worked out well as everyone found out about the changes at the students assemblies during the first week of school, Mr. Auer said.

Room 123 in Molloy history was synonymous with detention but now that tradition has been broken.

This is the second time that

Molloy has turned classroom space into office space, the first being the decision to turn two classrooms into the Alumni Office.

"We need more space for everything," said Mr. Auer. "I wished every club and sports team had its own room for meetings."

Mr. Auer said the lack of space may force Molloy to someday "open up part of the fourth floor" where now teachers have offices and some Marist brothers still live.

Junior Cara Salvatore said she is unaffected by Room 123's change.

"I've always tried to stay out of there. It scares me," she said with a laugh. "But I think it's a good idea because the first floor will be less crowded."

Junior Melissa Foley, however, doesn't like the loss of Room 123 as a study hall.

"People will be confused about where they are going [for study hall]," she said.

## Jr-Sr College Night Oct. 6

By **Megan Wenzler '12** and **Sandy Zaw '12**

Molloy's annual Junior-Senior College Night will be held Thursday Oct. 6 at 7 p.m. in the Jack Curran Gym, giving Stanners an opportunity to become college brochure hoarders.

With Mr. Kerry Hughes stepping down this year as Molloy's college guidance counselor to become a personal guidance counselor, College Night will be run by Mrs. Christine Loo and Mr. Ted McGuinness.

College Night gives juniors, seniors, and their parents the chance to talk with representatives from many colleges and universities about their schools.

Among the New York City schools expected to send representatives are Columbia University, Fordham University, Cooper Union, Sophie Davis College and many other CUNY campuses.

Some of the New York area Catholic colleges that will be there are Marist, Molloy and Mount Saint Mary's.

A few of the schools new to College Night are the University of Michigan, Stevens Institute of Technology, Vassar College and the University of Scranton.

While juniors are a year away from starting the process, seniors already have begun the task of applying to colleges.

Mrs. Loo said it's not too late for seniors to benefit from attending College Night because they can still

## Frosh Survival Guide



Adrienne Zhou '12

Dear frosh:

You've been at Molloy for over two weeks. Feeling at home yet?

There is much to love about Molloy so here are four tips from a former frosh to help you make the best of it.

First: Watch out for those book bags, the ones you pack so full that they stick out three feet behind you. They pose a danger to those around you when you spin around in the hallway after realizing that your next class actually is on the other side of the building.

School nurse Mrs. Kathy Forgione says that carrying a bag that weighs more than 10 percent of your body weight can be harmful.

To avoid leaving Molloy hunched over with back pain, do not carry around the entire contents of your locker all day long. Pack only what you need. Your teachers will be happy, too, as they will appreciate being able to walk up and down the aisles without tripping.

learn more about the colleges they are interested in and learn about some new college possibilities.

Juniors are in the best position to benefit as Mrs. Loo said it's the right time to start thinking about what colleges they might apply to in a year's time.

Last year, Molloy offered its first Sophomore College Night and it will return again in the future but

Second: The hallways are the blood vessels of Molloy and often frosh are the plaque that blocks the flow. This congestion can cause heart attacks in seniors. I understand that you're not entirely aware of what's going on around you right now but please don't be plaque.

Don't park in front of lockers or camp outside open classroom doors because you will peeve other students trying to get to class on time.

Third: Stay on top of your schoolwork. Use your planner and stay organized. The work may be stressful sometimes but academic success is possible. Your classes at Molloy may require you to be more involved in learning than you were in grade school and you may have to work harder but that doesn't mean your teacher is "out to get you."

You can't go back to re-do freshman year after realizing as a senior that your previous slacking off ruined your chances of getting into the college of your dreams. So work hard consistently and always do your best. Don't be afraid to ask

questions, attend extra help sessions, get tutoring, or start a study group.

Fourth: Don't be part of the "two o'clock club." It doesn't count for anything on your transcript. Join clubs that do things you're passionate about.

This is an opportune time to try new things, so you may discover that you love discussing philosophy with the I.Q. Club, or writing for the literary magazine, or saving the earth with the environment club.

You can make new friends, learn more about what you enjoy, and make your transcript shine!

You're the youngest members of the student body but remember that the rest of us don't hate you — except when you suddenly bend down to tie your shoe in the middle of a crowded hallway or hit us with your book bag.

We are willing to help you with directions to the music room or information about a club. So ask! Take control of your life and make the best out of your first high school year.

Good luck!

this year it has been replaced by a question and answer session for senior and junior parents on Oct. 20 on Naviance, a computer program that Molloy has decided to use to help seniors apply to colleges.

Senior Manpreet Kaur is happy the Guidance Dept. has adopted Naviance, which already is being used at other Catholic schools.

"Welcome to the 21st century!,"

said Kaur. "I'm glad it's here because it'll keep people posted on [application] due dates."

Junior Elizabeth Governale said, "I think Naviance and College Night will both be helpful. They make the process of choosing a college easier. And College Night is even more interactive because you can actually talk to someone from that college."

# SMS volunteers in Lourdes, S.D.

By Karla Hernandez '12

In addition to Molloy's annual service trip to Lourdes in France last summer, Stanners in the St. Marcellin Society [SMS] traveled to South Dakota to work on a Sioux Indian Reservation, making it the first time the SMS has done a service trip in the United States.

The trip was so successful that SMS plans to do more domestic trips in the future, possibly setting their sights on homeless shelters in the tri-state area next summer.

The trip to the Rosebud Indian Reservation in South Dakota from June 25 to July 10 was planned by Mr. Chris Dougherty and Mr. Ed Cameron.

Compared to the number of volunteers that went to Lourdes, the South Dakota trip was intimate with just 14 people including Mr. Cameron, Mr. Dougherty, Ms. Elizabeth Reichert, and four alumni participating.

Six seniors made the trip: Camille De Vera, Mary Gallagher, Ryan Winters, Jacky Diaz, Tom Seubert and Jarrett Sledge.

The volunteers primarily worked on the reservation as camp counselors for kids ages 5-13 assembling arts and crafts, playing games, tending to injuries, and cleaning up after the kids.

The volunteers also participated in environmental work and working at a religious school on the reservation.

"What surprised me the most was how attached I got to the kids," said De Vera. "I still get phone calls, Facebook messages, and letters from the native children. I love them like my little siblings. I would love to go back and it would be great to have this trip every year for more people to reach out to the Native American community."

During free time, volunteers bonded in their trailer home, visited the Native Lakota Museums, went



Several members of the St. Marcellin Society worked at an Lakota Reservation in South Dakota. (Photo courtesy of Mr. Ed Cameron)

sightseeing at Mount Rushmore and other State Parks, and attended an authentic Native American powwow, which is similar to a fair with native dancers, music, food, and markets.

Stanners also went to mass every day said by Fr. Lachlan Cameron, who is Mr. Cameron's brother.

"The trip wasn't really advertised at school," said De Vera. "I found out about it through a friend and it really drew my attention because I was always fascinated by and admired Native Americans, even when I was younger.

"Everyone knows about third world countries in Africa, Asia, or Latin America, but no one knows that in our own backyard we have a poor sovereign nation with intense crime rates and poor education," she said. "The reservation was beautiful but you wouldn't be able to see that immediately due to the unfortunate social situation."

Senior Jackelyne Diaz said, "To know that poverty exists to this extent even in one of the richest

countries in the world really opened my eyes to the reality of life. It opened my eyes to the hardships that exist in my country.

"The Rosebud Reservation isn't the only one experiencing these difficulties. Other reservations, other Americans, other people need help too. They need people like us to lend a helping hand, to give them hope, to let them know that we care and they haven't been forgotten.

"All in all I'm much more aware of the reality of life in this country, but more specifically, that of the Native Americans. I can only say that this trip really did change my life and I can't wait for the next opportunity I have to go out and help my fellow Americans in need," she said.

Mr. Dougherty and the volunteers plan to hold fund-raising events at Molloy to send money to the Lakota tribe.

The seventh annual trip to Lourdes, meanwhile, took place from July 29 to Aug. 8 and the only senior who participated was Ryan

Vesey as about 30 alumni from the class of 2011 made up most of the group.

The Lourdes volunteers cared for the sick at the Hospitalite Notre-Dame de Lourdes.

The purpose of the trip is not for the volunteers to witness miracle cures but to grow in their faith and practice selflessness through volunteer work.

The trip was also a cultural experience as volunteers met people from all over Europe, ate ethnic foods, and expanded their linguistic horizons by hearing different languages spoken on a daily basis.

Unlike previous years, Bro. Pat Hogan was not able to attend.

"It was the first time I've ever gone without him," said Mr. Dougherty, wearing his Hospitalite de Notre Dame tie. "It was very different, especially since he and I started this project together. He is a big presence both literally and figuratively. A lot of kids missed having him there and it created an emptiness since most of the volunteers were recruited by him and were looking forward to having him there."

If students want to go on a SMS service trip next summer, they must attend an informational meeting at school and participate in an application process.

Further inquiries can be made to Mr. Cameron, Mr. Dougherty, or Bro. Pat Hogan.

The SMS is looking for Stanners who are searching to grow personally and spiritually, willing to work hard, and also willing to devote time and effort to a given cause.

"What we hope the students got out of the experiences is spiritual renewal through practicing Champagnat's vision of caring for those who are neglected," Mr. Cameron said.

## New Eucharistic Ministers of AM

By Manpreet Sachdev '13 and Cara Salvatore '13

Thirty-two new Eucharistic Ministers were installed at Molloy's annual Senior Liturgy on Sept. 27 in the Jack Curran Gym.

Campus Ministry Director Mr. Mike Germano considers 32 the "perfect" number for Molloy and it's the same number as last year.

These seniors will be involved in all Molloy liturgies, as well as doing for volunteer work in hospitals.

Mr. Germano said they are encouraged to be "a light of Christ for the down-trodden."

Students are self-selected as they answer a call to become Eucharistic

Ministers and this year's group comes in with excitement, commitment, and promise, said Mr. Germano.

He added that if any juniors are interested in becoming Eucharistic Ministers, the selection process begins in mid January and they should look for further information then in the school announcements.

Monika Nowak decided to become a Eucharistic Minister to serve God and to live the values of the Gospel.

Nowak easily qualified as a minister because of her experience working in St. Margaret's Parish as a tutor, in the Teen Association,

Youth Ministry, and Pro-Life group leader.

Fellow Eucharistic Minister Lauren Miller joined to be more involved with her faith and sees this as an opportunity to strengthen her relationship with God and increase her service to Molloy and to those in need.

The new Eucharistic Ministers are:

Lauren Alessandro, Cathryn Brown, Camille DeVera, Alexandra DiDonato, Alyssa Dolan, Claudia Fernandes, Caitriona Fox, Mary Gallagher, Jamie Giuntini, Julia Giuntini, Christopher Guevara, Thalia Guzman, Victoria Hanczyk, Karla Hernandez, Lauren Ippolito, Kathleen Loftus, Maria

Macchiarulo, Isabel Mendez, Liss Mendez, Lauren Miller, Kaitlin Mitacek, Rosemarie Mulligan, Monika Nowak, Pamela Ramirez, Maegen Reed, James Rogers, Katherine Rosero, Zulay Scottborgh, Caitlyn Ty, Megan Wenzler, Paige Whelan, Samson Zachariah.

### Activities Fair Oct. 3

Molloy will hold its first Activities Fair on Monday Oct. 3 in the Jack Curran Gym from 2-3:30 p.m.

Two student representatives from each club and activity will be present at tables around the gym to answer questions. Freshmen are encouraged to attend.

# Former Stanner Baxter now a Met

By Dina Mangialino '13

When people think of Archbishop Molloy, they do not only think of superior academics but outstanding sports as well.

One of the many CHSAA sports championships Molloy has won is the 2002 City Baseball Championship.

Outfielder Mike Baxter was an important member of that championship team and nine years later he is back home, playing for the New York Mets.

Baxter, 25, was called up from the minor League by the Mets on August 8 after being claimed on waivers from the San Diego Padres.

Baxter was waived after he recovered from surgery on torn ligaments in his thumb.

Baxter, who is batting .261 for 23 at-bats this season for the Mets, said that he "loves Molloy" and had "a great experience playing baseball at Molloy."

He said his days as a Stanner were some of the "most fun times" he has ever had and he recalls the 2002 baseball team as "a great

group of guys" who enjoyed playing for legendary coach Mr. Jack Curran.

Baxter not only has fond memories of his time on the baseball field but also his time in the classroom.

Baxter said Bro. James Maher's math class and Bro. James Vagan's Spanish class were among his favorites.

With so many Spanish-speaking teammates on the Mets, Baxter said Bro. James's "lessons always come in handy."

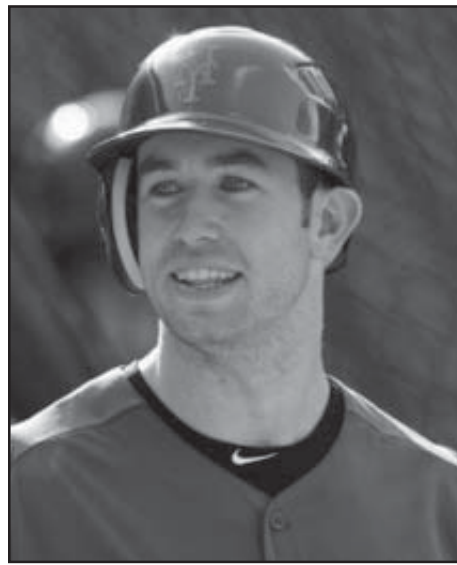
He also really enjoyed Mr. John Diorio's social studies and Mr. Jim Sheldon's science classes.

Baxter said he hopes to find the time to return to Molloy to see those teachers again.

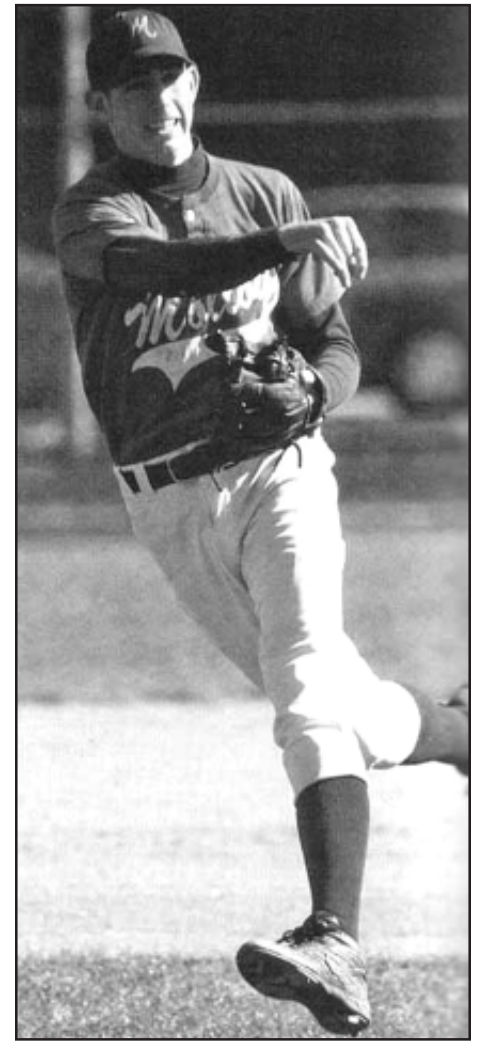
Baxter offered some advice for Molloy's current baseball players and all other athletes.

"Play hard every day because you never know who is watching," he said.

He said that as a high school athlete, you don't know what path your life is going to take, so you should try always to stay in the moment and do your best.



Mike Baxter, above, a member of Class of 2002, now wears a the uniform of the New York Mets but wore Molloy blue in 2002, right.



Baxter said he is very happy how things have turned out for him. "It's good to be home in Queens," he said.

## AM runners enjoy Vt. track camp

By Rashanna Seymour '13 and Annmarie Gaglio '13

Forty-four members of Molloy's Boys and Girls Track and Field teams attended the school's annual six-day track camp in August in West Dover, Vermont in an effort to improve their individual performances for the coming season.

The athletes worked out twice every day in both the mornings and afternoons with lunch and some break time in between.

The runners in their workouts utilized the many hiking and ski trails that criss-cross the hills of this skiing area in Vermont.

Juniors Dillon Scibelli and Kelly Michalak, who were attending their second track camp last month, said that the workouts were challenging.

Kelly added that the difficulty of the workouts really depended on

what event each athlete competes in during the season.

"If you're a sprinter, you have to run a certain distance, but if you're on the cross country team, you can choose to run farther than the people in those other events have to run," she said.

All those two-a-day workouts did their job, because both Michalak and Scibelli said track camp helped them become better and stronger runners.

Scibelli also said that being together with his teammates at camp improved team spirit.

Girls track coach Mr. Austin Power said that thanks to the camp, the cross country and track teams are "ready to have a successful season."

When not working out, the athletes had plenty of other things to do while staying in two rented houses in Vermont.

Board games, duckpin bowling, mini golf, campfires, and movie nights were all part of the fun of track camp.

The athletes hung out with their teammates at both the camp and nearby rivers and water holes.

Michalak's favorite memory of track camp was the bonfire where Mr. Frank Gambino, another Molloy track coach, made up songs related to their times at track camp.

The athletes and coaches said that this year's track camp was a success because everyone there had a great time and improved their running skills.

Mr. Power said that he would like to see track camp, which was started by head track coach Bro. Bob Andrews over 30 years ago and has been conducted in Vermont for at least 20 years, "continue for as long as there is a Molloy."



Junior Kelly Michalak

## Molloy catches math Regents exam mistakes just in time

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Assistant Principal for Academics Ms. Mary Ann Safrey is concerned about these errors, especially since the Algebra and Global Regents are required for graduation.

Ms. Safrey urges students not to worry about these mistakes but hopes the Board of Regents will come up with new ways to prevent future errors.

Mistakes in Regents exams are

nothing new as Ms. Safrey recalled some in the past in English.

Are Regents exams becoming less important in New York State?

Last year, all Foreign Language Regents were dropped and the English Regents was shortened from a two-day test to one.

It is uncertain as to whether more changes will be made.

"Advanced Placement exams are becoming more important and are

changing the curriculum on a national scale," Ms. Safrey said.

Not all New York Catholic High Schools follow the Regents curriculum, choosing to give final exams instead.

Ms. Safrey is not sure if Molloy will follow in their footsteps but does not rule out the possibility.

Junior Conor Tuohy said that Molloy should continue giving Regents exams in a few subjects

each year.

"Students are already challenged enough with Regents exams," he said. "Final exams given in each subject would put too much pressure on the students."

Junior Edward Krische also would prefer that Molloy keep Regents exams but admits it is often hard to remember information from the beginning of the year that will be on tests.