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Mr. Dennis Vellucci is leaving Room 328. (Photo by M. Pahilajani)

Administrative changes set for upcoming year

By **Karla Hernandez '12,**
Rashanna Seymour '13, and
AnnMarie Gaglio '13

Students venturing into the General Office next year will see some new people sitting in those office chairs.

With Assistant Principal for Academics Sr. Elizabeth Bickar retiring after more than 30 years at Molloy and Administrative Assistant/Office Manager Mrs. Maureen Kelly retiring after more

than 25, Principal Bro. Thomas Schady has decided to install two new assistant principals to replace them.

Mr. Dennis Vellucci, currently an English teacher, and Mr. Ed Cameron, now the Director of School Activities, will join the Administration.

Mr. Jim Sheldon will take over Mr. Cameron's current job.

All duties of Mr. Vellucci and Mr. **Continued on Page Three**

Flashback to teachers as Stanners

By **Lillian Mangialino '15** and
Dina Mangialino '13

Have you ever sat in class wondering what your teacher was like when he or she was your age?

Now picture them in the same uniform you're wearing walking down the halls of Molloy. About 25 teachers did exactly that. So what were they like as Stanners?

"I haven't changed at all," said Mr. Jim Sheehan, Class of 1975, "except my voice is deeper than it was when I was a freshman."

Mr. Brian Klimas, Class of 1998, said he probably hasn't changed as much as he thinks he has and still maintains the same reputation as he had as student.

Mr. Ted McGuinness, Class of 1981, said he learned how to study at Molloy where he was a member of the track team and SAC and went to Esopus for retreats and summer camps.

Mr. Bill Niklaus, Class of 1980, said he was part of the "2 o'clock club" as a student.

Mr. Jim Sheldon, Class of 1988, said his classmates saw him as "the funny guy."

Ms. Sabina Kobinski, a member of Molloy's first coed graduating class in 2004, said her classmates saw her as "the girl with the smile on her face."

Ms. Kobinski worked at the

Esopus summer camps, was active in Campus Ministry as a Briarwood Shelter volunteer and Eucharistic Minister, and was a member of SADD, and the Eastern European and Irish Clubs.

She was considered "the mother" in her group because, "I was the one who would always make sure my friends were okay."

Ms. Kobinski said the fact that some students today aren't even aware that Molloy was once an all-boys school "is scary."

Mr. Sheehan thinks the school has changed dramatically since he graduated 37 years ago.

Mr. Niklaus, however, doesn't think it's changed very much, even with the arrival of girls.

One of the biggest adjustments teachers make when they join the faculty is having their former teachers become their colleagues.

Mr. Richard Rodgers, Class of 1965, had Bro. James Maher, Bro. Aquinas, and Bro. Regis as teachers and he said he feels "eternally grateful to them."

Mr. Sheldon was taught by Mr. Dennis Vellucci, Mr. John Diorio, and Bro. John Raeihle.

Mr. Klimas was a student of Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Jeff Gallagher, and Ms. Jeanne Longerano and taught Ms. Shannon Winters and Mr. John Attard, both of the Class of 2006.

He described Ms. Winters and Mr. Attard as "strong students and excellent people."

Ms. Winters was taught by many of the current faculty, including her English Dept. boss, Mr. Sheehan.

Mr. Sheehan, meanwhile, was in both Mr. John Diorio's and Ms. Mary Pat Gannon's classes.

"I'm sure if you were to ask them, they'd say I was the best student they ever taught," he said.

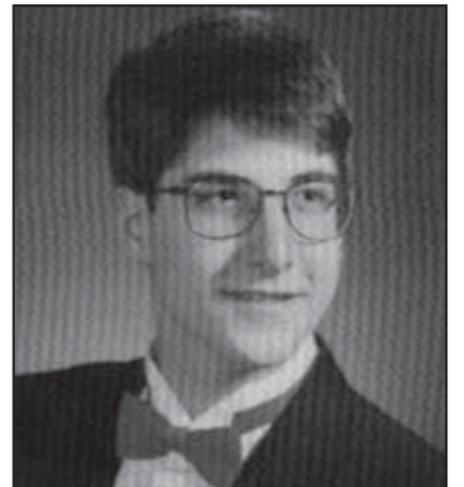
Teachers can still recall their high school days.

Mr. Rodgers said he always made his parents, the few times they drove him to Molloy, drop him off a block or two away from school so as not to be seen by other students because being driven to school back then was considered embarrassing.

Mr. Dan Quinn, Class of 2000, said the tradition and atmosphere of Molloy are the same as when he was a student and so he does not feel he is much different from current students.

Ms. Winters doesn't feel much difference either, especially considering that she's only about ten years older than her students.

"The family atmosphere is still here and it is something Molloy will always have, so it's nice to know that no matter when you graduated, you always share that aspect with everyone," she said.



Now and then: Mr. Brian Klimas, Class of 1998, above, and math teacher 2012, below.

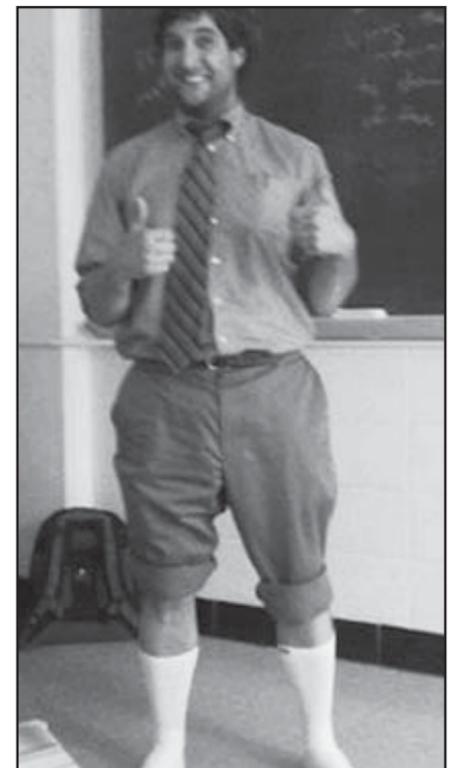




Illustration by Michele Rondon '12

Stanners should see Manhattan

New York City is a place of locomotion, constant change and excitement.

The city that never sleeps has inspiring lights and soaring skyscrapers that attract tourists all year round.

But do Stanners take advantage of all of the perks that the borough of Manhattan has to offer?

Most Stanners probably know how to find Fifth Ave., Times Square, and Central Park and can vaguely pinpoint downtown, midtown, and uptown Manhattan.

But how many young teens from Queens really do capitalize on their close proximity to all that the world's greatest city has to offer?

Wouldn't you want to be able to take visiting family and friends to some of the genuinely cool places that make New York so great?

But you can't do that unless you first learn your way around the city yourself.

Instead of going to your local McDonald's on Friday night, go into Manhattan to one of its many affordable restaurants which are downright amazing.

But don't join the thousands of tourists packed into Times Square. Go downtown instead and just walk around.

Greenwich Village, the East Village, the Lower East Side, SoHo, and Tribeca are just a few

great downtown neighborhoods to walk around in to acquire a feel for the unique parts of the city.

There are enough fascinating sights, restaurants and shops in those neighborhoods to satisfy your curiosity.

One of my favorite places to go in Manhattan during the warmer months is Hudson River Park, which stretches from Battery Park to the George Washington Bridge and is one of the best places to take a long walk, run or bike ride.

The park offers tennis, basketball, and skateboarding and even some historic landmarks.

Some of the sights to see on your walk are Castle Clinton in Battery Park, the Winter Garden, Chelsea Piers and the Intrepid Air and Space Museum.

Central Park is another great place to hang out.

Beatles fans can check out Strawberry Fields, a little section of the park dedicated to John Lennon located across from where he lived in the Dakota apartment building on 72nd St.

A perfect place to sit and read is the Conservatory Garden, a secluded spot near Fifth Ave. and 105th St.

Many famous sites in the park include the Bow Bridge, the Carousel, Belvedere Castle, and the Central Park Zoo.

If you want to get a sense of how vast the city that we live in is, go up to the observation deck of the Empire State Building, or even better, to the Top of the Rock at Rockefeller Center.

From there, you truly can see how truly breathtaking and magnificent New York really is.

As the youth of New York City, we should all take advantage of what it has to offer. It's just an easy train ride away.

— *Conor Tuohy '13*

Ask Cafeteria staff to post its specials again

Every day hungry Stanners who didn't bring lunch from home trod to the Cafeteria in the hope of getting a good meal.

They know they can count on being offered pizza, pre-made salads, customized salads, wraps, french fries, and juniors Shalini Zachariah and Gabriela Batres were satisfied with the daily offerings for two years.

"But now the food just seems repetitive," said Zachariah. "I get so tired of having to choose from the same food every day."

This is why the Cafeteria's daily specials have become so important to some students.

Yet they get frustrated playing the daily guessing game as to what these specials might be.

So they would like to see menus posted on Mondays that list the daily specials for the rest of the week.

"Then I could always get the

specials I wanted," said junior Greer Kann. "I don't like having to buy a special I don't really want when I don't bring lunch because I guessed wrong about what the special would be."

The Cafeteria manager, Ms. Audrey Cashin, however, said the staff used to print 100 flyers every week listing the daily menus but students didn't look at them so the practice was stopped.

Ms. Cashin said she is willing to re-start publishing the weekly menus but wants to be sure that students would actually look at them before doing so.

She also would like to hear what types of dishes students would like to see as the daily special.

So students who want the Cafeteria post a weekly menu should talk to Ms. Cashin and perhaps the growing interest of the students will make it happen.

— *Ashwini Chawla '13*

Can pizza really be a vegetable?

Is pizza a vegetable?

Well, Congress thinks so.

On Nov. 17, 2011, it voted to count pizza as a vegetable in school lunches because it contains some tomato sauce.

Congress did this in response to a U.S. Dept. of Agriculture's request that public schools offer students healthier lunch choices and more fruits and vegetables.

The vote was 298-121, which means well over half of Congress thinks pizza is a vegetable and therefore a healthy lunch choice.

Makers of frozen pizza may be happy but many Stanners aren't.

"This is the most ridiculous

thing I have ever heard," said senior Ryan Vesey. "Hello out there, pizza is made from dough and cheese, not to mention all the unhealthy toppings like pepperoni and sausage. Wow. These are the people who run our country. Is it any wonder this country has one of the highest rates of obesity in the world?"

Junior Vincent D'Aquaro said, "This is not going to help the children of America."

But it is going to help the fast food industry and schools officials who can't be bothered to help children have a healthy diet!

— *Colman Vaughan '13*

Corrections

The names senior Steven Truong and junior Derrick Yuen, who are the top scorers for Molloy's Math League team were

omitted from last month's story. Margaret Rooney is a senior. Her class designation was incorrect. The Stanner regrets the errors.

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"How many young teens from Queens really do capitalize on their close proximity to all that the world's greatest city has to offer?"

Seniors finally get to pick senior shirt color



Senior Natalie Look models the girls' bimini blue senior shirt. (Photo by Monish Pahilajani '13)

By Roberto Bertolini '13

March 5 is the day most seniors are waiting for because it is the first day that they will be able to wear their senior polo shirts.

Senior Samson Zachariah said, "It gives us some senior swag and sets us apart from the underclassmen."

For the first time in Molloy history, seniors were allowed to vote on the color of the shirt and, as a result, this year's senior shirts come in two different colors – bimini blue for girls and royal blue for boys.

This was also the first year women's sizes were available.

Both shirts will feature the Molloy logo.

The shirts cost \$25 each and seniors had to order at least two shirts when purchasing them by the Feb. 3 deadline.

Mr. Edward Cameron, Director

of Student Activities, said it will take about two weeks after the payment for the shirts to arrive at Molloy.

Seniors voted in the Cafeteria during lunch in January to choose the color of the shirts instead of having the school Administration choose as it has done in the past.

Mr. Cameron, who changed the policy this year, is pleased with the seniors' choice of colors.

Most seniors said they were happy to have the opportunity to choose their own shirts.

However, Lauren Miller, who said she has been looking forward to wearing a polo shirt since she was a frosh, is unhappy that boys and girls chose different colored shirts.

"I feel it separates the Senior class as a whole instead of uniting everyone for our final year at Molloy," she said.

Vellucci, Cameron moving up to General Office

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Cameron for next year haven't been finalized, but Mr. Vellucci is taking over the job of class scheduling now done by Sr. Elizabeth.

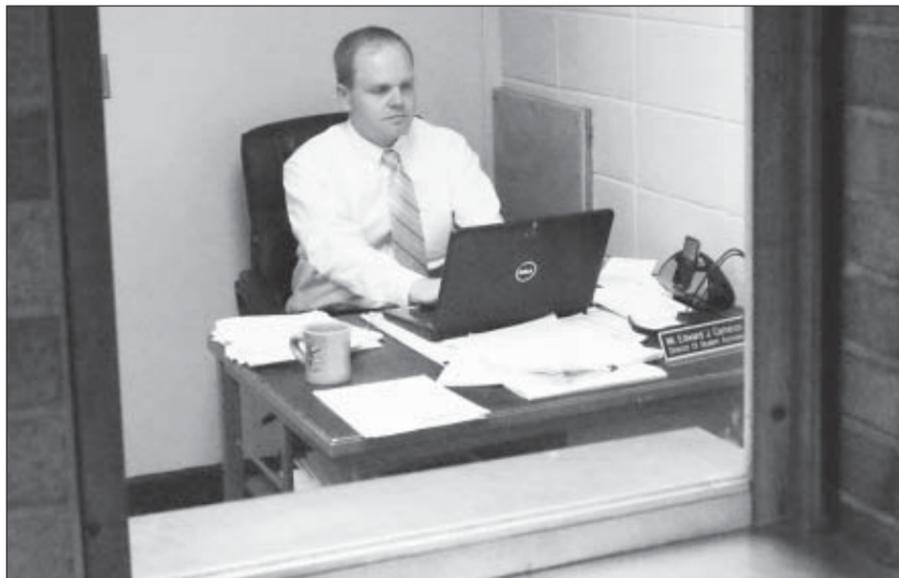
Bro. Thomas said he increased the number of assistant principals from three to four due to the many changes now being made to the Regents exams, the possibility that several new teachers will be hired next year and other variables.

"I'm so sad that I won't be here to see all these changes!" said senior Thalia Guzman.

Students won't notice much change right away but Mr. Cameron said with new people joining the Administration, there inevitably will be some changes at some point in the future.

Mr. Vellucci said he'd like to teach one class next year but that will depend on how the English Dept. class scheduling works out.

Mr. Cameron said he will teach one class next year.



Mr. Cameron says he will miss seeing students' silly faces in his office window once he moves into the General Office. (File Photo)

Mr. Cameron became interested in school administration after visiting another school as part of a Middle States Evaluation Team.

He went back to school to earn a Master's degree in administration from Scranton University and, "it all flowed from there."

He is excited about his new job

but will miss having daily interactions with students, such as their making faces at him through his office window on the first floor.

"I'm excited and really happy to have this opportunity at Molloy," he said.

Bro. Thomas chose Mr. Vellucci and Mr. Cameron for the jobs

because they are "outstanding, highly intelligent, and interested in the students."

Bro. Thomas said he will miss Sr. Elizabeth and Mrs. Kelly, adding that Mr. Vellucci and Mr. Cameron will have some "very big shoes" to fill.

But he is "fully confident" they will make a great team with Assistant Principals Ms. Mary Ann Safrey and Mr. Ken Auer.

Mr. Sheldon will teach at least three classes next year in Room 218 in addition to being Student Activities Director.

"I think Mr. Sheldon will be great with that position," said senior Isabel Mendez. "He's already so involved with school functions, it seems logical that he would be picked for the job. He is definitely a Stanner favorite."

Mr. Sheldon doesn't know how long he will stay in his new job.

"I can't predict the future. But once a teacher, always a teacher," he said.

Most names remain the same on second quarter's Principal's List

The Principal's List for the second marking period included 14 more names than in the first marking period as a total of 108 students earned an overall academic average of 99 or better.

Juniors once again led with 37 students on the List, five more than for the first marking period.

Frosh saw the biggest increase with eight more students qualifying a total of 27.

Sophomores again had 28 while seniors increased by one to 16.

Most students appearing on the List were there for the second marking period in a row.

Twenty-seven juniors made the

list for a second time as did 20 sophomores, 15 frosh, and nine seniors.

Here are the students who qualified for the Principal's List for the second marking period:

Frosh: Jafar Ali*; Deanna Aliperti; Mary Angeline Bacani*; Phillip Barsamian*; Bianca Basone; Izidora Bozic*; Gabriella Bruno*; Mary Serene Carino*; Justin Esposito*; Ewa Gerlak*; Carla Hanna*; Raphael Jafri*; Patryk Jakubowski*; Hyunwoo Jeung*; Liana Liang; Margarita Lopez*; Deanna Lucci; Lillian Mangialino; Andreea Muntean*; Sotiria Pateroulakis; Reah Rajmangal; Julia Remache; Joelle Tirado; Maria Troia*; Lauren Urbano*; Stephanie Yost; Alexandra Yule.

Sophomores: Dhanesh Binda*;

Thomas Brinskelle*; Alexandra Caruso; Pamela Decolongon*; Matthew Dolan; Vincent Femia; Georgios Gulino*; Emily Hanna*; Camilla Herbin; Edrean-Neil Kabigting*; Katherine Kilkenny*; Jessica Kraker; Emily Lewis*; Mariyanthie Linaris*; John Mancini; Felicia Mendoza*; Louiza Molohides*; Kristian Mosquito*; Taylor Moss*; Daniel O'Reilly*; Cristina Otano*; Bernadette Rooney*; Austin Samaroo; Samantha Sattler*; Matthew Spataro*; Lauren Viggiano; Tiffany Villacis*; Branden Warders*.

Juniors: Derrick Adam*; Roberto Bertolini*; Jacob Borkowski*; Andrew Briguet; Ashwini Chawla*; Chelsea Corinaldi*; Graziella Ferrara*; Andrea Garcia; Calvin Garcia; Daniela Gordillo*; Maria Grbic*; Joseph Ingrassia*; Erick Jara; Amandeep Kaur;

Annmarie Kosiewska; Edward Krische; Marcin Krol*; Julian Leston*; Dina Mangialino*; Shubin Mathews*; Aislinn Messina*; Soumya Misra*; Anna Maria Musso*; Monish Pahilajani*; Amanda Paljevic; Sitara Patel*; Toni Ann Petovello*; Tatiana Requijo*; Jacqueline Rubino; Manpreet Sachdev; Cara Salvatore*; Rashanna Seymour*; Steffi Shilly*; Kiara Sigcha*; Jillian Spataro*; Christine Stanolevich*; Derrick Yuen*.

Seniors: Andreea Arama; Katelyn Dial; Jackelyne Diaz*; Alyssa Dolan*; Melissa Jo Hernandez*; Jennifer Hwu*; Lauren Kelly*; Julian Olbinski*; Marilena Orfanos; Joanne Raptis*; HoSung Ryoo; Thomas Seubert; Paulina Stefanowski; Raymond Sukhdeo*; Victoria Tan; Alexandra Woods*.

* second consecutive appearance

The news is out; new PGL's are in

By **Monish Pahilajani '13** and **Manpreet Sachdev '13**

The news that over 120 juniors were dying to know was finally posted outside the doors of sophomore guidance counselors' offices on Feb. 6.

The names of the Peer Group leaders for 2102-2013 were finally revealed.

Out of the large number who applied, few were selected.

Mrs. Rachel Galla, for example, had 43 of her former Peer Group members request to be her leaders next year and only chose 11.

"It was very difficult to make my decision," Mrs. Galla said. "I usually look for juniors that are open about themselves, good listeners, and ask good questions to keep the [discussion] topic flowing. There were many of these students this year."

Mrs. Galla said that to maintain a gender balance in the groups, counselors usually try to choose equal numbers of boys and girls as leaders.

Future Peer Group leader Sameera Sarah Kassim said she wanted to be a leader because, "I saw the effect of my leaders on me and I always hoped to have that positive influence on people during the course of my life, and I figured that Peer Groups was a start."

She added that she imagined the



Two Peer Group Leaders for next year are juniors Dina Mangialino and Sameera Sarah Kassim. (Photo by Monish Pahilajani '13)

competition would be intense when she first signed up because the sign-up list was very long.

But after she was selected, Kassim said, "I felt really happy and satisfied because I really poured out my entire life on that application."

Like any other leader, Kassim is eager to begin and she hopes to be able to "make a difference in someone's life."

Junior Sitara Patel was in disbelief when she found out she was picked.

"No words could express how I felt after I was picked. First, I was

in shock and couldn't believe that I actually got picked!," she said. "I was really happy and no matter how hard I tried that day, I couldn't wipe the smile off my face. I love my life!"

Patel said she aspires to "help my sophomores as much as I possibly can. I am determined to make them get as much out of Peer Groups as I did, and have an experience such that they will emulate me and become Peer Group Leaders!"

Mrs. Galla said that her seniors this year have carried on the great

tradition of Peer Group leaders.

"This year's leaders have been great to work with," she said. "Every year it is sad to see them leave."

To become a leader, juniors applied to the guidance counselor with whom they had Peer Group as a sophomore.

Here are the Peer Group Leaders for 2012-13:

Mr. Kerry Hughes: Colman Vaughan; Kirsty Vista; Katarzyna Krol; Danielle Klein; Kate Gribbon; Jenna Hoffman; Jessica Gerardi; Sachi Desse; Ryan Karsten; Tiffany Scotto; Vivian Rivera; John McCabe.

Mr. Chris Dougherty: Annamarie Casano; Zelenia Felipe; Aliesha Grandison; Annie Heerdt; Angelo Luongo; Anna Pastina; Kirsten Paulson; Kristin Poptean; Sitara Patel; William Rabold; Michael Rogers; Manpreet Sachdev.

Bro. James Norton: Sore Agbaje; Emil Borzdynski; Jhanell Directo; Amber Emmino; Barbara Goger; Sameera Kassim; Christopher Martinez; Giancarlo Mayor-Valencia; Bryan Nunez; Conor Tuohy; Liam Tuohy; Kelly Whelan.

Mrs. Rachel Galla: Brittany Banker; Brendan Brosnan; Darryl Carpen; Pat Kowpak; Vanja Matkovic; Steven McGuire; Aislinn Messina; Adam Poplawski; Alyssa Plaia; Marisa Taormina; Isacha Tucker.

Bro. Francis Regis: Gregory Boyle; Nicholas Capitelli; Dana Galizia; Dina Mangialino; Frank Masi; Chris Piteo; Amanda Price; Alexa Tomasso; Hanna Ventura

A.P. Physics is offered again for the Class of 2013

By **Joseph Estevez '12**

Hordes of juniors pushed and shoved each other outside the General Office on Feb. 1 to see if their ID numbers were on sheets paper posted in the first floor hallway that listed the students who were eligible to enroll in a variety of senior courses Molloy is offering next year.

Starting in December, juniors could consult Molloy's on-line course catalogue, now in its third year, to see what courses they were interested in but didn't find out if they were eligible to take those courses until this month.

Sophomore and junior year course catalogues have been available for inspection since late January. Sister Elizabeth Bickar, assistant principal for academics, will talk about those courses at an assembly on March 19.

Only one new course was offered to seniors next year, A.P. Physics, which will be taught by either Mr. Michael Nadeau or Mr. Fabian Chong.

A.P. Physics replaces College Physics I and II, which didn't run this year due to insufficient enrollment.

Another change for next year is that the senior elective Introduction to Film can be taken for English Dept. course credit whereas in the past it was for fine arts credit.

No new courses are being added to the frosh, sophomore, or junior curriculums due to the strict core requirements of the New York State Board of Regents, Sister Elizabeth said.

The on-line course catalogue has been very successful and more convenient for students who often would lose the printed course catalogues on the same day they were distributed under the old system, Sister Elizabeth said.

Students prefer the new system.

"I love that it is online because I can see it ahead of time," said junior Steven Wody. "I like to see what [courses] I can pick."

Junior Brian Sheehan said, "I like that it's online so that we can check at home but it wouldn't hurt to have it hanging up at one or two places at school."

Some parents, however, are not too involved in the selection process.

"My parents probably will not check the catalog; they don't want to force me to take any certain class

and they trust my judgment on what I'm doing," said Sheehan.

Junior Alyssa Marie Plaia said her parents will go online, "probably just to have an idea of what will be available."

Students still submit their course request forms on paper rather than online, a process which Sister Elizabeth said is not likely to change any time soon.

"It's easy to keep record of who submitted a course request form and easier to find those who failed to submit," she said.

Juniors submitted their requests on Feb. 8 while frosh and sophomores will do so on April 4.

Each year, 30 to 40 juniors are called into Sister Elizabeth's office to resolve conflicts in their future senior schedules so she suggested that juniors have backup courses they'd like to take in case their first requests can't be met.

Juniors seem content with the senior course offerings.

Junior Alyssa Marie is especially eager to take the Art Studio course, "since I need to make a portfolio for the art schools I'm applying to."

Wody said, "They picked a good selection of topics for careers and

preparation for college."

Sister Elizabeth said the online courses for seniors proved popular.

"Students enjoy a variety of topics including bioethics, zoology, and veterinary medicine," she said.

"They may report to their online classes on a few selected days per cycle, or at home, too. There are various courses for students that we would never be able to teach here in Molloy."

However it is important for juniors to recognize that online courses are taken in addition to the 4.5/5.0 Molloy credits seniors must take.

Students will receive their 2012-13 course lists in May, which will include any A.P. or honors courses for which they have been accepted.

Final class schedules, which state when the courses will meet and who will be teaching them, are finalized in June and aren't available to students until September.

Sister Elizabeth advised all juniors to talk to teachers and seniors about the courses they are interested in taking so they will not be surprised or disappointed by any course they take next year.

Stanner Players to do 'Oklahoma'

By Christine Crawford '14 and Jennifer Desamero '14

The Stanner Players will stage the classic Broadway musical "Oklahoma" in the Theater on March 16-18 and 22-24.

All shows will start at 7 p.m. with the exception of a 2:30 p.m. matinee on March 18.

Last year the Stanner Players' spring production was "Playing With Power" that featured some original material and scenes from many other works.

"Oklahoma" will be a bigger, more extravagant musical which will call for bigger and better sets, costumes, and musical numbers such as the grand square dance.

"I love 'Oklahoma' because it is one of the best musicals of all time," Director Ms. Jessica Petschauer said. "It is also a really fun show with so much comedy, great dance numbers, and fantastic characters.

"I think that the members of The Stanner Players will make a really great cast of 'Oklahoma,' and that it is a great show for us to perform. We will be using live musicians, as is traditional in live theater."

Auditions for the 26 roles in "Oklahoma" took place in early January and attracted 80 Stanners including Stanner Player veterans and many newcomers.

When auditions were complete, the lead roles were won by senior Kevin Singh, who will play Curly, and senior Joanne Raptis, who will play Laurey.

Major supporting roles went to junior Jillian Spataro (Aunt Eller), senior Niles Uy (Will Parker), senior Christopher Guevara (Jud



Senior Joanne Raptis, seen here in last fall's "A Midsummer's Night Dream," has one of the leading roles in The Stanner Players' spring musical "Oklahoma." (Photo courtesy of Joanne Raptis)

Fry), and sophomore Mariyanthie Linaris (Ado Annie).

Also in the cast are junior Steven Wody (Ali Hakim-McLaughlin), sophomore Deanna Mayo (Gertie Cummings) and junior Aaron Gallagher (Andrew Carnes).

The ensemble is seniors Amaury Narvaez, Marilena Orfanos, Stephanie Cruz, Melissa Gabriel, Tiffany McCue, Erol Akkoc, juniors Marjorie Coello, Angela Broderick, Maria Grbic, Gyzelle Garcellano, Rebecca Rivera, sophomores Rose Ann Sapia, Matthew Spataro, Daniela Franceschetti, frosh David Van Aken and Stephanie Toma.

"I looked for the people who were really strong singers, actors,

and dancers," Ms. Petschauer said. "We are happy to have a lot of our veterans back for another show and we are really excited to have seven newcomers to the Stanner Players in our cast."

Many new members are also helping out by working backstage. Rehearsals have been going well. Gallagher is excited about the big square dance number called "Farmer and the Cowman."

Singh said the cast has really grown in rehearsals. He is excited to sing several songs, especially "People Will Say We're in Love."

Although rehearsal time is short, Singh said, "Being under the pressure of time pushes us to excel." Miss Petschauer said her assistant

director, Ms. Shannon Winters, has done a great job in getting the cast ready.

"We have a lot of work to get done every week, and I am very impressed at how hard everyone is working to get ready by opening night!" said Ms. Petschauer.

When asked if kids from Queens will make good cowboys and cowgirls, Ms. Petschauer replied, "That's the beauty of theater. We can be whatever or whoever we can be. We are having fun playing with lassos and talking in funny accents. I think they are all going to be fantastic, and by the time our show comes around, I bet they start a new fashion by wearing cowboy boots with their school uniforms."

Marist Youth gathers for 1st of 2 Esopus Encounters

By Julia Antignani '14

Twice a year, students from across the country embark on a journey to the Marist Youth Encounter in Esopus.

Seven Stanners made the first of those trips on Feb. 2-5.

The Marist Youth Encounter attracts students from Marist high schools such as Mount St. Michael, Marist, Roselle Catholic, and former Marist-affiliated schools such as St. Mary's, St. Joseph's, Our Lady of Lourdes and Bishop Donahue.

About 70 students attended, some from as far away as West Virginia.

Mr. Mike Germano, Director of Campus Ministry, said the Stanners in attendance at the Marist Youth Encounter were juniors Edwin Casimir and Mitchell Cottrell, and seniors Joseph Estevez, Lauren Halian, Jae-kang Lee, Joseph Tavera, and

Carolina Mlynarczyk.

"The purpose of the Marist Youth Encounter is to make Jesus Christ known and loved to our students from different Marist schools," said Mr. Germano.

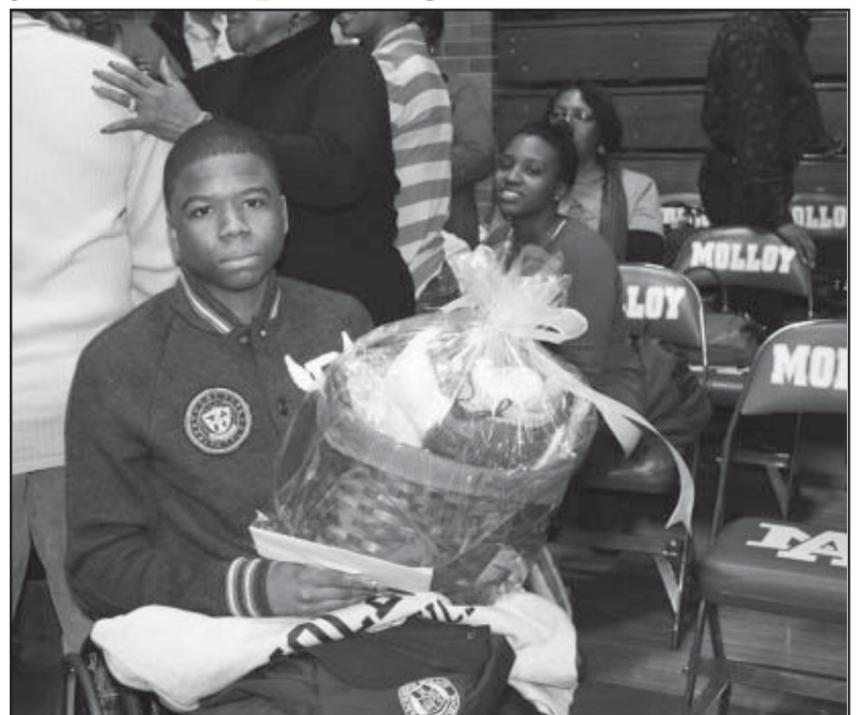
He said that, much like Molloy Encounters, the Marist Youth Encounter is "the pinnacle of all Esopus retreats and is meant to show students how they are all connected through St. Marcellin Champagnat."

The Stanners who attended the Marist Youth Encounter this month had nothing but good things to say about the experience.

Tavera would recommend making the trip to fellow Stanners because, he said, "It can change your life."

For the next Marist Youth Encounter in March, Molloy will send juniors who will be future Campus Ministry Leaders.

Justin Thompson Night



Junior Justin Thompson, a who is recovering from a serious spinal injury suffered in October, poses with a gift basket he received at "Justin Thompson Night" at the boys basketball tripleheader vs. Fordham Prep in the Jack Curran Gym on Feb. 3. Proceeds from the games, combined with money contributed by students and alumni, totaled over \$55,000, which will be used to support Thompson's physical rehabilitation by helping offset the cost of exercise equipment and wheelchair modifications to his home. (Photo by Mr. Joe Sommo)

AM Dance Team performs at Post

By Sarah Stiglianese '14

Molloy's Dance Team attended the C.W. Post Dance Conference on Feb. 1 where team members took two master classes, were evaluated by a two-judge panel and then performed in a dance showcase.

"It's not a competition," said Moderator Ms. Liz Murdocca, who took the team to the conference for the tenth time. "It is just a way for the girls to get better stage presence and become stronger dancers."

The entire team attended the conference: seniors Andreea Arama, Victoria Lugo, Samantha Nostramo, Meredith Peterson, juniors Micaela Modica, Anna Maria Musso, Melissa Neumann, Joanna Pantelides, Samantha Paez, sophomores Bea Cruz, Emily Lewis, Ashley Vascellaro, and frosh Savannah Coppola, Flora Ho and Maria Troia.

About 15 teams from both private and public schools attended the conference and their talent level ranged from expert to almost beginners, said the Molloy dancers. At the end of the day, all the teams came together to put on a performance.

"The Conference was different from what I expected," said Ho. "I loved being able to watch and learn from the dancers from other schools and meet new teachers and experience their styles [of dance]."

The day began with the choice

of two master classes.

Most Stanners chose yoga, hip hop or African dance.

Co-captain Lugo said that the classes were "a new and different experience."

Ho said she enjoyed both classes she took, especially the yoga class.

"It was the first time I've taken a yoga class and it was a relaxing and great experience," she said.

For the adjudication process, Molloy's dancers performed a contemporary jazz dance choreographed by Lugo, Arama, Neumann and Modica to the music of Superchick.

The dance portrayed girls' feelings of being overwhelmed and insecure but then coming together to find strength.

Two judges critiqued the team by

making corrections and offering suggestions to improve its performance.

All the teams at the conference then performed in the evening dance showcase.

Cruz said, "All the hard work and extra practices certainly paid off."

Cruz said she was glad to get such great feedback from Ms. Murdocca and the audience after the team performed.

Ms. Murdocca was pleased that in the evening performance, "the girls improved tremendously by incorporating the judges' critiques and using them to their advantage."

Ms. Murdocca said one of her favorite moments of the day was seeing the emotion conveyed by

her dancers in their evening performance.

Co-captain Neumann said the showcase "was really just for fun," but it allowed her "to get a better idea of what looks good on stage and what doesn't."

Ms. Murdocca was very proud of her team's performance and she was not alone.

"The judges said it was one of their favorites," she said.

Ms. Murdocca said this year's team is one of the most close-knit teams she's ever worked with and her dancers agreed the best part of the day was coming together and bonding as a family.

Cruz said that everyone on the team "loves, supports, and inspires one other to do her best. I couldn't ask for a better team."



Molloy's Dance Team performed wearing masks at C.W. Post's annual Dance Conference.

Stanners march for Pro-Life cause

By Matthew Spataro '14

About 50 members of Molloy's Right to Life Club boarded a bus in the early morning hours of Jan. 23 to travel to the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C.

"Everyone was in good spirits and everyone wanted to be there," said sophomore Alexia O'Donohue. "It was an enjoyable experience."

Sophomore Mariyanthie Linaris

said, "I went on this trip because I am against abortion. I just wanted to make a difference."

For about half of the club members who made the trip, this was the second or third time they had attended the march.

"The date of Jan. 23 is important for it is the anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion," said Ms. Elizabeth Reichert, who helped organize Molloy's Culture of Life Week leading up to the march.

Ms. Reichert said the march began at the Washington Monument, "where over 3000 people gathered on the lawn. A number of pro-life speakers, including politicians, gave speeches before the march."

After listening to the speeches, Stanners joined the rest of the Pro-Life demonstrators on a march to the Supreme Court.

"I remember seeing [Campus Ministry Director] Mr. [Mike] Germano talking with people from other Marist schools who were saying chants and had banners," said O'Donohue. "It was nice seeing others come from all over the

country to fight for the same thing."

Ms. Reichert said she hoped the greatest benefit Stanners got from going on the march was, "the opportunity to meet other young people their age that share their passion."

She said pro-life Stanners might find themselves all alone sometimes when debating the abortion issue, "but there is a lot of strength when surrounded by thousands who pursue a common goal."

During Culture of Life Week, a banner made by several club members, led by club secretary Kathryn Brucas, a junior, hung outside the General Office.

The week highlighted some of the other Right to Life Club's issues, such as being anti-death penalty.

Club members Noelia Morales, Thalia Guzman, and Karen Sanchez, all seniors, led the student body in prayer during the week.

"They did a wonderful job," said Ms. Reichert, who said that Culture of Life Week will become an annual event at Molloy just as attending the March for Life has been for the past six years.



Sophomore Patrycja Sulich of Molloy's Right to Life Club holds a poster in the Pro-Life march in Washington D.C. last month.

Sci-Oly misses state meet by 2 points

By George Gulino '14

Molloy won seven medals at the New York City Science Olympiad on Feb. 4 at Grover Cleveland High School but its sixth place finish meant it won't advance to the 2012 State Science Olympiad next month in Buffalo.

Molloy missed qualifying by just two points as just the top five teams among the 25 teams at the city meet advanced.

Junior Joseph Ingrassia was the top performer for Molloy, winning two second place medals.

Moderator Mr. Michael Nadeau was disappointed that the team will miss the state meet but said, "I was proud of the team's performance. I was pleased with the strong showing we made, as well as my experi-

ence this year as the team moderator. I'm sure we will do better next year."

Mr. Nadeau took over as moderator after serving as assistant moderator to Mr. Mike DeMarco for four years.

Mr. John Attard is the team's new assistant moderator.

Stanners competed in 18 events, about a third of which were hands-on building challenges with the rest being academic events on topics such as chemistry, forestry, and physics.

Stanners faced the usual challenges in the building events such as breakdowns and the need for last-minute fixes.

Senior Andrew Chena, who won a sixth place medal, said, "I per-

sonally didn't run into any problems during the competition, but the team as a whole did.

"Our goal was to win a lot of first place medals and head to the state meet," Chena said. "I was pretty disappointed to not make that goal after all the hard work we put in this year."

Sophomore Ryan Ly, who won a fifth place medal, said, "There were a couple of unanticipated problems, and, although they were rather minor, they did affect our results.

"Our team's goal was to come in first place and go to the state meet," Ly said. "We were looking forward to going to Six Flags if we qualified. Although I was disappointed, I enjoyed the experience as a whole and I know we can do better next year."

Senior Maverick Alzate said his event "Water Quality" did not go as planned.

"I was supposed to have conducted tests using a hydrometer I had built, but the hands-on aspect of the event was scrapped and we were reduced to taking only a written test," he said. "This was torturous since I focused more on the hands-on aspect."

Yet Alzate and teammate Ingrassia still managed to win a second place medal in that event.

Here are Molloy's results:

Team standings: 1. Stuyvesant; 2.

Cordoza; 3. Townsend Harris; 4. Dalton; 5. Collegiate; 6. Molloy.

Remote sensing: 2. Joseph Ingrassia and Derrick Adam.

Water quality: 2. Joseph Ingrassia and Maverick Alzate

Anatomy and physiology: 3. Alexandra Woods and Shubin Mathews.

Fermi questions: 4. Jennifer Hwu and Steven Truong.

Robot arm: 5. Ryan Li and Christopher DeMarco.

Towers: 5. Hyunwoo Jueng and Dante Cella.

Sounds of Music: 6. Andrew Chena and Niles Uy.



Sophomore Ryan Ly, above, works on his robot in the Bio Lab while seniors Thomas Hackimer and Andrew Chena prepare their car. (Photos by Mr. Joe Sommo)

Mosquito wins all 3 Chess Club tournaments

By Phillip Barsamian '15, Sophia Savvides '15, and Connie Zhao '15

Sophomore Kristian Mosquito won each of the first three Chess Club tournaments of the year.

The club holds six intramural tournaments in Room 316 with approximately 15 to 20 students participating in each.

Mosquito started his streak by winning the Advanced division of the October chess tournament.

Seniors Alfred Dimaculangan and Winston Charles, and frosh Daniel Ramirez and Sebastian Lipovac were tops in the Intermediate division's quad tournament.

Senior Justin Arambulo and frosh Ansh Mehra were top Beginners.

Mosquito won the Advanced division of November's Speed Chess Tournament, where games last just five to 10 minutes.

Sophomore Francisco Cid won the Intermediate division and sophomore John Lagula was first among Beginners.

Mosquito, together with frosh teammate Alina Obruchnikova, won the club's Bughouse Team

Tournament in December.

Senior Maverick Alzate and junior Sho Miyazaki were second with seniors Dimaculangan and Tony George third.

The club meets every Tuesday and Thursday afternoons when any Stanner is free to come play, compete, and have fun.

However, to compete in a tournament, a new member must attend at least half the club's meetings per month.

The club is currently finishing its January-February tournament and the next two tournaments will be held in March and April.

Moderator Mr. Mike Harrison said that he was very impressed by his two top players, Mosquito and Obruchnikova, as well as a few other players in the club.

He said his best players are the ones who show up diligently every week to practice and play a lot of chess on their own.

Obruchnikova, who started playing when she was four years old, finds the competition at Molloy challenging.

She said she did well in this year's tournaments because she practices

a lot on her computer.

Obruchnikova said that aside from having a love for the game, a good chess player must continue to learn new combinations of moves and play constantly.

Mosquito, who began playing

chess when he was five years old, said he really started to love the game when he was about 12.

Mosquito often practices with his dad, who introduced him to the game, and said that constant practice makes him a good player.



Sophomore Kristian Mosquito is just a couple of moves away from check-mating his competitor. (Photo by Monish Pahilajani '13)

Swimmers set for boys' championship meet

By Vinh Tran '12

The Molloy Boys Varsity swim team competed at the CHSAA Division-A Swimming & Diving Championships at the Nassau County Aquatic Center in Eisenhower Park on Feb. 11-12.

Molloy, which capped its dual meet season with a 99-79 victory over Farrell on Jan. 23 to finish with a 6-2 record, faced powerhouses Fordham Prep and Chaminade at the CHSAA meet.

Despite suffering the loss of several talented swimmers from last year's team, assistant coach Mr. Dan Quinn hoped the 2012 squad would do well.

The team looked for leadership from senior co-captains Kyle Pareja and Thomas Dougherty.

Dougherty was Molloy's fastest qualifier for the championships in four individual events, the 50 and 100-yard freestyles, 100 butterfly, and 200 individual medley.

Pareja, meanwhile, qualified in four events, the 50 and 100 free, 100 fly, and 200 IM.

Pareja said that two frosh who joined the team this year have

made it stronger.

Frosh Kevin Lenczewski, who was the team's fastest qualifier in the 100-yard breaststroke going into the city meet, qualified in four other events, the 50 and 100 free, and 100 backstroke.

Frosh Raphael Jafri was the fastest qualifier in the 100 backstroke and qualified to swim the 100 fly, 100 free, and 200 IM.

"Practices usually get more difficult in the month or so leading up to the championships and then we begin to taper the swimmers down just a week before the meet by keeping up the intensity but reducing yardage [they swim]," said Mr. Quinn, who runs practice with head coach Mr. Dennis Wresch at the Immaculate Conception Center in Douglaston.

Stanners were trying to improve their times going into the meet by wearing multiple swim suits to increase drag during workouts.

Junior Kelvin Li, who qualified for the 100-yard breaststroke, said, "The suits provide resistance and weight when we swim at practice so when we take them off during



Co-captain Thomas Dougherty is the fastest Stanner in four events.

competition we swim faster."

Pareja said the team's goal at the meet was to place in the top five.

Mr. Quinn wanted his seniors to swim their personal best times and hoped his younger swimmers, by getting a taste of high level competition, will return as a much stronger, faster, and experienced team next season.

Molloy's qualifiers for the CHSAA championships were:

Jonathan Asanjarani (200 and 500 free); Ryan Budhram (50 and 100 free, 100 fly, 200 IM); Thomas Dougherty (50 and 100 free, 100 fly, 200 IM); Mateo Giraldo (50 and 100 free); Stephen Greene (50 and 100 free, 100 back); Raphael Jafri (100 free, 100 fly, 100 back, 200 IM); Eddie Krische (100 breast); Kevin Lenczewski (50 and 100 free, 100 back, 100 breast, 200 IM); Kelvin Li (100 breast); Sean Morgan (500 free); Kyle Pareja (50 and 100 free, 100 fly, 200 IM); Emmett Reilly (500 free); Liam Tuohy (100 free).

Soph Morrison leads girls to B-Q track title

Sophomore Niamani Morrison won the 55-meter high hurdles, the triple jump and was second in the long jump to lead Molloy's Varsity Girls Track and Field team to the CHSAA Brooklyn-Queens Indoor Championship Feb. 4 at the Armory in Manhattan.

Molloy scored 40 more points than second place Mary Louis to win its third consecutive title.

Other gold medal winners were senior Kathleen Woods in the 1,000-meters, senior Paulina Stefanowski in the 3,000-meters, frosh Laura Williams in the pole vault, and Molloy's 4x800-meter relay team.

The sectional title caps a strong indoor season for the Girls Varsity.

Its 1,600-meter relay team of Morrison, Tiana Salas-Ali, Kathleen Woods and Mary Ellen



Kathleen Woods

Woods qualified to run at the U.S. Open Meet at Madison Square Garden on Jan. 28 and at the Boston Grand Prix on Feb. 4.

Kathleen Woods set a school 1,600-meter record of 5:14.21 at the Stanner Games on Jan. 14.

Here are Molloy's results:

Team scores: 1. Molloy 91; 2. Mary Louis 51; 3. St. Francis Prep 44; 4. St. Edmund's 16; 5. Ford 11; 6. Loughlin 6; 7. (tie) St. John's Prep and McAuley 2; 8. Kearney 1.

55-meters: 2. Tiana Salas-Ali, 7.66.

55-meter high hurdles: 1. Niamani Morrison, 8.93; 3. Shannon Pizzella, 10.36; 4. Kelly Grogan, 10.95.

500-meters: 4. Ololade Afolayan, 46.76.

600-meters: 2. Mary Ellen Woods, 1:44.57.

1,000-meters: 1. Kathleen Woods, 3:13.02.

3,000-meters: 1. Paulina Stefanowski, 11:43.90; 2. Melissa Fesler, 11:48.66; 3. Rebecca Verrone, 11:50.53.

4x800-meter relay: 1. Molloy, 10:29.85; 5. Molloy, 11:34.16.

4x400-meter relay: 2. Molloy, 4:42.33; 4. Molloy, 5:03.72.

4x200-meter relay: 2. Molloy, 1:53.23; 5. Molloy, 2:02.62.

Shot put: 2. Tori Taibe, 34-5; 4. Thalia Toro, 28-5; 5. Allison Terranova, 28-2.

Triple jump: 1. Niamani Morrison, 35-5.5; 3. Tiana Salas-Ali, 33-1; 5. Julia Ross 30-4.

Long jump: 2. Niamani Morrison, 17-3; 3. Kelly Michalak, 15-7; 5. Ololade Afolayan, 14-9.

High jump: 2. Ashley Mayer, 4-10; 3. Tara Maguire, 4-8; 5. S. Yost, 4-6.

Pole vault: 1. Laura Williams, 7-0; 2. Josephine Peppia, 6-0; 3. Isabella Arikian, 5-6; 4. Daisy DeMasi, 5-0.

Boys win both B-Q track titles

Led by five individual gold medal performances by four juniors and a senior, Molloy's Varsity Boys Track and Field team won the Brooklyn-Queens Indoor Championship by 23 points over second place Bishop Ford on Jan. 24 in the Armory in Manhattan.

Junior Dylan Foster won the 55-meter high hurdles, junior Jacob Lascano won the 1,000-meters, junior Darren James won the long jump, junior Chris Hadjigeorgiou won the triple jump, and senior Pat McGibbon won the shot put.

Ten individuals and two relay teams scored points as Molloy won its second consecutive title.

The Frosh Boys team enjoyed an even a bigger margin of victory at its Brooklyn-Queens meet, defeating second place St. Francis Prep by 31 points.

Johan Ortiz in the 55-meter high hurdles, William Giannelli in the shot put, and the 4x200-meter relay team were the only individual winners, but Molloy's superior depth proved decisive as 16 individuals and four relays scored.

Here are Molloy's results:

Varsity Boys

Team scores: 1. Molloy 74; 2. Ford 51; 3. Xaverian 24; 4. St. Francis Prep 17; 5. Holy Cross 16; Nazareth 15; 7. Loughlin 14; 8. St. John's Prep 10; 9. St. Edmund's 7; 10. McClancy 6; 11. Christ the King 3.

55-meter high hurdles: 1. Dylan Foster, 8.51.

600-meters: 4. Darren James; 1:26.89.

1,000-meters: 1. Jacob Lascano, 2:47.49.

1,600-meters: 3. Robert Rossi, 4:46.65.

3,200-meters: 3. Patrick Goldberg, 10:43.43; 4. Dillon Scibelli, 10:52.66.

4x400-meter relay: 2. Molloy, 3:44.94.

4x800-meter relay: 1. Molloy, 8:46.12.

Long jump: 1. Darren James, 20-1.25; 4. Chris Hadjigeorgiou 19-5.75; 5. John Mancini, 19-2.25.

Triple jump: 1. Chris Hadjigeorgiou 43-5; 4. Chris Lee, 40-0.

High jump: 3. Marc Ochs 5-4.

Shot put: 1. Pat McGibbon, 45-3.5.

Frosh Boys

Team scores: 1. Molloy 84; 2. St. Francis Prep 53; Xaverian 43; 4. McClancy 34; 5. Christ the King 9; 6. St. Edmund's 4; 7. (tie) Holy Cross and Nazareth 1.

55-meters: 4. William Pabitero, 7.65.

55-meter high hurdles: 1. Johan Ortiz, 10.92; 2. Zachary Kurre, 10.98; 3. Christopher Mesa, 11.05; 4. Anthony Balaguera, 11.21; 5. Joseph Lavin, 11.42.

300-meters: 4. Alonzo Neptune, 42.64.

600-meters: 4. Luke Gersh, 1:44.16.

1,000-meters: 2. Chris Ray, 3:09.58; 4. Timothy Burkhart, 3:26.92.

1,600-meters: 2. Ryan Hoffman, 5:23.34.

4x200-meter relay: 1. Molloy, 1:51.18.

4x400-meter relay: 2. Molloy, 4:18.65; 3. Molloy, 4:48.83.

4x800-meter relay: 3. Molloy, 10:50.77.

Long jump: 2. William Pabitero, 16-7; 3. Luke Gersh, 16-2; 5. Patrick Post, 15-9.5.

Triple jump: 2. Patryk Jakubowski, 32-8.25.

High jump: 3. Patryk Jakubowski, 4-8; 4. Anthony Baglino, 4-6; 5. Harshdeep Singh, 4-6.

Shot put: 1. Will Giannelli, 39-8.75.