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Principal's List grows by 44%



Stanners crowd around the posting of the Honors, Honors with Distinction, and Principal's Lists in the main hall. (Photo by Fernando Ortiz)

By Joseph Dujmovic

The 113 Stanners who qualified for the Principal's List for the second marking period represent an increase of over 44% from the first marking period, led by a surge in the number of frosh qualifiers.

"It's truly fabulous," said Sister Elizabeth Bickar, assistant principal for academics, of the fact that so many students were able to achieve a 99 or better vertical average on their second marking period report cards.

"Over the last five or six years, academic demands at Molloy have increased very much. The total number of students who made this list goes to show how hard we work," said Sister Elizabeth.

Ninth graders posted the largest increase — 66% — as their number of the Principal's List honorees increased from 24 in the first marking period to 40 in the second.

Juniors posted the second highest gain, having 13 more students qualify in the second marking period for a total of 32.

Sophomores added five more names, increasing to 19 their number on the List, while seniors managed just one more qualifier to bring their total to 22.

As was the case in the first marking period, girls dominated the Principal's List at all grade levels earning 81 of the 113 spots.

"Girls at this age put more stock in academic achievement, meaning that it is a more important issue to them," said

Sister Elizabeth. "For boys, making the list doesn't seem to have such a high value."

Sister Elizabeth stressed that she was talking about boys as a group because she knows individual boys at Molloy who are just as motivated as girls toward high academic achievement.

"I am overjoyed to see that women's achievements are becoming recognized in society," said Sister Elizabeth. "It is great that at a place like Molloy we can share these achievements and nurture them."

Perhaps boys can take solace in the fact that while girls made up just under 72% of the Principal's List for the second marking period, that represents a decrease percentage-wise from the first marking period when girls were 77% of the Principal's List.

Many of the students who qualified for the Principal's List did so with the help of the weighted grades they received by enrolling in honors and advanced placement classes.

"I do believe those students have an advantage," said Sister Elizabeth, "but I think the demands of the teachers in those courses, as well as the workload, balances everything equally."

Most of the students who made the List are repeat qualifiers from the first marking period.

"It takes a lot of hard work to get onto that list," said sophomore Megan Sattler, who's done it twice this year. "You need to make sure that you stay on top of everything and, in the end, it

feels good to know that all that hard work has paid off."

Twenty-two frosh from the first marking period qualified again for the List in the second while only two failed to do so.

Eleven sophomores and 14 juniors earned back to back spots on the List while only three sophomores and five juniors failed to repeat.

Seniors saw the biggest change-over as only 13 of the 21 seniors on the first marking period list managed to repeat that feat.

The juniors had the largest number of newcomers (18), followed by frosh (16), seniors (9) and sophomores (8). The only siblings to make the Principal's List in the first marking period, sophomore Jenny and junior Tina Kochupurackal, did it again in the second.

The 22 frosh who are repeat qualifiers for the list are: Nicholas Chan; Sigrid DeGuzman; Angela Dumlao; Michelle Eichorst; Tara Gildea; Julianne Keyes; Christopher Kosiewska; Stephanie Kotnik; Kristen Lasak; Christina Loccisano; Jonathan Mangar; Karthik Nagalingam; Mary Napolitano; William Neubauer; Camilla Niedzwiedz; Angela Nolan; Nicholas Ponticelli; Nicole Ramirez; Dorota Sawicki; Roxanne Torres; Audrey Tung; and Anastazja Wojnarowski.

The 18 frosh newcomers are: Melissa Alke; Nicole Ambrose; Nicole Bonilla; Michelle Bravo; Valentina DiGangi; Farzana Ghanie; Claudia Goncalves; Meg Celine Hernandez; Lauren Kalma; Carol Leong; Peter Mulligan; Charles Paszkowski; Jaimie Patel; Cody Piotrowski; Allison Reisch;

Laura Sonnylal; Daniel Waters; and Amanda Wood.

The 11 sophomores who returned to the List are: Giannina Farkas; Laura Fontanills; Jenny Kochupurackal; Marcella Kocolatos; Dorina Lleshi; Stephen Maniscalco; Katherine Rodriguez; Megan Sattler; Ahana Sen; Jadwiga Stec; and Sebastian Velez.

The eight sophomore newcomers are: Meghan Crane; Mario DiRe; Patrick Flahive; Michael Galbo; Yamile Martinez; Jennifer O'Neil; Christian Ventura; and Zullay Yepes.

The 14 juniors second-timers are: Megan Boyle; Umer Hassan; Tina Kochupurackal; Stephen Kostel; Sylwia Mackiewicz; Nicole Megale; Kelly Newton; Monika Prokop; Daniel Rankel; Bryan Rodriguez; Erika Rogawski; Priam Saywack; Brittany Schieler; and Patricia Sun.

The 18 newcomers are: Peter Armanious; Nina Darbonne; Michael DeMeo; Stephanie Fava; Andrew Fesler; Daniel Geiyer; Alyssa Goldbach; James Hounsell; Anita Joseph; Helen Kim; Sean Loftus; Jerina Martinaj; Steven Montoni; Nadine Rudolph; Gennarina Santorelli; Kimberly Seiler; Stephanie Verbanac; and Catherine Zhu.

The 13 seniors repeaters are: Brittany Bell; Victoria Chan; Kimberly Cirelli; Tori Dantonio; Josephine DeLuca; Kamini Doobay; Jaimie Fritz; Fiona Jaramillo; Angeli Mae Lagasca; Christine Lewis; Jacqueline Paulis; Iwona Popkowski; and Christina Scelfo.

The nine senior newcomers are: Carolyn Flaherty; Matthew Kosiewska; Sebastian Malecki; Mark Niec; Kevin Quinn; Joseph Scala, Jr.; Dawn Slavinski; Jaime Spataro; and Sarah Tansey.

Do anything, but stay off of my faux suede shoes

To Molloy's fashionistas, as far as the school's dress code is concerned, "You can do anything, but stay off of my faux suede shoes."

Certain dress code regulations may seem like a nuisance to some or an impediment to individuality to others, but most Molloy students consider our strict rules an easy guide to which to adhere.

Yet some Molloy students have wondered, since the 2005-2006 Student-Parent Handbook says that Stanners must wear "dark colored or dark brown or black leather dress shoes," if girls are allowed to wear black suede shoes; after all, isn't suede made from leather?

The answer to that question is yes, said Assistant Principal Mr. James Lembo.

"Suede is fine," said Mr. Lembo. "However, the shoes must be dark colored and correspond to all other dress code parameters. For example, they must be shoes, not slippers. It can not be a casual shoe; it must be a dress shoe. Chuka-style, above the ankle, suede shoes are not permitted. I always tell students, if you have any doubts, show me the shoe first."

Another dress code question is: Do the shoes have to be genuine leather? Molloy students who choose not to eat meat or wear clothing made from animals for moral reasons feel they

should be allowed to wear dress shoes made of faux leather or suede.

As sophomore Samantha Diliberti says, "At Molloy, students are encouraged to make their own choices and follow their own beliefs, which is a quality I love about this school. I've made the choice to be a vegetarian; therefore, I don't eat animals or wear them. Molloy's leather shoe requirement doesn't allow me to support my decision and contradicts the core value of independent thinking Molloy encourages."

Once again, Mr. Lembo says not to worry. Synthetic leather dress shoes do meet the dress code standards.

Shoe fashion trends this year lean

primarily toward suede, and so many female students are choosing these styles of shoe.

But after talking to Mr. Lembo, The Stanner is pleased to be able to tell our school's vegetarians and fashionistas: express yourself!

— Jillian Grogan

Letters to the Editor

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Slow down, enjoy life, turn off phone

Americans are known to just keep going and going without stopping to think or appreciate the world around us. Since we've entered high school, many of us have been running around trying to keep up with what everyone else is doing. We never want to miss a party or a trip to the mall, the movies, or Manhattan.

Many teenagers believe their social worth is determined by how busy their schedules are and how many people they are in constant touch with via cell phone.

How often have you been out with your friends having fun, only to wonder

if you are missing something more exciting somewhere else?

This hectic lifestyle often brings us to the point where we often can't even remember what we did yesterday, let alone last weekend.

Isn't it necessary for us, as teenagers, to take some time out for ourselves when we aren't trying to find out what's the latest news from school, family, and friends?

Do we even try to give ourselves time to just absorb our surroundings, notice the color of the leaves, focus on the people we are with? Do we make the time to reflect on our lives and

ourselves?

An article in *Time* magazine last month about today's communication technology and its effect on human concentration gave tips on how better focus on our lives. One suggestion was to turn off your cell phone when working on a project or homework.

I tried it and I can't describe the relief I felt. It was as if I had just realized that it's okay to be unavailable sometimes. I turned my cell phone back on when I finished my homework to see that I had missed five calls, none of which were urgent. When I returned those calls, I actually enjoyed my conversations more

because I didn't have my math assignment hanging over my head.

Try it yourselves. Turn off your cell phones. Turn off your iPods. Go outside and be alone with your thoughts for five minutes. Just be.

Think about if you're happy, if you're fulfilled, or if you want more from life. Don't think about how many friends you have to call or what weekend plans you have to make or what you have to do for school.

Just be you and enjoy the peace and quiet of your own mind.

— Samantha Diliberti

Increase healthy lunches, cut down on the grease quotient

French fries, fried chicken, hamburgers, and cookies are just a few examples of the unhealthy foods offered by the Molloy cafeteria.

Aren't these the same foods that we were warned about eating in Health class?

Don't we remember seeing the documentary "Super Size Me," which featured a man who became living proof of the serious health problems caused by eating too much unhealthy food?

Many of us probably look at adults suffering from heart problems, diabetes, and obesity and say we'll never be like that.

Really? Then why are there piles of fries and cookies every day on our cafeteria lunch trays?

When Molloy's Class of 1972 graduated, Americans spent about \$3 million annually buying fast food. Today that total is \$110 billion.

As a result of this and other unhealthy behaviors, one in three Americans born in 2000 will develop diabetes, which can cut off 17 to 27 years from a person's life. The fact that 46 million Americans have no health insurance and therefore don't go to the doctor just adds to the problem.

A recent study found that a majority of small children in the U.S. who could

not yet read or speak competently were still able to recognize a McDonald's sign, a testimony to how often their parents take them there.

The World Health Organization has declared obesity, along with AIDS, to be a global epidemic. Over 60% of Americans are now either overweight or obese.

In response, the New York City Dept. of Education has developed a new program that it says will, "improve nutrition and overall food service in our schools." Instead of serving fried chicken and french fries, public school cafeterias will offer healthy foods, such as baked chicken and potatoes.



Other schools are taking much needed steps to improve the health of their students. Is Molloy willing to do the same before we become super-sized ourselves?

The Stanner is not proposing that students boycott the cafeteria or never buy another plate of french fries, but students should realize that their health is at risk from high-fat, high calorie foods that do damage to a greater number of people than cigarettes, alcohol, or drugs.

The Stanner urges the cafeteria to try to provide a healthier menu for students to choose from every day during lunch.

—Olivia Ner

homeroom teacher for 3G was misidentified. It is Bro. Michael Fisher.

Andrew Siconolfi should have received credit as co-creator of the crossword puzzle.

The first name of photographer Julie Dzurita was misspelled under the photo of Mary Catherine Wen.

Letters:

Dear Editor:

A word of congratulations on the recent issues of *The Stanner*. I enjoy the focus on our school and the activities of all our Stanners. Would you consider bringing back the feature "Senior Spotlight"? I looked forward to the "experienced advice" the seniors shared with the rest of the school and always found interest in the choices they were making about which college to attend.

Keep up the good work. But please ask any of my former Chemistry students, I think every Molloy student should seriously consider taking Physics; it's a good thing.

Bro. Roy George

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Please note the following corrections

to errors made in Vol. 49 No. 2:

The Christmas concert photo should have been credited to Katherine Rodriguez.

In the Toy Drive story, the

Molloy volunteers work in Lourdes

By Clare Ollquist

A group of 26 Molloy students and faculty will travel to France this summer to volunteer to work with sick people in Lourdes from August 1-12, said Bro. Pat Hogan, the trip's organizer.

Bro. Pat also announced this month that the school administration has approved his request to create "The Saint Marcellin Champagnat International Service Society of Archbishop Molloy High School," the first international society in the history of the school.

Membership in the society is restricted to juniors, seniors, and alumni who are or were involved in service activities here at Molloy, Bro. Pat said.

"Your membership in the society lasts for as long as the society exists or until you formally withdraw," Bro. Pat said. "Each year you will be invited to join us in our international service project. Periodically members of the society will receive reflections via email and be asked to help in the fundraising efforts of the group for those who go on the programs."

Seven Molloy graduates and four Molloy seniors, Lauren Calder, Trisha Killian, Alyson Lee and Jaime Spataro, are current members of the society.

Twelve people have applied this year for society membership: seniors Cristina Balducci; Kevin Garlan; Matt Klopfer; Sean Metzger; Mary Ann Osorio; Gina Pagano; Katie Pastina; Kathleen Shevlin; juniors Ian Fitts; Ryan Harrington; Casey McAuliff; Diana Trent.

Bro. Pat said any junior or senior wishing to join the society could get an application from Bro. Pat, guidance counselors Mr. Chris Dougherty and Mr. Ted McGuinness, or National



Stanner volunteers help transport wheelchair-bound pilgrims around Lourdes last summer as members of The Saint Marcellin Champagnat International Service Society. (Photo by John Luniewski)

Honor Society Moderator Mr. Brian Kelly.

"The applications will be reviewed and selections will be made," said Bro. Pat.

This year's trip to Lourdes is expected to cost each volunteer just under \$2,000 each, but Bro. Pat hopes that a fund raising effort will offset the price for each volunteer by a couple of hundred dollars.

Last year 11 volunteers, including Calder, Killian, Lee and Spataro, traveled to Lourdes with Bro. Pat and Mr. Dougherty as part of the North American Lourdes Volunteer Program from Aug. 5-15.

They spent those ten days washing

dishes, making beds, and helping with crowd control, but most of all helping some of the thousands of pilgrims who come to the shrine each year to bathe in the healing waters near the grotto where the Blessed Mother is believed to have appeared to a local 18-year-old girl, Bernadette, almost 150 years ago.

This year's volunteers will visit Lourdes, The Hermitage where the Marist Brothers Order was founded, LaValla, where Marist Brothers founder Fr. Marcellin Champagnat wrote the order's constitution, and Champagnat town.

"In Lourdes we tend to the sick pilgrims and help them to accomplish

their goal of a faith experience," said Bro. Pat. "It is very hard work and you have to be dedicated to take up the jobs they give you [at Lourdes]. When we go, we are in a country where no one speaks English and interaction with other people is difficult."

Lee, who went on the trip last August and may join Bro. Pat again this summer, said, "The trip to Lourdes was extremely rewarding, and I learned that helping hands do make a difference."

Bro. Pat said the trip to Lourdes, "is very important to me. I want the kids to get a good faith experience and take everything they can out of the trip."

Sixty juniors selected to be Peer Group Leaders

By Christina Penin

Sixty Molloy juniors — evenly split between boys and girls — were chosen last month by the Guidance Dept. to be Peer Group Leaders for sophomores for the 2006-2007 school year.

Those selected will now attend a 45-minute Peer Group Leadership training session once every six-day class cycle from this month until June.

Guidance counselor Mr. Chris Dougherty described those sessions as "mock peer groups," where issues are brought up and the leaders practice making comments and guiding the discussions.

Next year as seniors, the peer group leaders must meet once a cycle with the guidance counselor they are working under and twice a cycle with the sophomores assigned to them in peer group meetings.

The criteria for those chosen to be group leaders, "varies among the counselors," said Mr. Dougherty. "One

constant quality is that [the counselor must] feel comfortable working with that senior. I have to trust them and develop a rapport with them."

Students are assigned to each guidance counselor, "based on whether [the counselor] had them as an individual as a sophomore or whether [the counselor was] their peer group counselor," Mr. Dougherty said.

The following peer group leaders will work as seniors next year under the direction of five guidance counselors:

Mr. Dougherty: Jessica Hurley; Dominique Lawrence; Matthew Lontos; Kelly Magee; Catherine Massowd; Casey McAuliff; Elliot Nasser; Bianca Neptune; Daniel Quinn; Alessandra Rannazzisi; Eric Roginek; Diana Trent.

Ms. Rachel Galla: Justine Balog; Matthew Poon; Erica Quintana; Christopher Radman; Brendan Regan; Camille Ricciardi; Ali Salameh; Brittany Schieler; Brian Schwab; Nicholas

Tsouklidis; Daniela Vidas; Tiffany Yeung.

Mr. Ted McGuinness: Caroline Abikaram; Kristina Dawes; Frank DeMaria; Emmanuel Duran; Timothy Hanna; Christopher Hughes; Cory Jones; Morgan Kelly; Stephen Kostel; Sylwia Mackiewicz; Antoinette Manigbas; Jaclyn Zimmel.

Bro. James Norton: Timothy Baynes; Megan Boyle; Amanda Brzozowski; Michael Conley; Michael Croquez; Rory Cunnane; Katherine DeMarco; Paul DiNubila; Yamilee Duroseau; Daniel Edwards; Samantha Gonzalez; James Reid; Margaret Rossi; Nadine Rudolph; Francis Sadicario.

Bro. Francis Regis: Justine Chirichella; Christine McGrory; Patrick Modafferi; Dennis O'Grady; Stephen Silva; Alyssa Tallini; Katarzyna Topczewska; Anthony Tufano; Dawn Wursthorn.

Mr. Dougherty said he feels really good about the 60 students selected

because, "they are a good cross-section of [next year's] senior class. There is a good energy about them. They are very enthusiastic about Molloy."

3 finalists named

Three Molloy seniors, Jenna Gilligan, Michael Korczynski, and Sarah Tansey were named finalists in the 2006 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Eleven seniors received National Merit commendations: Loren Amor-Radovich, Brittany Bell, Daniel Caracci, Victoria Chan, Tori Dantonio, Carolyn Flaherty, Theresa Flaherty, Laura Hackimer, Angeli Lagasca, Christine Lewis and Daniel Talmasov.

Seniors Amor-Radovich and Kimberly Cirelli were named scholars in the 2005-2006 National Hispanic Recognition Program while seniors Frank Adami, Marcos Baez, Gabrielle Gaitan, Dana Grossman, Michael Ortiz, and Melissa Rivas received honorable mention.

Rock Aid expands to seven bands on March 3

By Joe Marvilli

Seven bands will play in Archbishop Molloy's annual Rock Aid Concert March 3 in the Jack Curran Gym, led by December's Battle of the Bands winner, Ponies for Strangers.

The show also will feature a 12-minute coming attraction of the film comedy, "Lost in Education," written by two faculty members, concert organizer Mr. Glenn DaGrossa and Mr. Carl Semmler.

Tickets are \$7 and will be on sale every day in school and at the door the day of the show. All proceeds will go to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

The doors will open at 6 p.m. and the first band, the Watermelons, will take the stage at 6:30 p.m. No one will be admitted to the show after 7:30 p.m. and the concert will end around 11 p.m. after the final act, the faculty band Lazarus, finishes its set.

Mr. DaGrossa is hoping the larger-than-usual number of bands and the increased variety in the style of music the bands will play will draw 1,000 people and make this the largest Rock Aid crowd ever.

Food and drink will be offered in the cafeteria during the show, and ticket buyers will receive one free beverage. Second Nature will be the second band to perform, but the rest of the bill hasn't been set yet except for the fact that Ponies for Strangers will be the last student band to perform.

The bands will all play 30-minute

sets except for the Ponies, who will play 45 minutes as a reward for winning the Battle of the Bands.

Originally only the five best bands from the Battle of the Bands were going to play at Rock Aid, but when three bands — the Watermelons, Second Nature, and Red Note — tied for fifth place, a tiebreaker performance was held in January.

When the Watermelons and Second Nature tied again in the "play-offs," the show's lineup was expanded to include both bands.

Here is the lineup for Rock Aid 2006: The Watermelons: Angeli Lagasca; Paul Payabyab; Mike Ortiz; Chris Pizzolo; and Alison Laird.

Second Nature: John Attard; Mike DeNunzio; Mike Primozic; Nick Petrakis; and Maurizio Llin.

1-2-EHM: Carlos Perrano; Mike Ramdin; Don Montes; and John Masonsong.

Zespol: Mark Giernicki; John Saladino; Adam User; and Tim Viani.

Generic: Travis Feretic; Ken Ghani; Steve Muniz; Mike Lydakakis; and Dan Collins.

Ponies for Strangers: Kevin McAuley; Lana Belasic; Jaime Spataro; Pierce Lydon; and Hunter Lydon.

Lazarus: Mr. DaGrossa on guitar and lead vocals; Mr. Eric Stolze on lead guitar; Mr. Joe Berkman on guitar; Mr. Ron Porcelli on bass; and Mr. Jason Mallia on drums.

Stanners were outstanding at C.W. Post dance conference

By Christine Lewis

The Molloy Dance Team wowed the judges at the C.W. Post Tilles Dance Conference on Feb. 1 by performing a student-choreographed jazz dance that won two awards.

Molloy, under the direction of Ms. Liz Murdocca, won the award for "Outstanding Ensemble" over nine other schools in the dance showcase, while team captain, senior Gabrielle Kulesza, was named the "Outstanding Dancer" of the 16th annual dance concert.

"We worked hard to perfect the dance," said Kulesza.

Kulesza said that being able to rehearse in the more spacious theater and in front of mirrors that the team received two weeks before the performance rather than the landing outside the bio lab, "really helped us."

Helping the team win the best ensemble award, Kulesza said, was the team's choice of music and dance style. Last year the team performed a more edgy and dark dance number, but this year Kulesza said the team did a more

light and fun dance.

The Molloy team of Kulesza, Justine Bello, Brittany Bieber, Angela Falco, Kerry Hentrich, Jennifer LoCascio, Marissa Nostramo, Alessandra Rannazzisi, Stephanie Riccardi, Gabriella Scalzo, Christina Scelfo, and Alyssa Tallini performed to a music mix it dubbed "Jazz" that consisted of "Hey, Big Spender," from the Broadway play "Sweet Charity," "Take California" from the techno band Propellerheads, and the Benny Goodman big-band song, "Sing, Sing, Sing."

The judges, after an initial viewing of Molloy's performance in the day-time session, provided both compliments and criticisms of the student-choreographed dance.

After taking three hours of dance classes at C.W. Post, the team was given time to make revisions before performing before the judges again that evening in the final showcase where they proved to be — as said in the lyrics of "Hey, Big Spender" — good looking, so refined.



Who let the dogs out?

Alice Vo, above, shows off her Vietnamese eggrolls, while Helen Kim and Joan Villacruz celebrate the year of the dog at the Asian Club's Chinese New Year party in the theater on January 27. (Photos by Fernando Ortiz)



Blue & White includes tot pix

By Michael Lydakakis

The Blue and White staff at Molloy has introduced a new feature for the 2006 yearbook. Any senior who voluntarily submitted a baby picture to the staff will have it put into the book, said moderator Ms. Kathy Loughran.

"The pictures will be displayed in a collage," said Ms. Loughran.

Jill Avery, the editor of the yearbook, said that the baby picture idea was inspired by her middle school yearbook, which contained a "guess who" type feature with the names on a different page than that of the baby pictures.

The Blue and White staff received about 200 baby pictures from seniors as well as faculty. The total greatly exceeded the staff's expectations.

Although the staff is still trying to work out all the layout details and must come up with a way to pay for the

additional pages that are required for the baby picture display, they remain excited and expect processing the pictures to go well.

Ms. Loughran said that there are many difficult steps involved in creating the pages on Molloy's computer system, including, "scanning the pictures, editing them, and finally uploading them on the program before fitting each one individually into the collage."

The process takes two or three days, depending on the amount of work and how fast the staff works.

The additional baby pictures will not force the staff to cut something out of the book. In fact, the 2006 yearbook will be about 240 pages long, which is bigger than last year's book.

Staff members say they hope the book will not only be bigger, but better.

Model UN returns to competition

By James Harnisher

After missing last year's event due to a scheduling conflict, Molloy will join about 150 other high schools at the annual United Nations competition at the Grand Hyatt Hotel and the United Nations headquarters building in Manhattan May 18-20.

Last month Molloy was assigned by UN event organizers to represent both the African nation of Liberia and the Eastern European nation of Serbia at the role-playing competition.

With 16 Stanners participating in the event, Molloy qualified to bring two teams of eight members each to the event for the first time in history.

Moderator Mr. Bill Flemen has yet to break his club up into two teams, but he will do that this month as preparations for the event begin in earnest.

Mr. Flemen is glad that Molloy will be able to participate this year after missing the 2005 event due to the fact that it was held on the same day as the senior prom.

Because most of last year's club members were seniors, they decided to go to the prom rather than the UN event, Mr. Flemen said, a decision he said he understood and supported.

Molloy's two eight-member delegations this year will include club President Kristine Mazzo and Vice President Jackie Paulis.

Mr. Flemen said that most participants don't see the event as a competition because all of the schools must work together during the three-day event to recreate what the real United Nations does during the course of a year.

But because awards are given out to the top individuals for the jobs they do posing as UN officials, Mr. Flemen understands why some people may

look at it as a competition.

He said students are judged by how realistically they represent their assigned nation's political points of view and how effective students are in making proposals and conducting UN business at the event.

Now that the Stanners know what nations they are representing at the event, they now must spend the next three months researching the character and politics of both Liberia and Serbia and the stance each took on certain issues over the past year at UN meetings.

In past Model UN events, Molloy has been assigned to represent Greece and the Maldives, a small island nation off the coast of India.

Mr. Flemen said when Molloy was assigned Greece, a representative of the Greek embassy came to speak to the Stanners to help them prepare for the competition, but when Molloy had to represent the Maldives, doing research into that nation's role in UN business was difficult.

He feels this year the club won't have too much trouble researching Liberia and Serbia, as each has been in the news a lot in recent years.

Flemen had two goals when the school year began and said he has already achieved the first one — getting more students to join the club.

The second goal is to do well at this year's event, which he hopes the Stanners will be able to do thanks to having a more experienced team this spring than in past years.

Mazzo said being a club member is a great experience because she will be able to meet a lot of important people from the UN at the event that she wouldn't have a chance to meet otherwise.

Everybody was kung-fu fighting, fast as lightning

By Dana Grossman

A petition circulated by interested students last fall resulted in the formation of the Molloy's first Martial Arts Club in January, said moderator Mr. Jason Mallia.

Mr. Mallia has trained in the martial arts for 18 years and said that was the reason he was approached to become the club's moderator.

He said the club's goals are to teach the principles and practicals of martial arts and, of course, to have fun.

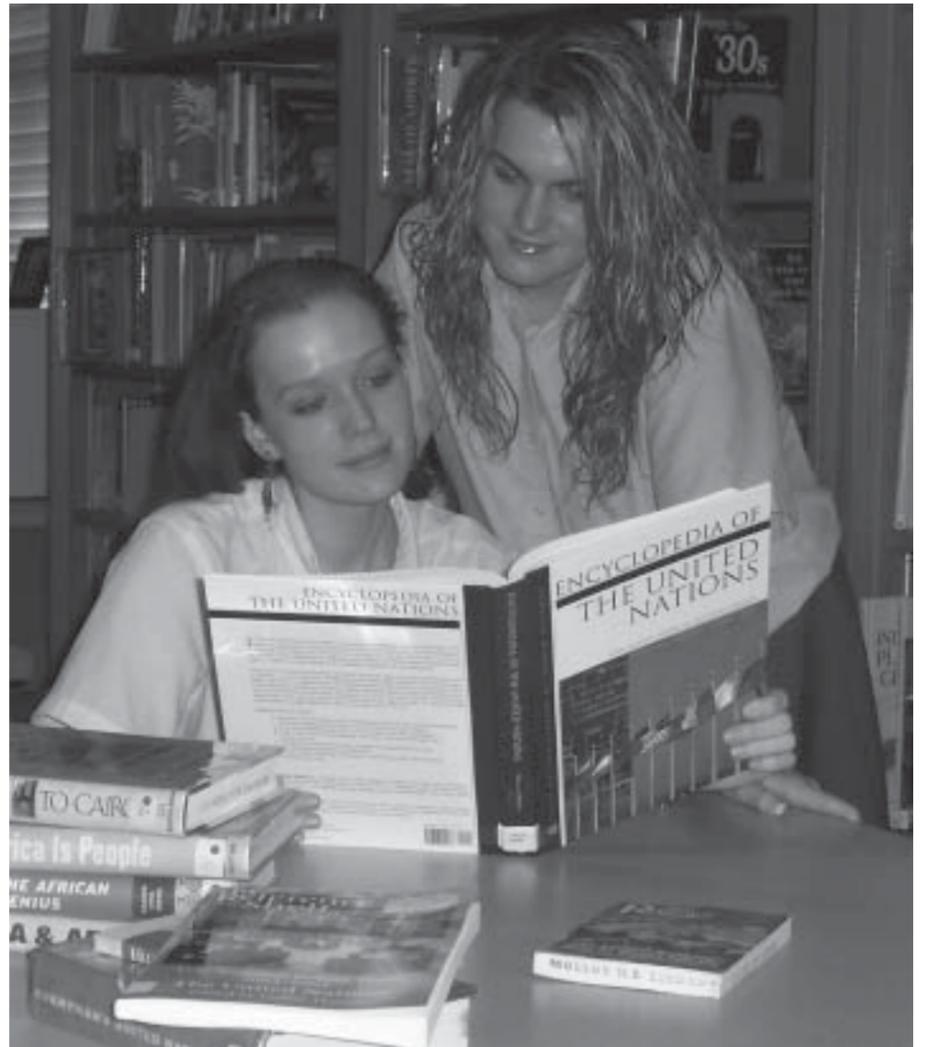
Senior Mark Muchene, one of the club's 14 members, said the club is well on its way to achieving these goals.

"It's really fun, honestly," Muchene said. "It's the greatest workout I've had in a really long time."

The club meets every Monday and Friday in Room 225, where members do various warm-up and stretching exercises and then learn and practice martial arts techniques.

Mr. Mallia said that anyone can join the club, regardless of previous experience.

Mr. Mallia said the club has no plans to get involved in any competitions or events this year but may do so in future years.



Seniors Jackie Paulis and Lisa Mazzo prepare for the Model UN Competition held in the United Nations Headquarters in Manhattan May 18-20. (Photo by Fernando Ortiz)

Please come to Boston

By Caroline Gallagher

Twenty-four members of Molloy's Anime Club signed up last month to take part in the club's third trip to an anime convention in Boston May 26-28 in order to purchase merchandise, view films, dress up as anime characters, and have fun, said Moderator Mr. Chris Dougherty.

The convention, called Anime Boston, will take place at the Hynes Convention Center in the heart of downtown Boston.

Molloy club members, who pay about \$275 to make the trip, will travel to the convention in Molloy vans driven by Mr. Dougherty and Mr. Glenn DaGrossa and stay at the Sheraton Boston hotel.

The convention, in its fourth year, is the biggest Japanese anime convention on the East Coast and the third largest in the country, attracting fans from all around the world, said Molloy Anime club President Dana Grossman.

Six thousand people, from young children to senior citizens, attended last year's convention, said Mr. Dougherty. "Basically," said Grossman, "it's a huge gathering of anime geeks."

The Anime Club's trip last year included 26 Stanners and three

chaperones: Mr. Dougherty; Mr. Ted McGuinness; and former club president and 2004 Molloy graduate Sonnya Paz.

The idea to attend Anime Boston came from Paz and Grossman in the spring of 2002, and the trip has been a resounding success each year the club has gone.

Most fans dress up as characters from anime, video games, such as "Final Fantasy," but some dress up as characters from other fantasy sources such as "Harry Potter" or "Star Wars."

A merchandise dealers' room is set up to sell comics, t-shirts, and DVD's, and the temptation to spend money there is great, said Grossman.

Fans partake in karaoke, Dance Dance Revolution, and video game tournaments.

Movie screenings at the convention are what gave Molloy's club the idea to show films in the Molloy theater this year, said Grossman.

Voice actors from various anime films and video games make personal appearances at the convention to give autographs, take pictures with fans, and participate in panel discussion about the art form.

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Juniors make class picks

By Kathleen Pacina

The 2006-2007 Archbishop Molloy course catalogue, which was handed out to juniors this month, included four new senior electives as well as three previously offered courses that have yet to attract enough enrollment in recent years to be taught, said Assistant Principal Sister Elizabeth Bickar.

Criminal Justice, E-Commerce, Accounting, and Christian Personal Growth were all newly offered senior electives while U.S. Foreign Policy, AP French, and Discrete Math were offered again to see if there was more interest in these subjects this year.

Sister Elizabeth hoped that students with interests in these subjects will sign up for all the new classes in order for them to be taught next year.

Missing from next year's offerings was the religion honors class, Johannine Literature, which is presently taught by Mr. Anthony Nicolini.

Every November, Sister Elizabeth speaks with the chairperson of each department after the teachers from each department speak among themselves

regarding changing course descriptions or course requirements as well as whether to add or drop classes from the course catalogue.

Sister Elizabeth then brings this information to the weekly administration meetings where the final decision is made as to whether or not to offer the new classes to the current juniors.

Sister Elizabeth finds this time of year exciting because there is something of interest for everybody. "It's nice to see kids ask how many courses they can take," she said.

Sister Elizabeth said she wishes that students follow their desires and enroll in the classes most interesting to them.

Senior Alejandro Santos thinks Criminal Justice will be a favorite class among this year's juniors and wishes he could still be here next year to take part in it. "It's a hot new career field," he said.

The course catalogue was distributed to juniors on Jan. 18 during a homeroom assembly in the Jack Curran Gym. Final selections were made in February.

Stanners go to the Met

By Dorota Sawicki

Thirty-seven curious Molloy ninth graders accompanied Mr. Glenn DaGrossa to the Metropolitan Opera on Jan. 25 to see Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's comic opera "Cosi Fan Tutte" at Lincoln Center.

The frosh each paid \$36 to see the four-hour spectacular.

"I wanted to go because I thought it would be different, fun, and an unforgettable experience" said Victoria Barrett, who added, "It wasn't as bad as I expected."

Mr. DaGrossa was glad so many of his students chose to go.

"Who knows if they would ever go see an opera at Lincoln Center again?" he said. "[I thought] being able to watch an opera live — not on TV but in person — would expand their horizons on music, especially classical music, and bring them to a better understanding of it."

Most students said they enjoyed the opera, despite the fact that it seemed to drag on a little bit too long. On their way home after midnight they got stuck on a subway train for 45 minutes, which made the field trip even longer and even more of a night to remember.

Lit Mag debuts in Feb.

By Faith Conlon

"Out of the Box," Archbishop Molloy's literary magazine, which contains students' creative writing, will publish its first issue of the school year this month, said Moderator Mr. Matt Kilkelly.

Senior editors Brittany Bell and Jaimie Fritz work with Mr. Kilkelly to create this twice yearly publication, which is usually 20 pages long and contains about 30 works by students.

Bell, who has been involved with the magazine since her freshman year, said, "I enjoy writing and like having other people read my work."

Mr. Kilkelly said he is pleased with the quality of work submitted for the first issue.

"The work gets better every time," he said.

The writing of frosh Diana Arnoczy, junior Megan Boyle, senior Valerie Guzman, and senior Caroline Kelly have especially impressed Mr. Kilkelly and editor Bell.

There is no specific editorial themes for the publication, so any form of creative writing is welcome. Most submissions are poems and short stories.

Getting work published in the next edition, which will be published in May, requires sending any submission to the magazine via email to: amlitmag@bust.com.

Bell said the editors are always happy to get new material.

Binghamton, NYU top senior college choices

More members of the Class of 2006 applied to SUNY-Binghamton than any other college or university, said Molloy's college guidance counselor Mr. Kerry Hughes, with SUNY-Stony Brook and CUNY-Queens College finishing second and third.

Binghamton, which is rated as the best school in the SUNY system by U.S. News & World Report, received 139 applications from Molloy's 361 seniors this year, while Stony Brook got 129 and Queens College 117.

The most popular choice among top-rated schools ranked as "Most Competitive," considered the hardest to get into, was NYU, which received 71 applications, followed by Columbia University (23) and Cornell University (21) of the Ivy League and Boston College (20).

Northeastern University (33), Penn State University (25), Loyola College

of Maryland (23), and Boston University (21) were the most popular choices in the "Highly Competitive" category. Queens College, Fordham University (75), and CUNY-Baruch (57) were the top choices in the "Very Competitive" category.

CUNY-Hunter (99), St. John's University (71), Manhattan College (48), Iona College (44) and CUNY-City College (41) were the most popular "safety schools," which are considered "Competitive," the lowest of the four categories.

Molloy seniors also preferred to stay close to home by applying overwhelmingly to schools in the Northeast region of the United States. The only schools outside the area that drew seniors' interest were Duke University (5) in the South and the University of Notre Dame (2) in the Midwest.

Cafeteria Crossword Puzzle

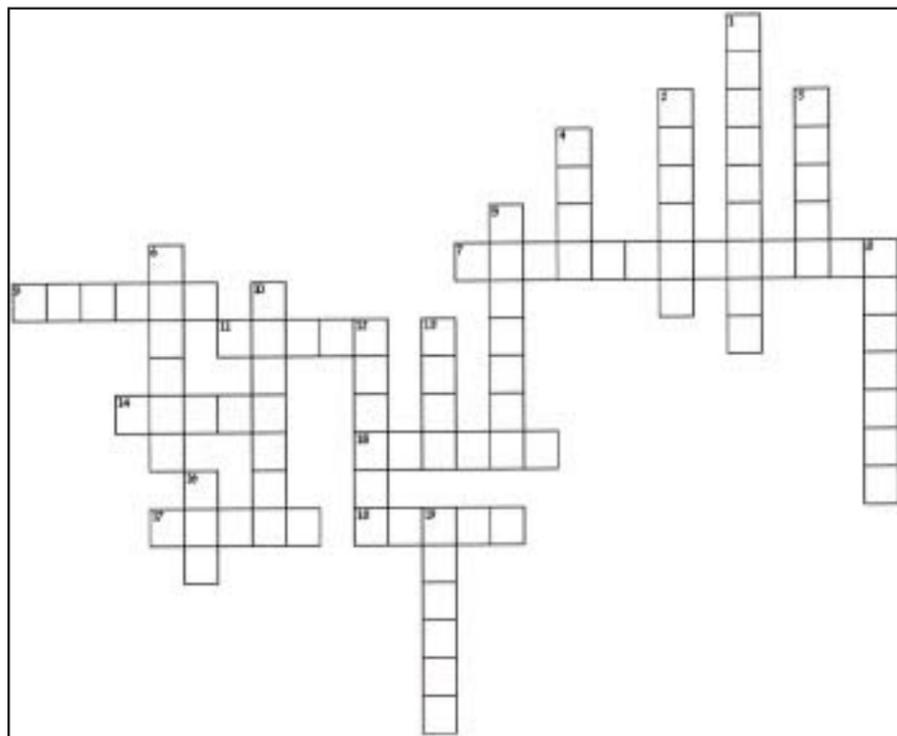
by Angela Cerbone and Andrew Siconolfi

Across

7. Cafeteria water
9. Morning pick-me up
11. Most popular cafeteria item
14. _____ period lunch
15. Bacon, egg, and _____ sandwich
17. Type of fries
18. Vegetarian fare

Down

1. Mastication location
2. French fry residue
3. Color of cafeteria trays
4. Carbonated beverage
5. Sugar or M&M
6. Found on milk cartons
8. Uncarbonated beverage
10. Salty, twisted snack item
12. Chicken, mozzarella, or cheese
13. Classic, diet, or vanilla
16. Type of potato chips
19. Cough drop brand



Cast chosen for Drama Club's '12 Angry Men'

Senior Kathleen Shevlin was selected by moderator Mr. Kevin Schwab this month to play the lead role of Juror No. 8 in the Drama Club's spring production of "Twelve Angry Men" in the Molloy theater.

While the title doesn't indicate it, the 13-person cast will be comprised of seven girls and six boys.

The girls are: Shevlin; frosh Angela Nolan (Foreman); senior Jamie Fritz (Juror No. 2); senior Alison Laird (Juror No. 5); senior Shannon Winters (Juror No. 6); sophomore Mary Kate Schwerdt (Juror No. 11); and junior Megan Boyle (Guard/Clerk).

The boys are: senior Anthony Ehmer (Juror No. 3); senior Ed Harley (Juror No. 4); frosh Travis Kessel (Juror No. 7); senior Mike Korczynski (Juror No. 9); senior Kevin McAuley (Juror No. 10); senior Dominic Garafola (Juror No. 12).

High jumpers sweep as frosh win championship

Molloy scored more than three times as many points as its nearest rival in the 2006 Boys Brooklyn-Queens CHSAA Freshmen Indoor Track and Field Championships last month at the Armory in Manhattan.

Led by its five high jumpers who swept the competition, Molloy won the championship with 93 points, followed by second place Bishop Ford (29) and third place McClancy (23).

Ed Nasser won the high jump with a 5-foot leap, followed by Joseph Mayer (4-10), John Ahlemeyer (4-10), Michael Celic (4-6), and William Vabrinkas (4-6).

The pole vaulters and triple jumpers were almost as dominant, sweeping the first three spots in each event.

Matt Letellier won the pole vault with a new meet record of 10-feet-6 inches, while teammate Rob Mastronardi finished second due having more misses than Letellier. Brittany Dombrowski, a girl competing on the boys team, finished third at 7-0.

Mastronardi won the triple jump with a leap of 37-3.5 followed by John Kim in second at 34-3 and Alex Wach in third at 34-5.

Kim won the long jump at 16-5, while teammate Wach finished third at 15-7. Other field event place winners were shot putters Steve Lewis (fourth, 40-1.75) and Andrew Hubert (fifth, 40-0).

On the track, Molloy won both the 800-meter medley relay in one min., 55.04 sec. and the 1,600 medley relay in 4:32.50 and finished second in the 3,200 medley relay in 11:12.40

Steve Leccese won the 55-meter high hurdlers in 10.21, followed by

teammates Nick Davis in second (10.67) and Brandon Portelli in fourth (11.34).

Other place winners were: Manuel Cordero (fourth place, 55 meter dash, 8.13); Leccese (third, 1,600 meters, 5:18.91); and Richard Chunga (second, 3,200 meters, 12:09.10).

The freshmen boys didn't fare as well as a team in the CHSAA City Freshmen Championships Feb. 5 in the Armory, scoring 32 points to finish third behind Iona Prep (41) and Fordham Prep (33.5)

However, two Stanners won individual city titles as Letellier won the pole vault at 10-6 and Mastronardi won the triple jump at 37-1.5.

Other Molloy scorers in city championships were: Mastronardi, second in the pole vault at 10-0; Kim, who was second in the long jump at 16-7 and third in the triple jump at 35-9; Wach, fifth in the long jump at 15-9; Chunga, fifth in the high jump at 5-0; Leccese, third in the high hurdles at 9.7; and the 1,600-meter relay team of Chunga, Cordero, Cunnane, and Leccese, second in 3:59.3.

Meanwhile, at the CHSAA Sophomore City Championship Feb. 5 at the Armory, the Stanners finished fourth with 17 points behind Fordham Prep (38.5), Mount St. Michael's (28), St. Peter's (22).

Matt Flynn led the way for Molloy winning the triple jump in 40-11 and finishing second in the long jump.

Other scorers were: Jarenn Stewart, second in the 55-meters in 6.6; Mike Woolford, fourth in the high hurdles in 8.9; and Dan Girdusky, fifth in the high hurdles in 9.4.

Girls swimming:

Winning Class A without winning

By Lauren Sessa

The Archbishop Molloy Girls Varsity Swimming Team won its third consecutive CHSAA Girls Class A Championship on Jan. 28-29 at the Nassau Community College pool, despite not winning a single event.

Molloy beat second place finisher Notre Dame Academy by 30 points and third place finisher Bishop Kearney by over 200 points.

Molloy finished its season with a 5-2 record, its only losses having come at the hands of Notre Dame.

"Yes, the competition was tough this year," said assistant coach Mr. Steve DiLorenzo, "but we still won the championship despite losing those two dual meets to Notre Dame."

One of the top swimmers on the team

is sophomore Caitlin Winkler, who finished second in the 500-meter freestyle with a time of 5 minutes, 32.06 seconds and third in the 200-meter individual medley in 2:20.46.

Co-captains Emily O'Kane and Alyson Lee did well; Kane finished seventh place in both the 200 freestyle and 100 backstroke and Lee finishing ninth in the 50 freestyle and fifth in the 100 backstroke.

Seniors Clare Ollquist, Lauren Calder, and Patricia Killian swam well, too; Ollquist finished third in the individual medley, Calder finished seventh in the 500 freestyle, and Killian finished eighth in the 50 freestyle and fifth in the 100 freestyle.



Senior Ramon Fana, left, and Mr. Glenn DaGrossa were all smiles before the Senior-Faculty football game on Jan. 7. However, only the seniors were smiling at the end of the two and a half hour game as the seniors won 7-6. (Photo by Fernando Ortiz)

Chess team tourney bound; homeroom 1H wins frosh title

By Cristina Auriemmo

The Molloy Varsity Chess team, which has started the season with a 3-3 record in league play, will participate in the Amateur East chess tournament in Parsippany, N.J. on Feb. 18-20.

About 50 to 60 other high schools will participate in the tournament which attracts over 1,000 competitors ranging in age from children as young as five-years old to adults.

Chess coach Mr. Mike Harrison said the team is participating in the meet to get more experience for his young team, which has only two seniors in the starting lineup, and improve upon its individual records and rankings.

The six-person starting lineup for the Varsity this year is: senior Ryan Cammarata on first board; sophomore Jonathan Rodriguez on second; junior Brian Schwab on third; senior Michael Ortiz on fourth; sophomore Paulo Talion on fifth; and junior Ray Goirn on sixth board.

Despite the inexperience of his players, Mr. Harrison said he is quite pleased with the team's early season record and predicts his team will post a winning record at season's end.

After starting the season winning 11 of its first 14 games, the Molloy Girls Varsity basketball team dropped three of its next four games, capped by a 55-33 blowout loss to the top rated team in the nation, Christ the King, to see Molloy's record drop to 12-5.

Injuries have forced coach Mr. Marty Towey to juggle his lineup from game to game as the loss of seniors E.J. Dryer for the most of the season and Katie Pastina for several games has hurt

team chemistry.

However Mr. Towey said several players have stepped up to fill the void caused by those injuries with the most surprising performer being junior Irene Rynasewycz, a strong three-point shooter who scored 24 points in one game this season.

Sophomore shooting guard Kerri White and junior center Angelina Waterman have also played well this season, Mr. Towey said.

— *Andrea Devas and Elizabeth Solaimanian*

Homeroom 1H defeated 1D 28-21 in overtime to win the freshmen intramural football championship last month. 1H, whose captain was James McCoy, finished the season 4-1 while 1D, led by Jeffrey Donato, finished 3-2.

Captain James Falesto led homeroom 2C to a two-touchdown victory over Anthony Langone's 2E squad to win the sophomore championship.

The four-team junior-senior league was plagued by numerous forfeits and failed to produce a champion, said Molloy Intramural Director Mr. Mark Lipset.

The Boys JV Bowling team won the CHSAA City Championship Jan. 19 at the 34th Ave. Bowl in Jackson Heights by defeating St. Francis Prep. The Stanners advanced to the finals by defeating Cardinal Spellman 5-0.

The Boys Varsity Bowling team lost to McClancy in the City Championship match. The Stanners beat All Hallows 5-0 in the semifinals.

Jean-Joseph, Power lead Girls to title

Led by double winning sophomores Alexandra Jean-Joseph and Rebecca Power, the Molloy Varsity Girls Track team dominated the meet's five field events to win the Brooklyn-Queens Championships Feb. 5 at the Armory in Manhattan.

Molloy scored 69.5 points followed by Bishop Loughlin (41), St. Francis Prep (31.5), Bishop Ford (29), Nazareth (19) and St. John's Prep (18).

Jean-Joseph won the long jump with a leap of 15-feet-5 inches and the triple jump at 33-1/2.

Power won the pole vault at 9-0 and the shot put with a toss of 31-2 1/2.

The Stanners swept the top four places in the pole vault as Power was followed by sophomore Beth



Sophomore Rebecca Power

Terranova (7-0), frosh Brittany Dombrowski (6-6) and frosh Julie Mielczarek (6-0).

Molloy grabbed four of the top five spots in the shot put as Power was followed by senior Yvonne Wroblewski (second, 29-9 3/4), senior Stephanie Reyes (third at 27-6 3/4) and Dombrowski (fifth at 24-7).

Molloy's high-jumpers placed third (sophomore Sabrina Fleurantin at 4-6), fourth (senior Kathleen Cooney, 4-4), and tied for fifth (frosh Kathryn Powers at 4-2).

Led by Jean-Joseph, the long jumpers took first, second (sophomore Jessica Conter at 15-3 3/4) and fifth (frosh Maggie Bolan at 13-4 1/2).

Frosh Karolina Kaluza finished third in the triple jump at 30-11 1/2.

On the track, Molloy was most successful in the High Hurdles, finishing second (senior Alexandria Russell in 8.5 seconds), fourth (frosh Stephanie Halvax in 9.4) and fifth (Power in 9.7).

Other runners who scored for Molloy were: frosh Anniela Vaccaro, fifth in 55-meters in 7.9; Conter, fourth in the 300-meters in 44.4; junior Dominique Lawrence, fifth in the 600-meters in 1:45.0; senior Christine Morreale, fifth in the 1,000-meters in 3:17.6; senior Karen Koziorzebska, third in the 1,500-meters in 5:33.8; junior Kelly Magee, fifth in 3,000-meters in 12:34.5.



Sophomore Alexandra Jean-Joseph won both the long jump and the triple jump at the B-Q Championships. (Photo by Fernando Ortiz)

Molloy's 800-meter relay team finished second in 1:51.8, the 1,600-meter relay was fourth in 4:29.6 and Molloy's two 3,200-meter relay teams finished fourth in 10:50.1 and fifth in 11:01.1.

Dombrowski is MVP at B-Q meet

Junior Dylan Dombrowski and senior Darius Sileikis led Molloy to a runaway victory at the 2006 Brooklyn-Queens CHSAA Varsity Indoor Championships at the Armory in Manhattan last month as the Stanners scored more than double the points of their nearest rival.

Molloy scored 84 points, followed by St. Francis Prep (37) and McClancy (31).

Dombrowski earned the meet's Most Valuable Performer award by winning the pole vault with a height of 14-feet-8-inches and the triple jump with a leap of 44-05.

Sileikis won the high jump at a height of 5-10 and the shot put with a toss of 53-8.5.

"That was really an incredible double," Coach Bro. Bob Andrews said of Sileikis. "It's really very unusual. You don't see a high jump-shot put double winner very often."

Molloy dominated the field events in posting its runaway victory.

Four Stanners were among the top five in the triple jump, led by Dombrowski: junior Robert Nappi in second place (42-3); sophomore Matt Flynn in fourth (41-11.5); and senior Jaime Spataro in fifth place (41-0).

Three Stanners placed among the top five shot putters, led by Sileikis: second place senior Matt Megerdichian (45-5) and fifth place junior Paolo DeGuzman (38-7.5).

Three Stanners were among the top five long jumpers, led by first place Spataro (20-8); third place junior Tom Lynch (18-8) and fourth place junior Zack Kramer (18-6.5).

Other winners for Molloy were junior Ian Fitts in the 55-meter high hurdles in 7.9 seconds and junior George Arcarola in the 600-meters in 1 minute, 24.7 seconds.

Other Stanners who placed among the top five finishers in their events were: sophomore Jarenn Stewart (second place, 55-meter dash, 6.77); junior Byron Peeters (fourth, 55-meter high hurdles, 8.48); senior Mike Shields (fourth, 300 meters, 38.18); junior Victor Szuper (fifth, 1,000 meters, 2:50.74); junior Danny Edwards (fourth, 3,200 meters, 10:30.79); and sophomore Sean Ginter (third, pole vault, 11-feet).

Molloy's 800-meter medley relay finished third (1:38.03), the 1,600 relay second (3:39.36), and the 3,200 medley relay fifth (8:55.12).



Junior Dylan Dombrowski was named Most Valuable Performer at the 2006 Brooklyn-Queens CHSAA Varsity Indoor Championships for winning both the pole vault and the triple jump. (Photo by Fernando Ortiz)