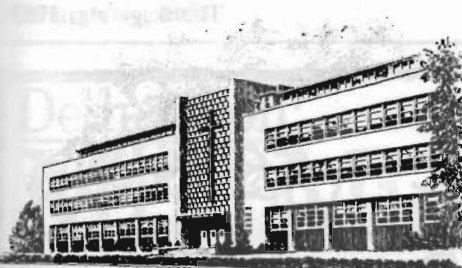


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Week Of Peace

by Richard Tammero

In these times when there are wars being fought and when individuals have little time to reflect on things, peace is a valuable commodity which few people ever achieve regularly. Realizing this, the Spiritual Life Committee, following a suggestion by Sr. Margaret O'Brien, recently sponsored "Peace Week" (October 3-7) in order to help those in the Molloy Community gain inner peace.

The plan for the week was to set up posters and displays, join in prayer, and celebrate Masses for Peace. The week coincided with the Feast of St. Francis (October 4), using his prayer as the theme for the week. The big event of the week was the peace vigil which took place on that Tuesday. During the course of the day, students, faculty, and staff were invited to pray for peace for about ten minutes. As tangible reminders of what the week was about, all those who prayed in the chapel were given peace buttons. Classes that day were changed in total silence.

"The beautiful thing about this school," said Br. Michael Sheerin, "is that we have

freedom to try things with the full support of the administration." As head of the Religious Activities Office, he took it upon himself to lead us in our

students."

Quite clearly, the week was a definite success. For many, it marked a rare time they had to reflect, search, or even just



Peace Week Display

search for awareness and consciousness of our inner self. Although he admitted to being a little unsure of what to expect, he added that he was very moved and inspired by the response. He added with a smile, "I was very impressed with the solemnity of the

think about inner peace. "I hope to repeat this theme for other times," Br. Michael stated, "and I most definitely plan on making it an annual thing." Hopefully, we will all be inspired to search for inner peace, so that we may bring peace to the rest of the world.

Intellectual Students

by John Haggerty

On October 19th, the National Honor Society inducted eighty seniors at a ceremony attended by faculty, families, and friends. This organization honors those who have performed exceptionally well in academics and serve Molloy in some organization or activity. For students to qualify, they must maintain first honors (90% average) for their first three years at Molloy and they must be active leaders in one or more extra-curricular activities. The Society's moderator is Br. Thomas, and its officers are elected by the members of the Society. The president is John McCormick, vice-presidents are A.J. Power and Anthony Maio, and Michael Kratzer is secretary. These officers organize the meetings, set up programs run by the Society and keep this organization running smoothly.

The prayer service and ceremony held on October 19th was divided into four parts,

each symbolizing the four charisms of the Honor Society. These are Character, Scholarship, Leadership, and Service which are expressed by each member in various ways. At the ceremony presided over by Father George and the school administrators, there was a scripture reading, light service, and several presentations. Each student received a certificate symbolizing his membership in the Society and pins were presented to the four officers.

President John McCormick spoke about the Society's role in preparing its members for leadership positions at Molloy; Bro. John Klein stressed the place of academics, and Bro. Thomas encouraged the members to always put their talents at the service of others. A reception for the society members and their guests was held in the cafeteria following the prayer service and induction ceremony.

The National Honor Society is named for Private First Class Louis E. Willet who was killed while serving in Vietnam. This organization is another fine example of Molloy's excellence in education and of our motto "Non Scholae Sed Vitae," Not For School but for life.

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L. to R. James Nichols, Robert Koubek, Joe Krejci, Bill Bauer, Oscar Orellana

"The Book"

by Mark Callahan

The Yearbook has long carried great sentimental value with the student body at Molloy. After months of hard work the students at Molloy often look forward to receiving the Yearbook. Molloy, unlike most other schools, distributes copies of the yearbook to every student. Most schools only distribute yearbooks to their seniors.

Every year they discover new ways to make it better than the year before. This year, the Blue & White introduces for the first time, new techniques including color-hi-lites. The yearbook will contain 266 pages in all, 250 pages will be black and white and 16 pages will be color.

The staff is made up of 70 students. Among this group there are five main editors, they are: Joe Krejci (Editor-in-

Chief), Bill Bauer (Photography Editor), Robert Koubek (Layout Editor), Jim Nichols (Copy Editor), and Oscar Orellana (Writing Editor).

Besides the editors, there is also a moderator to help keep order. For the second year in a row, Br. Louis Bentivegna will be this person, but he is not alone. This year, for the first time, Mr. Dennis Vellucci joins the yearbook as a co-moderator.

The Stanner would sincerely like to thank the entire yearbook staff for their assistance throughout the school year. Special gratitude is extended to Br. Louis Bentivegna, who has helped us to meet our deadlines. It is team work like this that helps make Molloy Publications award winning.

Meet The School

On Sunday, October 16, Archbishop Molloy had its annual Open House for eighth grade students. Approximately 2700 parents and prospective students attended, representing a 15% increase from a few years ago. About 350 Stanners assisted in the day's activities; their duties ranged from giving tours to helping with the presentations of the academic, religious and extracurricular activities of our school.

To enhance this yearly event, each academic department presented their own unique display, giving an outline of the four year curriculum. One of the most popular exhibits was

the computer display which was excellent.

Besides the academic component of Molloy life, the religious aspect was also represented. A team of SMILE participants, headed by Brother Leo talked about the benefits of this program. The advantages of the guidance office were also explained.

The extra curricular activities were exhibited by various participants from school sports teams. There was a slide show on the sports program, and another which gave an over view of the general academic program and history of Molloy.

Criminals Freed

During the week of November 2, 1983, three-hundred and forty-one inmates, all awaiting trial, were released under an order from Judge Morris Lasker. He ruled that the Rikers Island Correctional Facility was overcrowded. The prisoners were released after posing ten percent of their bail.

The reason given, that there is no room for these prisoners, is superfluous. There has to be a place to incarcerate these convicts. The obvious solution is to build more prisons. However, a problem arises from this, that being cost. The city says that one new jail cell costs about one-hundred thousand dollars to build. This, however, is not a valid excuse. The only alternative is that City Hall must be pushed, since they act only on provocation. The solution then is this: a referendum should be drawn up at the next election allowing the people to decide whether or

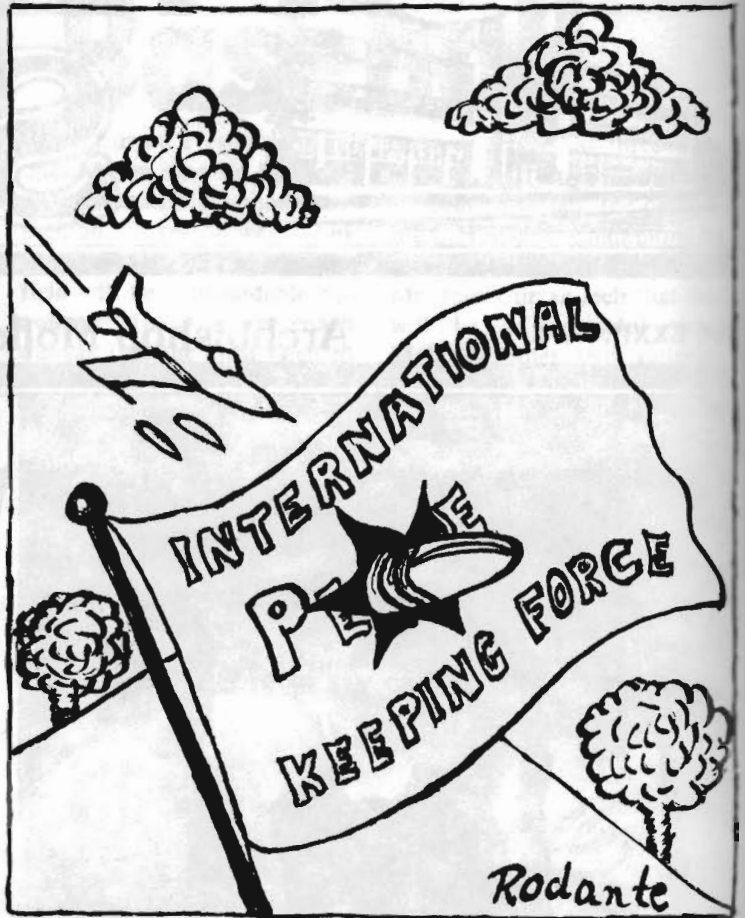
not new or more jails should be built. This would be a step in the right direction since it is evident that housing is needed for these convicts. If steps such as this are not taken, one convict will be leaving the prison, while another is entering. This creates a cycle of never ending problems.

By having these jails built we would be able to house these prisoners until their trial. As it is now, overcrowding threatens judges to set low bail. With more jails, a judge would be able to set higher bails on perpetrators who today get out because of such low bails.

Another point that must be brought up is this. During World War II the United States Government incarcerated thousands of Japanese-Americans at a moments notice. These people did not commit any crime whatsoever. They were detained for a great length of time for no reason

other than because of their nationality. Surely, if we could find room to incarcerate such a large number of innocent people, we should be able to find room for such a small number of criminals.

With the recent massacre in Beirut and the American invasion of Grenada, a strange and horrifying realization comes into being. For the first time in our lifetimes we can experience the feeling of our country at war. Up until now war for us was just some pictures in a history book or watching some old war movie. Now we see it all over the newspapers, magazines, and television. We live it. We see the actual suffering of the American soldiers and we think what it would be like to be in their place. We see the suffering of the families of dead soldiers and hope that an end to this fighting may soon come.



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Senior Spotlight



Gerry Kelly

A person who is well known at Molloy is **Gerry Kelly**. Gerry is the captain of the baseball team. He plays centerfield and bats third in the lineup. Besides having a good glove and exceptional speed, Gerry has a .405 batting average. When asked of his four years at Molloy, he commented "In the last four years I have learned to enjoy life, thoroughly. I am looking forward to going away to college and experiencing a new lifestyle." We hope that he lives up to his own expectations.



Michael Betts

One of the more friendly seniors this year is **Michael Betts**. He transferred to Molloy in his sophomore year, and since then, has been quite active. Besides being the News Editor of the *Stanner*, he has also been involved in the Yearbook, the Tutoring Club, and Intramurals. After school, Michael has a part-time job, and in his spare time, enjoys playing tennis. He plans to major in Pre-Law, but is undecided as to what college he will attend. Michael had this to say about Molloy: "I've had two great years and I am looking forward to my final year as being the best."



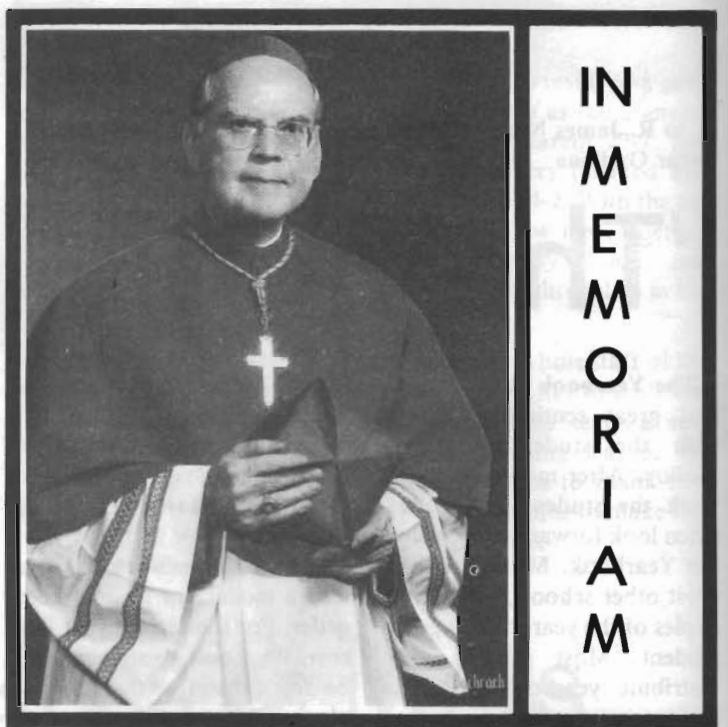
Bill Bauer

One of the most active seniors at Molloy is **Bill Bauer**. Bill is a member of the National Honors Society and he is also involved in many other activities. Bill donates his spare time to Public Relations, the Ukrainian Club, Choir, Chemistry Club, and German Club. He enjoys working with youngsters as a volunteer in Special Olympics and at St. Johns Hospital. He is a Yearbook Editor, Biology lab assistant, and an Esopus counselor. Bill plans to major in psychology at New College of South Florida. Bill has this to say about Molloy, "The friendships made over my last four years at Molloy make the school something special."

One of the more dedicated seniors this year is **Mike Ventricelli**. As a junior, he was a varsity runner. This year, Mike leads the team as captain. He has also devoted his time as peer group counselor. Mike has this to say about his past four years at Molloy, "I truly think that Molloy's motto, 'Not for school, but for life,' is very appropriate for the spirit of our students. In my four years Molloy has taught me things that cannot be learned in a textbook. These four years hold memories that cannot be taken away from me."



Mike Ventricelli



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His Eminence
Terence Cardinal Cooke

Born March 1, 1921
Ordained December 1, 1945
Consecrated Bishop December 13, 1965
Appointed Archbishop of New York March 2, 1968
Installed as Archbishop of New York
and Appointed Military Vicar of the Armed Forces
of the United States April 4, 1968
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