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AM in the modern age: TV's in Cafe

By **Natalie Kurzyna '11**

Stanners walked into the Cafeteria upon returning from the week-long February vacation to see four new TV monitors broadcasting the school's daily announcements.

A monitor was installed in the Teachers' Cafeteria as well.

These TV's are one of the biggest changes to hit Molloy in a while but many Stanners do not like them.

The idea of TV monitors in the

Cafeteria was proposed by Assistant Principal for Students Mr. Ken Auer.

Mrs. Colleen Rooney is in charge of creating the slides for the daily announcements.

Molloy Principal Bro. Thomas Schady said the monitors were installed, "because many students weren't hearing the announcements in homeroom. It's 2010; it's time to modernize."

Students now have a chance to see the announcements throughout the day

as opposed to just during homeroom period.

Some Molloy teachers continue to read the announcements during homeroom period, but "they do not need to," said Bro. Thomas.

The TV monitors didn't cost much to install.

"I don't know the exact price, but they were not much," said Bro. Thomas. "They were reasonably priced."

At the moment, the only thing that is being broadcast is the daily announcements but this might change.

"The TVs might be used for more things in the future besides broadcasting the daily announcements," said Bro. Thomas. "For example, the [person saying the] prayer could be filmed live. If something big was to happen, like the Yankee Parade, we could all watch it on the TV's."

Do students approve of the new technology?

Frosh Tarundeep Kaur isn't too thrilled.

"I hate them," she said. "Lunch is short enough as it is. I want to eat, not stare at announcements."

Senior Jackie Cosse said, "They don't really serve a purpose because no one looks at them."

Junior Kevin Crawford said, "I'm indifferent to them. I do think they were a bad choice because no one really pays attention to them where they are. They are often hard to see and the

announcements go by too fast.

"They make it much harder to get information throughout the school," Crawford continued. "Some people don't have time to watch the monitors because you have to wait a full 'cycle' to get the announcement again if you missed it the first time."

Students complain that the colors chosen for the announcements can be hard to read, or that the font is too small. "Sometimes they try to put too much text in one slide that shows for only ten seconds," said Crawford. "I've had to read and re-read and wait many 'cycles' just to know what room I'm going to after school."

Senior Eric Treffeisen thinks that "the TVs are very out of place because they are in the cafeteria."

However, not all students dislike the new monitors.

"It's actually kind of easier to get the announcements, since not all homeroom teachers used to read them," said junior Brianna Ngui.

Students did offer some constructive criticism of the new way of making announcements.

Said Kaur, "If I could change anything about the new TV's, it would be the colors and size of the print. I would like to see TV's in classrooms as well."

Is that a possibility?

"Not for the time being," said Bro. Thomas. "But we'll see."



TV monitors now broadcast the school's daily announcements in the Cafeteria. (Photo by Ben Joson)

Career Day offers glimpse of future

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

Although it's only five or six years away for most seniors and juniors, the issue of what career they will pursue after college is not always foremost in their minds.

Some upperclass students really are not sure yet of what they want to do, some haven't given it any thought at all, while others seem to know exactly what profession they want to take up as adults.

Molloy's President Mr. John Sherry hoped that the juniors and seniors who attended Career Day at Molloy on March 11 took the opportunity to learn more about all of the different careers open to them and that it helped them make some decisions about their future, including what type of schooling is required for certain careers.

The day began at 10:30 a.m. when frosh and sophomores were dismissed for the rest of the school day and juniors and seniors gathered for two separate introductions for the day's program.

The transition from high school to college was discussed by two young alumni who are currently enrolled as undergraduates in college.

Students then attended the three career presentations they had signed up to attend from the 37 offered.

Each presentation lasted 45 minutes.

Many juniors and seniors were looking forward to Career Day.

Junior Derek Sokolowski hoped to learn more about careers in the criminal justice system.

Seniors Ben Joson and Shawn Adam hoped Career Day would help them acquire more information about the professions that interest them, as well



Stanners listen to Career Day speaker in Theater. (Photo by Ben Joson)

as to reassure them that they were making the right decisions in pursuing those careers.

Joson wanted to learn how many years of schooling will be required for him to become a nurse, as well as the courses he will have to take and what

internships might be required.

Mr. Sherry said that many long hours of hard work and effort went into planning Career Day but it was worth it because many students would gain the knowledge they will need to pursue their desired career.

Senior ‘privileges’ don’t measure up

Senior year, the culmination of our four years here at Molloy, is a year dominated by college applications, prom plans, and senioritis.

Underclass students eagerly anticipate the day that they, too, will have polo shirts, free periods and access to the Senior Lounge.

After all, what could be better?

Well, a lot, as it turns out.

Let us stop to consider these so-called privileges.

First, the Senior Shirt: is it really that great to be able to wear an overpriced polo shirt for less than three months?

Second, free periods: While underclass students salivate at the thought of having free periods, seniors realize there are limited options about where to spend them: the Senior Lounge; the Library, or Room 123. Pick your poison.

Third, the Senior Lounge: Is it really a privilege to hang out in a run-down basement room with a few chairs, a pay-to-use billiards table, and an ancient

ping-pong table?

The Administration hands us a polo shirt and a ping-pong paddle in hopes of pacifying us, but are those really sufficient privileges for Molloy’s supposed leaders and role models?

One would hope that seniors would not be subjected to all the same rules and policies as underclass students who have little or no leadership responsibilities.

But that’s not the case.

To make seniors feel more like the leaders they are supposed to be, our suggestions are:

* Seniors should be allowed to wear senior shirts for the entire year and the design and color of the shirt should be determined by a class-wide poll at the end of junior year.

* Seniors should be allowed to leave the school during free and lunch periods in the style of “open campus” that many high schools practice.

* Seniors deserve a nicer lounge and the next Walk-a-thon should be

devoted in part to that aim.

Yet despite our criticisms of the Administration and its treatment of seniors, we must give credit where credit is due.

Our polo shirts this year are not the color of small, shirtless, cartoon men and for that we thank you.

— Sam Traslavina '10 and Patryk Perkowski '10

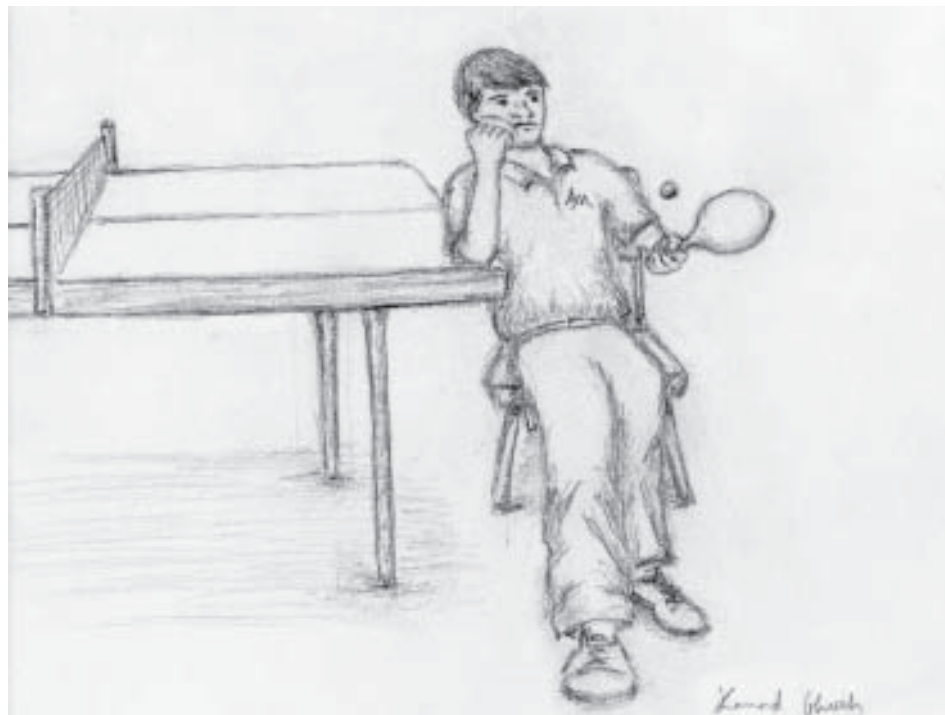


Illustration by Kanad Ghosh '11

Did ‘Big Brother’ install telescreens in cafeteria?

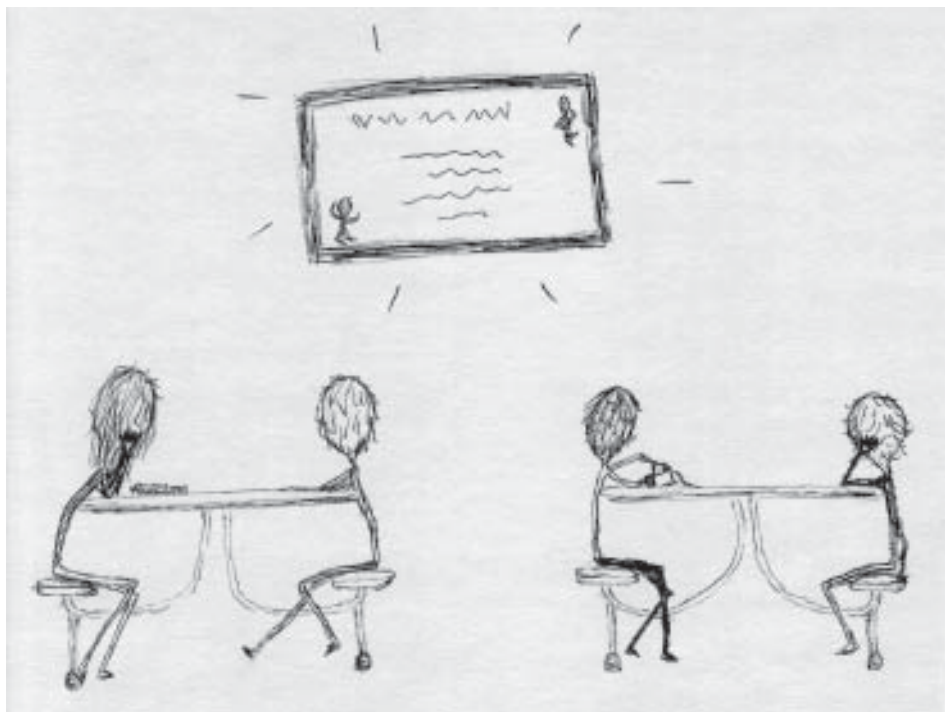


Illustration by Michelle Rondon '12

Will you spend too much for an undergrad degree?

In such a bad economy, it is no surprise that recent college graduates are having a tough time finding jobs.

What’s worse for those of us still in high school is that America’s economic future doesn’t look that bright.

So while only about 30 percent of Americans have a four-year college degree, most people we will be competing with for jobs in a few years will possess one.

So we’ll need something that will set us apart.

A graduate degree may be just the thing to open up some doors in the job market of the future.

Yet this brings up another important economic question:

If we know we want to go into a field that requires graduate school, how much money should we spend on our undergraduate education?

College isn’t cheap.

The cost of many top private colleges

and universities is \$200,000 over four years.

However, if you attend a state university or a lesser known private college, you can spend much less and have more left over to pay for graduate school.

But are you willing to forsake a little bit of your undergraduate college experience — something you won’t ever get back — in order to help pay for your graduate school education?

To make that decision, we must first ask: What is a good college experience?

Everybody’s answer is different. For some it’s an Ivy League school, or a small-liberal arts college, or a large state university, or an engineering school. Some want to stay close to home while others want to leave.

All college-bound students are motivated, intelligent individuals but their interests differ, and they choose their

college based on those interests.

It can be argued that a good college experience is one in which you are surrounded by people who share similar interests and goals in a place that provides for all your academic needs.

Will you give that up to commute to a CUNY campus, even though you have a 97 average and always wanted to live

in Maine, in order to help pay for a top notch grad school in the future?

Will living at home from ages 18 to 22 so you will be able to pay for Harvard Medical School, assuming you get in, be a waste of some of the best years of your life?

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Talent Show features mainly seniors and juniors

By Sameera Kassim '13 and Stephanie Jaipaul '13

Students and faculty are ready to show off their talents at Molloy's annual Talent Show on Friday March 19 at 2 p.m. in the Jack Curran Gym.

Ticket to the two and a half hour show are \$3.

The Student Activities Committee chose the final lineup for the Talent Show after watching the students who participated in the three Open Mic shows earlier this year.

Students scheduled to perform are mainly juniors and seniors.

The seniors are Gabrielle Plaia, Tom Rotondo, Joe Pinckney, Peter Kramer, Camille Dwyer, Susan Zheng, Andrea Ilagen, Kristine Garcia, Kristine Juntura, Grace Lisandrelli and Mark Garcia.

The juniors are Ray Anthony Gejon, Kanad Ghosh, Angelane Gonzalez, Kate Pangilinan and

Frosh Kirsty Vista is the only underclass performer.

Joining the the individual performers are the Boys and Girls Step Teams and the Dance Team.

Representing the faculty will be Mr. Eric Stolze, Ms. Madelyn Dupre, Mr. John Mecca and Mr. Frank Gambino, the show's organizer.

Plaia, who performed in the 2007



The Girls Step Team will just one of the many acts performing at Molloy's annual Talent Show in the Jack Curran Gym on March 19. (Photo by Ms. Kathy Loughran)

show as a frosh, is no stranger to performing as she had the lead role in The Stanner Players' production of "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" last fall.

Plaia is planning to sing at this year's

show but hasn't decided what song to sing yet.

She says that performing at the Open Mic shows leading up to the Talent Show really helped her become more comfortable with an audience even

though she says the Talent Show is a completely different atmosphere from Open Mic shows.

Mr. Gambino said he was most impressed by Plaia and Gejon at the Open Mic shows he organized.

Busy March for Pipes & Drums Band



Molloy's Pipes & Drums Band marches in the Garden City St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 7. (Photo by Mrs. Palmina Dionisi)



By Carolina Ortiz '11 and Stacey Nieves '11

Led by seniors Victoria Lane, Pat Finneran and Elise Lontos, the Archbishop Molloy Pipes and Drums Band had a busy schedule in the month of March.

The band performed in the Rockaway St. Patrick Day's Parade on March 6 and the Garden City parade on March 7 followed by a performance at the St. Joan of Arc parish dance.

During the weekend of March 13-14, the band performed at the Brooklyn Courthouse, Our Lady of Mercy, St. Pancras and Resurrection Ascension Schools and the Ronkonkoma St. Patrick's Day Parade.

The band's biggest event was its annual performance in the St. Patrick's Day Parade down Fifth Avenue in Manhattan on March 17.

The Archbishop Molloy Pipes and Drums Band has an enduring legacy and has performed in the St. Patrick's Day Parade on Fifth Avenue since 1995.

Moderated by Bro. James Norton and Mr. Ed Cameron, with Mr. James Sheldon as its Drum Major and Mr. Ken Auer as a piper, the band has over 20 members, seventeen of whom are students and

the rest alumni and faculty.

The band was scheduled to begin marching up Fifth Avenue on March 17 at 11 a.m. but fellow Stanners were told the band would step off sometime between 1:45 and 3 p.m., as the world's largest St. Patrick's Day Parade always seems to run late.

The band performed such songs as "Wearing of the Green," "The Minstrel Boy," and "Scotland the Brave."

Mr. Cameron joked that his favorite part of the Manhattan St. Patrick's Day Parade was, "the end."

All jokes aside, Mr. Cameron said he does enjoy marching in the parade each year.

Lane said she enjoyed marching in the parade in Garden City earlier in the month because the weather was good.

However, it is the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Manhattan she said she looks forward to the most each year.

"It's cool to represent my culture in the parade," she said. "Everybody's in a good mood on St. Patrick's Day."

Students who didn't see the band on Fifth Avenue can look forward to seeing it perform on March 28 at Molloy's International Day.

The band members are:

Seniors Patrick Finneran, Victoria Lane, Sean Towey, Erin Brady, Dan Cosgrove, Elise Lontos, John Lynch, Rosie Garland, John Maguire, Brian Gribbon, juniors Joe Dionisi, Adam Maldonado, Brian Logar, sophomores Melissa Gabriel, Morrell Gaskins and frosh Ryan Karsten and Lauren Maldonado.

Blood Drive smaller, still successful

By Sore Agbaje '13

Molloy's 10th Annual Blood Drive on March 2 drew 150 students into the Jack Curran Gym to donate blood to the New York Blood Center.

Molloy's school nurse Mrs. Kathy Forgione said, "Our average numbers were a little down. We usually have 230 students sign up."

This year 175 students signed up in the weeks before donation day but only 165 registered on March 2 due to absences and players participating in Molloy's basketball playoff games.

Only 150 were cleared to donate.

In addition, 10 faculty and staff members donated blood.

This year Molloy publicized the Blood Drive with posters throughout the school and daily announcements asking students to donate.

Mrs. Forgione said she was pleased with how the ad campaign to publicize the blood drive went this year but added, "next year, I think I'll go back to the film showing people who needed blood donations. It hits the heart."

On March 2, the gym was filled with equipment and personnel provided by the Long Island Blood Services and students lined up to donate.

"For me, the day went smoothly and the students were great," said Mrs. Forgione.

Mrs. Forgione was pleased with the

amount of blood Molloy donated, "although if there were more staff [from Long Island Blood Services] we probably would have donated more on the automated red cell machine."

Senior Sarah Kohler said, "I've been giving blood since sophomore year. Just by donating one pint of blood, I can save three lives. Knowing that I actually

saved a life gives me joy."

Kohler said it really doesn't hurt to donate blood. "It was just a minor pinch," she said. "I mostly didn't feel a thing."

Afterward, she said, "I felt sleepy and hungry."

Kohler plans to continue to donate blood, "because the New York Blood

Center is always short on blood so they can use more pints."

Mrs. Forgione thanked all the students who donated blood.

"I would like to thank them for giving the gift of life," she said, "and remind them that this is something they can do for the rest of their lives. As our school motto says, not for school but for life."



Juniors Gurt Lynch, left, and Marissa Puzino recuperate after donating blood. (Photo by Ben Joson)

International Day celebrates 30 years

By Kirsten E. Paulsen '13

Molloy's 30th Annual International Day on Sunday March 28 will feature performances by several of the school's cultural clubs in the Jack Curran Gym, hot food in the Marsloe Gym, and desserts in the Cafeteria.

Ms. Kathy Loughran, the International Day organizer, said the event will be basically the same as last year, however, unlike last year, the Irish Club will join the list of performers..

Mr. Luis Santos is in charge of organizing the event's menu, which will feature the food of several different

nationalities such as Italian, Filipino, Spanish, Irish, Polish and Indian.

Ms. Loughran, who is in charge of organizing performances, said the moderators of the ethnic clubs are responsible for putting together each club's performance.

Among the ethnic clubs performing are the Asian, Indian, French, Eastern European/Greek, Spanish and Irish Clubs.

The Pipe & Drum Band and the Step Team will also perform.

The ethnic clubs have been practicing their routines for three weeks or more.

Each group has ten minutes to perform and each will perform three dance numbers.

Leading up to International Day, prayers in Polish, Spanish, Italian, Greek, and Tagalog will be said each morning from March 22 to March 26.

The first International Day 30 years ago was a small event held just in the Cafeteria and only featured food from different cultures.

In following years, international cookbooks containing recipes for the food featured at International Day were sold as well.

However, it was only when the school went co-ed in 2000 that International Day became the kind of performance festival that it is today.

When asked what she hopes people will get out of attending the event, Ms. Loughran said the purpose of International Day is for students, "to experience other cultures, as well as have a day of fun that won't kill your pocketbook."

International Day will start at 2 p.m. and end at 4 p.m.

Admission is \$8 and \$5 for children under the age of ten.



The roast pig brought to International Day last year by the family of junior Herbert Leona didn't last long in the Marsloe Gym. (File Photo)

Sci-Oly 3rd at city meet

By David Kane '10

Molloy's Science Olympiad team finished third in the New York City Championships at Grover Cleveland High School on Feb. 6 to qualify for the New York State Championships for the first time in three years.

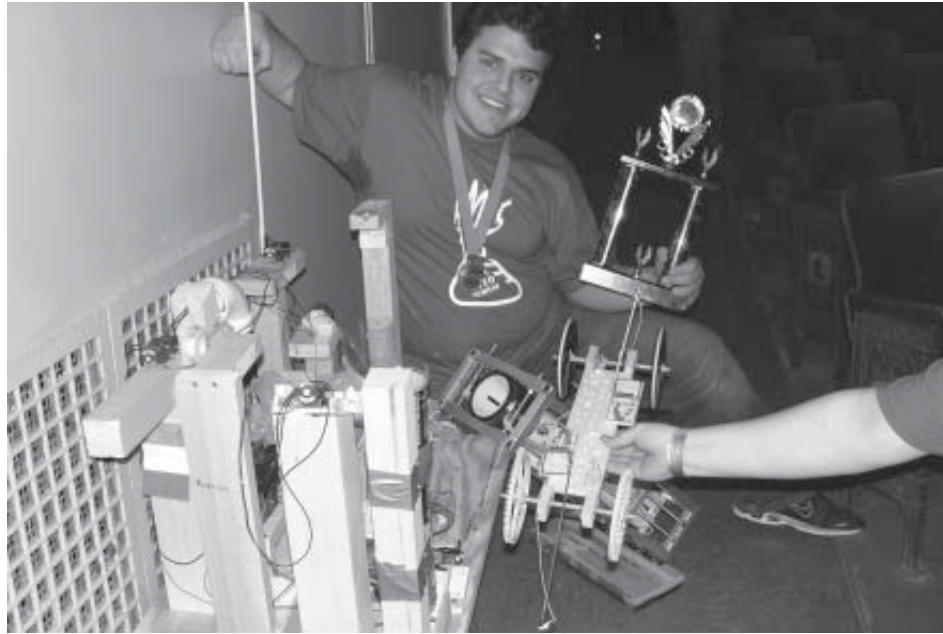
Stuyvesant and Townsend Harris High Schools finished in first and second place but Molloy was the top ranked private or Catholic school.

Molloy won three individual events, Experimental Design (Frank Gentile and Mary Rooney), Environmental Chemistry (Gentile, Judi Li and Chris Hwu) and Mission Possible (George DeMarco, Chris DeMarco and Serge Ostrowski).

The team's excitement when informed of their victories was palpable.

Junior Andrea Lai said, "We basically all jumped up and screamed because we couldn't believe it. We were crying and hugging each other and it was possibly the most amazing thing we'd all ever experienced."

Senior Justin Ly agreed, saying, "When we heard our names called repeatedly in the top five, raking in medal after medal, we were rejoicing and partying it up in the middle of the ceremony. We cheered until our voices were hoarse and till we were at the point



Junior George DeMarco, who won three individual medals, smiles while holding Molloy's third place team trophy. (Photo by Chris Hwu)

of tears. Our morale picked up so much in that one night that we ended up going out to celebrate."

Junior George DeMarco and senior Louis Lamia each took home three medals, while senior Gentile took home two gold medals.

Perhaps the most surprising performance was by frosh Joseph Ingrassia, who took home three medals.

"It's quite an unusual thing to see a freshman do so well, but we were very pleased with his results," said Sci-Oly

Moderator and Science Department Chairman Mr. Michael DeMarco.

Mr. DeMarco, along with Physics and Chemistry teacher Mr. Michael Nadeau, were obviously pleased with the team's success, but this type of success has been a Molloy tradition.

"Our Science Olympiad team has qualified for states 19 times in the last 24 years," Mr. DeMarco said. "This was another very good team this year."

As good as this team is, it was not able to top the 1993 team, which won

the City Championship and placed 12th out of 55 teams at the State Championships.

Mr. DeMarco said Molloy teams have tended to hover "around the middle of the pack" when they travel to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point for the State Championships.

No current member of this year's team has ever been to the State meet.

Lamia is wary of the competition Molloy will face on March 19-20 at the state meet.

"States is a lot tougher than cities," he said. "I'm going to try my best to place in an event and possibly take home a state medal."

Ly said, "My goals are to make a few friends and have some fun doing what I love, but before all that, I want to bring home another medal, whatever quality: gold, silver, bronze, whatever!"

Lai said, "I'm so pumped for states! Our entire team is. Our goals are, of course, to try our best and to have fun together before our seniors graduate. As long as we try our hardest, I think we'll all be happy with our performance."

Mr. DeMarco said, "The goal was always to make States. If we can steal a few medals and do some damage there, we'll have done a good job."

Stanners off to practice their Italian



Stanners will visit the Grand Canal in Venice as part of their Easter vacation trip to Italy.

By Stephanie Bonanno '13

Twenty-five Molloy students will spend Easter vacation in Italy, leaving on the evening of March 31 and returning on Friday, April 9.

This is the second overseas trip that Italian teacher Mrs. Palmina Dionisi has organized at Molloy, the first being in 1990.

Nine seniors and 16 juniors, all whom are present or former students of Italian, will be chaperoned on the journey by Mrs. Dionisi, her husband, Mr. Carlo Dionisi, and Mr. Ed Cameron.

The group's itinerary includes Venice, Siena, Florence, Sorrento, Capri, Pompeii, and finally, Rome.

"It's a good way for the students to get a flavor of Italian culture, history and language -- a good sampling of Italy," said Mrs. Dionisi. "It's a way to learn to appreciate differences in another culture and to embrace them."

Mrs. Dionisi said it will also be an excellent opportunity for the students to practice speaking Italian.

Junior Joe Dionisi said he's really looking forward to the trip.

"It will be great to see new things and enjoy a new experience with friends," he said.

The students are looking forward to the trip because of Italy's rich culture, history, beauty, and, most of all, food!

Hoping for a 'dam good time

By Karen Zhou '11

Northern European cities such as Amsterdam, Berlin, Copenhagen and Hamburg have been in the news a lot lately for their environmental awareness, thriving art scenes, and alternative subcultures.

But these cities have one more thing in common; they all will be visited by 17 seniors and two juniors from Molloy from March 31 to April 8 in a group led by Mr. Chris Dougherty and Mrs. Kathy Forgione.

This group will be the smallest group that Mr. Dougherty has taken on his

annual senior European excursion and, as a result, Molloy students will travel with some students from other schools on this trip.

Mr. Dougherty said this smaller than usual group can be blamed on the recession, the fact that the trip costs \$3,314, and the fact that it is one of the three European trips that were offered to Molloy students this year.

Mr. Jim Sheldon is taking a group to London and Paris, while Mrs. Palmina Dionisi is taking another group to Italy during the Easter vacation.

This has been one of the few times

three Easter break trips have been offered to Stanners since the 9/11 attack on the World Trade Center.

Students and Mr. Dougherty alike are very excited for their upcoming trip.

Senior Rosie Garlan said choosing to go to northern Europe was an easy decision because, "it offered a lot of cool, unusual places I probably wouldn't think to visit on my own; plus, Doc [Mr. Dougherty] was running it."

Senior Kim Mahadeo said, "I am looking forward to Berlin the most! Anyone that knows me knows I have a secret obsession with Germany. I am

also super looking forward to trekking around and looking at confusing signs in different languages!"

Mr. Dougherty, who has organized six senior trips in the past, said that he enjoys doing it because, "I love to travel and I love seeing the kids' reactions to seeing the world through a different lens. It's really inspiring."

Mr. Dougherty has another reason for doing this every year.

"I've heard from some alumni who've gone on the senior trip, that their biggest motivation to study aboard [in college] was because of the trip," he said.

Stanner Players dining in this spring

By Noelia Morales '12 and Karla Hernandez '12

The Stanner Players' spring production is the comedy "The Dining Room" by A.R. Gurney, which is set in a single dining room where 18 scenes from different households intertwine.

Each story focuses on several different families during different time periods and all they have in common is the same dining room furniture set.

The play will be staged in the Theatre on April 22, 23, and 24 at 8 p.m. and on Sunday April 25 at 2 p.m.

Known for his unorthodox casting, Director Mr. Kevin Schwab has chosen a "color-blind cast" for this production, as he disregarded race and ethnic background to cast actors as members of the same family based on talent, not their physical appearance.

Mr. Schwab selected "The Dining Room" to do this spring because he wanted to try something unique.

This show allows each of the cast members to play multiple characters throughout the course of the play.

There are 16 cast members, including several newcomers such as Jonathan Cortez and Stephanie Cruz, both sophomores, along with the familiar faces from past productions such as sophomores Timothy Frenzel, Christopher Guevara, and Patrick McCarthy.

Mr. Schwab said two new cast



Patrick McCarthy, Erin Brady and Timothy Frenzel, seen here in "A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum," will appear on stage again next month in "The Dining Room." (Photo by Ben Josen)

members, frosh Aaron Gallagher and sophomore Melissa Gabriel, really impressed him during their auditions.

Other members of the cast are: seniors Erin Brady, Louis Lamia, Grace Lisandrelli, juniors Natalie Kurzyna, Julianne Broderick, sophomores Tiffany McCue, Joseph Estevez, Kevin Singh, and frosh Sore Agbaje.

Mr. Schwab said he chose some

seasoned actors for the cast but he peppered in students with no experience at all so they could learn the ropes by acting alongside The Stanner Players' veterans.

Cortez said, "This play is interesting because of the multiple time frames that occur on the stage at the same time. It requires the audience's attention, otherwise the play won't make sense." Mr. Schwab said the play, "does not have a traditional plot and jumps around from time period to time period, flashing memories and moments that occurred in the room for over 100 years, employing a myriad of characters.

"An audience should just expect a wild ride of comedy, drama and twists and turns, as actors transform and

become different characters every time they enter the dining room," he said.

This play is very challenging for the actors.

"Rehearsals are going to be intense as actors realize they need to play types or personalities removed from themselves," Mr. Schwab said. "As of this point, the play is a skeleton and will need a lot of time and energy to become a full figure."

So far in rehearsals, Mr. Schwab said, "Louis Lamia suits his roles very well, as does Grace Lisandrelli. I look forward to seeing what else they can do with their parts."

Cruz said the character she enjoyed playing the most was, "Dora because I get to use an accent."

Fast-a-thon raises money for Chile

By Erin Ballestry '11

Archbishop Molloy will hold its annual Fast-a-thon on March 24 to raise money for the earthquake victims in Chile, according to Campus Ministry Director Mr. Mike Germano.

The Fast-a-thon has been a Molloy tradition for at least 40 years. The most students who ever participated in any one year is 83.

This year, Molloy will be setting its goals high and would love to make a run at the record.

"Last year we brought in \$2,800," said Mr. Germano, "so I'm hoping at least to match that amount."

Students participating in the Fast-a-thon ask friends and family to sponsor them by making a small donation much like students do for the Walk-a-thon.

Participants are only required to skip lunch on the day of the Fast-a-thon and instead of going to the Cafeteria, they meet in the Theater.

"Fasting for one meal isn't difficult," said senior Benedict Josen, who has fasted every year since he was a frosh. "Usually, those fasting have the opportunity to watch a movie during their lunch period, which helps deter the mind and stomach from hunger."

After school, the students attend a

prayer service and are provided with a snack, Josen said.

Sophomore Christopher Guevara has decided to go above and beyond what is required.

"I'm trying to go as far as 24 hours," said Guevara, who fasted last year, "testing my ability by using the whole mind over matter thing."

Sophomore Mary Gallagher also plans to fast and strongly encourages others to join the effort for a good cause.

"It's a good way to express your faith and show that you are making space inside yourself for God," she said.

Frosh Danny Marino is considering participating in the Fast-a-thon, "to feel good about myself and to go through what Jesus went through."

Mr. Germano warned that perhaps not all Stanners should participate.

"Those who are hypoglycemic, hyperglycemic, and diabetic need to be careful," he said.

Students who would like to help the cause but don't want to fast can help by sponsoring a classmate.

Anyone who would like to sign up can see Mr. Germano in Room 334.

"It's for a very worthwhile cause," Mr. Germano said. "If I can fast, anyone can."

Easter Liturgy hopes to be a 'prayful experience'

By Ada Romamis '12 and Victoria Tan '12

Molloy's Holy Week Liturgy will be held in the Jack Curran Gym at 8 a.m. on Wednesday March 31 with Father Frank Shannon celebrating the mass.

Campus Ministry Director Mr. Mike Germano encourages students to attend.

"It will be a good way for students to prepare spiritually for Easter," he said.

Liturgy Committee members Victoria Hanczyk and Jamie Giuntini, both sophomores, anticipate that the committee will be able to make the mass fun and interesting so that it has a positive effect on the people who attend.

"Even though many kids think mass is boring, we try to find a way to relate it to them," said Giuntini.

Hanczyk hopes that the Liturgy, "will encourage students to go to mass and take an interest in their religion."

Without having to plan an Ash

Wednesday service because the date fell during the February school vacation, Mr. Germano and the Liturgy Committee have been able to spend more time planning for the Holy Week Liturgy, the third school-wide liturgy of the school year.

The Christmas Liturgy attracted a large crowd of alumni and students but the Thanksgiving Liturgy did not draw as many people as in past years.

However, both were successful in delivering a message.

Giuntini was very happy with the Thanksgiving Liturgy because, "the speeches really touched people and they related to the students."

Hanczyk said, "The Christmas Liturgy helped to bring the real meaning of Christmas to many Stanners."

Mr. Germano is hoping for a big turnout at the Holy Week Liturgy but said the most important thing is that the students who do attend have "a prayerful experience."

Editorial: New TV's distracting Stanners at lunch time

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One of the many technological devices used by "Big Brother" to control people was telescreens, which could never be turned off and were located everywhere.

Molloy seems to be proving Orwell right about his predictions about the future in "1984."

These new TV's in the Cafeteria can be likened to Orwellian telescreens.

After staring at Smartboards all morning, lunch period used to be a time for us to talk to our friends.

It shouldn't be just another time for us to stare at screens.

But that's just what we're doing.

I'll be having a conversation with my friends and at some point I'll notice them turning look at the telescreen. I'm guilty of it, too.

So my lunch group has begun yelling at each other when we're caught unconsciously look at the screens.

Adding to the problem is the way the announcements are displayed.

First of all, the pace is too slow because each announcement takes so long to be fully displayed thanks to the computer graphics used in each one.

If one misses an announcement, one has to wait a couple of minutes for it to come around again.

Orwell might argue that Molloy's new telescreens are just another way of keeping students quiet.

We unconsciously stare at the screen and stop talking to each other.

It's another way to try to keep us tranquilized and prevent us from acting on any temptation we might have to show any enthusiasm or act out.

Molloy doesn't need to be "Big Brother."

So let's return the lunch period to what it used to be by making the announcements on the TV's less intrusive yet more accessible.

The screens, which currently run all day, should be turned off from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. during lunch periods.

The announcements on the screen should be brief, displayed in a bulleted format without pictures and be easily readable.

That's all that's needed to get the job done.

Unless, of course, the real job of the screens is something else entirely.

— Camille Dwyer '10

Be stylish despite Molloy dress code

By Tatiana Requiño '13 and
Manpreet Sachdev '13

Walking down the hall to your first period class, you can't help but notice a girl with a large flower in her hair.

You then nearly collide with a girl carrying a bright tote bag, and another stuffing a cute sweatshirt into her locker.

Suddenly, you witness a girl from Spanish class getting busted for wearing her skirt too short.

Despite Molloy's strictly enforced dress code, Stanners have found ways to express some personal fashion style.

Finding unique things to do with hair, makeup and jewelry is hard to do at Molloy, say most Stanners, who feel "restricted" by the dress code which bans such things as big hoop earrings.

Yet these Stanners try to show some style by putting flowers or bows in their hair, using brightly colored eyeliner, and wearing cute shoes.

Frosh Catalina Tapia said she tries to express her style through bracelets and nail polish while fellow frosh Marion Galvez wears ties, since she feels they make the uniform "look neater."

Tapia suggests wearing "nice shoes and carrying unique bags."

Others recommend taking advantage

of the variety of colors available in Molloy's uniform blouses, skirts, pants, and sweaters, which allow Stanners more room for self-expression than at some other Catholic high schools, where even specific shoes must be ordered from the uniform companies.

Getting punished for accessorizing depends on whether it violates the dress code, said Assistant Principal for Students Mr. Ken Auer, adding, "everyone's style is different."

Mr. Auer said girls can still make a fashion statement without violating the school's dress code.

Most of the school's issues with jewelry, Mr. Auer said, have to do with safety, since large earrings or necklaces can get caught on objects or other students while Stanners move through the crowded hallways between classes.

Girls are allowed to wear headbands, bows, or flowers in their hair, as long as their accessories agree with the "professional atmosphere" Molloy promotes, Mr. Auer said.

Small, colorful accessories are permitted and can be worn by girls who are looking to set themselves apart from everyone else.

Mr. Auer said his best suggestion to girls who are looking to express their individual fashion style is: "Do it after two o'clock and on the weekends."

Sock Hop wants big crowd



The Dance Team will be performing at halftime of the Senior-Faculty Basketball game. (Staff photo)

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Most of the money obtained from the admission fee will be used to pay for the DJ and other costs.

If a very large crowd brought in excess money, event organizer Mr. Chris Dougherty said a discussion with Principal Bro. Thomas Schady would determine what to do with that money.

Mr. Dougherty said it is the hope of many faculty to attract around 1,000 students to the event but it's up to Stanners to make that happen.

"I think students will get a kick out of seeing their teachers play a sport," said Mr. Dougherty, "or Mr. Sheldon ref a

game before. This year will be quite a game. The interesting thing is that the kids are torn between whom they should root for in the game."

Mr. Dougherty encourages student to attend the hop because, "there are also not that many dances [at Molloy], so this is a chance to really get your groove on."

Senior Elise Lontos, who'll coach the senior team, said, "This year's definitely going to be close since both teams have talent, but my side is going to come through strong."

Lontos remembers attending her older brother's game and is now

excited to be a part of the event on her own.

Lontos said it a good way for people to get involved in their school community.

She added that it is also fun to see the faculty lose, which she is convinced will happen this year.

She also expects to stay around to celebrate the seniors' victory at the dance.

"I'm a phenomenal dancer and look forward to it," she said with a smile. "My personal favorite to dance to is 'Footloose,' if anyone would like to request it."

Editorial: What to spend as undergrad

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Another factor to take into consideration is the question: does an undergraduate education at a top school improve your chances of being admitted to a top graduate school?

It is often said that a graduate school doesn't care as much about the name recognition of your undergraduate school as much as the courses you took and the grades you earned there.

Yet the fact remains that the vast majority of students at Harvard's graduate schools went to Ivy League schools as undergrads.

In a perfect world, we wouldn't have to choose. In a perfect world, whatever school we were able to get into we would be able to afford.

However, with the current economic conditions making job competition intense and college tuition increasing every year, the world is far from perfect.

So cost needs to be the most important factor we consider when choosing where we go to college.

If we know that graduate school is in our future, does it really matter where we go for our undergraduate years?

— Isobel Williams '11

Doherty only swimmer to go to state

Junior Chris Doherty, who finished second in the 100-yard backstroke in the CHSAA Boys Swimming and Diving Championships at the Nassau Aquatics Center in Eisenhower Park on Feb. 7, was the only member of Molloy's Varsity Boys Swim team to advance to the New York State Championship Meet.

Doherty then finished 20th in the 100-yard backstroke in a time of 54.26 seconds at the state meet, which drew New York's best public, private and Catholic high schools swimmers and divers to Eric Community College in Buffalo on Feb. 27.

Doherty swam a faster time of 53.28 when he swam at the the CHSAA

meet, and, had he been able to equal that performance at the state meet, he would have finished 10th.

Doherty also was the only Stanner to win a medal at the CHSAA meet but senior Ray Kober finished eighth in the 1-meter diving competition.

Two Molloy relay teams also finished eighth, the 200-yard medley relay of Doherty, senior Eric Von Tresckow, junior Brendan Erskin and junior Eric Dorcean and the 200-yard freestyle relay of Von Tresckow, junior Brian Greene, Dorcean and junior Anthony DiVanna.

Molloy finished eighth among 16 teams with 243 points in the meet won by St. Anthony's with 747.5 points.

Junior Chris Doherty, on far left, swam in the New York State Meet in Buffalo in February. (File photo)



Catera jumps into state meet



Matt Catera won the city long jump title last month. (Photo by Mr. Tom Harrison)

Senior Matt Catera won the city long jump title at the CHSAA Intersectional Track and Field Championships at the Armory in Manhattan on Feb. 13 with a leap of 21-feet-2.75.

The only other Stanner boy to place was senior Sean Collins, who finished third in the 55-meter hurdles in a time of 7.81 seconds.

The Varsity Boys finished eighth among 21 teams with nine points. Fordham Prep won the city title with 38 points.

In the girls indoor city meet, junior Tonika Forrester finished third in the triple jump with a leap 34-4.25.

Sophomore Ashley Mayer finished second in the pole vault by clearing

8-feet and junior Stephanie Rey finished fourth with a vault of 7-6.

The 4x400-meter relay finished fourth in 4:11.41.

The Varsity Girls finished ninth among 17 teams competing in the city meet with 10.5 points. St. Anthony's won the city title with 53 points.

By virtue of their performances at the the city meet, Catera, Collins and Mayer all qualified for the New York State Indoor Track and Field Championships at Cornell University on March 6.

In that meet, Collins finished 11th in the boys 55-meter high hurdles in a time of 7.86 seconds while Catera finished 23rd in the boys long jump with a leap of 20-feet-5.5.

Mayer, meanwhile, finished 25th in the girls pole vault with a leap of 8-3.

Collins also competed in the Eastern State Indoor Track and Field Championships on Feb. 23 at the Armory and finished 10th against a strong field in the boys 55-meter high hurdles in a time of 7.86 seconds.

Hop follows seniors vs. faculty hoops

By Graziella Ferrara '13

The Fourth Annual Senior-Faculty Basketball Game and Sock Hop will be held in the Jack Curran Gym on Friday March 26.

It has become a popular event because it combines three things that Stanners enjoy: dancing, cheering on their classmates, and booing the faculty.

In past years, the event has drawn as many as 700 students and never failed to attract fewer than 500.

The 2010 Senior vs. Faculty Game will start at 7:00 p.m. and last about two hours with Mr. Jim Sheldon serving as one of the referees.

The Dance Team will perform at halftime of the game.

Immediately following the game, the gym will be transformed into a dance hall, complete with a DJ and students being picked from the crowd to start

off the dancing.

The hop will last until 11 p.m. Tickets are \$5.00.

The music will be provided by "DJ Johnny Cuz" of 2 Plus 2 Entertainment, which is run by Molloy alum John Tanico, whose younger brother, Stephen, is a member of the senior team that will be play the faculty.

Many Stanners might be asking: "What's a Sock Hop?" Does it require students to dance in their socks?

The Sock Hop was a name chosen for this event by former Principal Bro. Roy George to distinguish it from regular school dances.

This year, the Senior-Faculty Game and Sock Hop will not be used as a fundraiser as it has in the past, given the numerous fundraisers Molloy has held throughout the year.

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Mr. Brian Kelly in action against the seniors last year. (File photo).