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Archbishop Molloy's Pipes and Drums Band marches in the Garden City St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 4. (Photo by Bro. Pat Hogan)

## *Pipers parade for St. Patrick*

By Emily Tansey and  
Barbara Lucas

Molloy's Pipe and Drum Band capped off a busy March parade schedule by marching in the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade up Fifth Ave. in Manhattan on March 17. The big parade is always an exciting event for the Molloy band because of the huge crowds, said moderator Mr. Ed Cameron.

The band was joined by a few alumni pipers on St. Patrick's Day as per tradition to expand its size for a more impressive display for the thousands of spectators who lined the parade route.

The band started the month off by marching in the Rockaway St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday March 3 and then went to the Garden City parade in Nassau County on Sunday March 4.

The Pipe and Drum Corps travelled to Suffolk County on March 11 to march in the Ronkonkoma parade.

During the parades, the band played "Minstrel Boy," "Rebel," a "Military Medley" of different military-themed tunes and "Scotland, the Brave."

The band is led by its drum major, Mr. James Sheldon, and drum sergeant, senior Laura Sawyer.

The band's drummers are seniors Kevin Carberry, Mike Conley, Danny Edwards, Kirk Mutafofulos, Catherine Soderberg, and juniors John

Maldonado and Zullay Yepes. The pipers are seniors Joe O'Connor, Kevin Doyle, Heather Ditroia, Sean Loftus, Stephen Silva, John Maguire, juniors Kathleen Madden and Brian Logar, sophomores Brittany Dombrowski and Marissa Castoro, frosh Sean Towey, Bro. James Norton, and Mr. Cameron.

The St. Patty's Day Parade in Manhattan is the band's favorite of all the parades they marched in, said O'Connor, because, "it is the biggest and always has the best turnout of Molloy students, alumni, and faculty."

A funny memory from last year's parade was when Conley accidentally stepped in a pile of horse manure during the long march.

Despite that mishap, Conley agreed that the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Manhattan is usually the most fun.

The best part of the parade is when the band reaches a long stretch of Molloy fans along the route.

"We get to stop marching, face them, and play for them as they cheer us on," said Conley.

While the month of March is the band's busiest of the year, it's not too hectic for the band to handle.

"We've been practicing for an hour once a week since September, so we are ready," said Conley, a few days

before the big parade in Manhattan.

Stanners were encouraged to come watch and cheer on the band last weekend in Manhattan and those who

missed the parade this year are encouraged to come next year, said Mr. Cameron, who guaranteed a good time would be had by all.

### Mock Trial advances to 2nd round, avenging last year's disappointment

By Raymond Ferreira

The Molloy Mock Trial team won both its first round matches March 1 at the Queens County Courthouse on Queens Blvd. to advance to the second round for the first time in its two-year history.

The team, coached by moderator Mr. Lou Barbera, a former lawyer, began preparing for its most successful year yet in early November and all that hard work paid off.

Mr. Barbera was ecstatic about Molloy's two victories, especially after both teams were eliminated in the first round last year.

"I am still hoping to advance even further," he said. "Now that we know we can win, we want to keep on winning."

Molloy's defense team went up against a team of prosecutors from the Magnet School for Law, Government, and Public Service before a judge in a mock trial involving a case of alleged cyber stalking.

The team's defense attorneys, seniors Kim Seiler and John Cacharani and junior Sean Pinckney, interrogated the prosecution's witnesses to prove that their client was not guilty, while Molloy's own defense witnesses, senior Adam User and juniors Connie Tsang and Patrick Flahive, handled a barrage of questions from the prosecutors.

The judge declared Molloy the winner by a slim margin.

Molloy's prosecution team of seniors Tora Watson, Joe DeRiso, and Peter Stamm, defeated the Lexington School for the Deaf on March 5. The prosecution's witnesses were senior Mike Borek and Priam Saywack and sophomore Tara Gildea.

Mr. Barbera said, "the team put in heavy preparation" especially the prosecution team which did a lot of preparation work on its own while he was sick.

# Welcome to Molloy, now about college choices ...

Many of us juniors are just starting to spend time this spring looking at prospective colleges and making college visits.

So I thought I had gotten a jump on everyone else by starting my search in sophomore year by attending an open house at Villanova University outside Philadelphia.

Then I spent my Presidents' Week vacation last month visiting four schools, Providence College, Bryant College, Manhattanville College, and SUNY Purchase.

Yet again, I thought these visits would put me ahead of the game.

What I didn't realize until I completed those visits was that I am actually two years too late when it comes to setting myself up to get into a good college.

When you arrive on its campus, each college gives you a basic tour of the dorms, classrooms and major facilities.

But colleges also have an information session you may attend where I expected the admissions officials to talk simply about such boring details as the type of grades I'd need to be accepted for admission and what type of classes and majors the school offers.

Instead, what I learned completely opened my eyes as to what I should have been doing the past three years to get ready for college.

At these information sessions, I learned that colleges look at your grades from your frosh, sophomore, and junior years of high school and not just junior year as I had previously thought. They are just as interested in your freshman year grades as they are

in the grades you earn your junior year.

Colleges do want to see high SAT or ACT scores but some colleges are now making these tests an option if your high school grades are sufficiently high.

What I was told during my visits is what the colleges really care about is your SAT II scores. And I found out you can take many of the SAT II tests after your freshman year of high school.

Honestly, how many of us juniors actually remember enough biology to take the SAT II test on it and do well?

Wouldn't it have been much easier to take that biology SAT II test at the end of the same year when you took the class? But how many of us knew enough to do that?

We all know that colleges do care about our extra-curricular activities but what I didn't know until I took my college visits was that most top-flight colleges want to see students devote four years of work into one or two extra-curriculars and not one year each of four or more different activities.

They want to see someone who is reliable and dedicated, not someone who quits everything she joined or jumps from one activity to another.

I also learned colleges like to see you take a rigorous academic schedule for your senior year. If you have borderline SAT scores for admission, the college you applied to will look at your grades for your first semester senior year to see if they put you over the top. They aren't keen on seeing on your transcript that in the senior year you have taken easy subjects across the board.

Last month I attended Molloy's



college night for juniors. It provided me with information that was very helpful in showing me what I need to do to get into a well known school.

But I felt it was two years too late.

If Molloy started a "College Night for Freshman," I would've started taking this long, grueling college application process more seriously earlier in my high school career.

If I knew as a frosh what I know now, I would've stuck with one extra curricular activity for a full four years. I would've started studying for the SAT as early as the summer before my sophomore year. I would have put more effort into getting good grades my first

two years at Molloy and I would have tried to enroll in higher level classes.

Molloy should schedule its "College Night for Juniors" earlier in the school year, before juniors make their senior course selections in February, so we can make the right choices, instead of getting the idea that it's okay as a senior to be goofing off for a year.

It might be too late for me to act on what I learned visiting colleges last month, but Molloy could make sure that our freshmen know as soon as possible about what colleges look for when it comes time to accept people into their student bodies.

— Kathryn Ornellas

## Are diverse grading styles detrimental to students?

Something most Stanners notice when they arrive at Molloy is the sheer variety of teachers. Not only do they teach differently; they grade differently.

Some teachers evaluate students "objectively," using a pure mathematical points system based solely on grades.

Other teachers use more "subjective" factors, such as class participation, conduct and effort to determine a final grade.

Other teachers grade "objectively" but add bonus points based on more subjective factors like participation.

Each system has its pros and cons.

The objective system makes it much easier for students to catch a teacher's mistakes in recording the final grades.

Subjective grading discourages students from questioning possible mistakes because a student may assume that the incorrect grade is not an error but the result of lost points for lack of class participation.

Including conduct and effort as part of a grade opens the door to bias against



students judged to be too shy or too outgoing or whose mastery of a subject makes it appear they put in little effort.

Assistant Principal Mr. Edward Jennings said Molloy teachers have a lot of freedom to design their own grading systems. But one major guideline given to teachers is to use a variety of assessment methods to give students who may be poor in one area a chance to excel in another.

Assistant Principal Sister Elizabeth Bickar said, "A subject such as math should be objective in nature, while a subject like language should be more subjective in nature. It depends on the

teacher's priorities, but the ideal grading system is not one or the other. It's both."

Mr. Jennings said he thinks teachers are more often trying to be generous to students in their subjective evaluations rather than be stingy with points.

Math teacher Bro. James Maher said grading systems are, "not about what is preferable but about what is possible. Asking students for explanations takes more time than teachers have working within the constraints of time and class size. Personal expression is good, but not always possible."

Mr. Jennings said, "It is important for students to be assessed in multiple skills; we want to create well rounded students."

Designing the ideal grading system seems to be a very difficult task. So the question remains: How far can grades be removed from an objectively verifiable system and still be fair?

It's a question students, teachers, and the administration should think about.

—Louis Lamia

## Corrections :

Due to incorrect information provided by Intramural officials, *The Stanner* printed the wrong homeroom as runner-up in the Frosh Intramural Football League. 1D finished second in the standings.

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# International Day to feature 10 clubs

By Olivia Antosiewicz

The goal of Archbishop Molloy's annual International Day, which will be held this Sunday, March 25 from 2-4 p.m., is to, "educate the student body about the different ethnicities of the students in our school," said International Day founder, Mr. Luis Santos.

Tickets will cost \$8 and, as International Day 2007 coordinator Ms. Natasha Garcia said, "The day includes food and entertainment; you can't beat that!"

Attendees can eat a variety of ethnic foods in the Marsloe Gym, then watch members of the school's various ethnic clubs perform in the Jack Curran Gym, before eating a variety of ethnic desserts in the cafeteria. They can also see various cultural artifacts.

International Day was started 29 years ago by Mr. Santos in order to display "the diversity of backgrounds found within Molloy." The year it began, about 800 people attended. Now attendance has grown to approximately 1,300 people a year.

Ms. Garcia, who became the coordinator two years ago, said the event has grown a lot in just that short period of time.

"The clubs are always excited and they share it with the audience. The food tasting is also always a big hit," said Ms. Garcia.

Planning for International Day began in January with Student Council and the ethnic club members getting involved.

"The Student Council has been working tirelessly to make this event a success," said Student Council President Joseph Dujmovic.

He said Student Council also received a lot of help from foreign language students, ethnic club members, and other student volunteers.

Clubs that are scheduled to perform at this year's International Day include the Asian, Eastern European, Ebony, Irish, Indian, Italian, and Spanish Clubs,

as well as the Boys and Girls Step Teams and the Pipes and Drums Band.

The Asian Club will have 31 members performing in three different traditional dances from China and the Philippines with a modern twist.

Juniors Katie Johnson and Kirklyn Escondo will lead the sword dancers, sophomore Katrinne Mariano and senior Denise Calma will lead the ribbon dancers, and seniors Joyce Callada, Marie Ilagan, and Hendryx Silva will lead the stick dancers.

The French Club club members will perform Afro-French dances and a modern dance based on the French ballet "La Boutique Fantasque" in which dancers are performing as dolls.

The Irish Club will perform an Irish step dance choreographed by junior Charlotte Barrett.

The three Masters of Ceremonies for the event are seniors Katherine DeMarco and Caroline Abikaram, and junior Rufino Achacoso.

Food and dessert tables will be supplied and staffed by the Italian, Spanish, Ebony, Asian, Eastern European, and Indian Clubs.

Ms. Garcia is not expected to be at

the event itself because she will be on maternity leave.

Mr. Santos, who for the past two years was more of a "silent force in the background," will take a more active role Sunday along with Ms. Katherine Loughran and Mr. William Niklaus.

Ms Garcia just hopes that, "everything will run smoothly."

Mr. Santos said International Day has always been a big hit among students because, "it is the only activity in the school which includes everyone: the kids, faculty, administration, kitchen crew, parents, and maintenance. All four years - freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors - come together."

Dujmovic hopes that everyone who attends International Day will, "see how beautiful America is."

Achacoso hopes, "people will see and enjoy the many different cultures of the world found in Archbishop Molloy High School."

Here are some of the performers scheduled to appear at International Day:

**Asian Club: Sword Dance:** Katie Johnson, Kirklyn Escondo, Ed Bautista, Alexis Burgos, Ralph Cervantes, Chris

Cervantes, Mark Enriquez, Kevin Koo, Regine Marquez, Elyssa Noblesala, Freddy Tobias.

**Dunhuang (Ribbon Dance):** Denise Calma, Katie Mariano, Justine Bello, Theresa Cervantes, Orellana DelFierro, Kristine Garcia, Andrea Ilagan, Valerie Villanueva, Kaity Wong.

**Tinikling (Stick Dance):** Joyce Callada, Marie Ilagan, Karlrick Mariano, Hendryx Silva, John Acevedo, Mike Acoba, Matthew Baluyut, Kenneth Ejerta, Derek Le, Herwyn Silva, Yvette Villanueva, Kristopher Wilson.

**French Club:** Kristina Dawes, Cassandre Kernizan, Nadina Latchman, Bianca Neptune, Mary Perez, Erica Rodriguez, Trisha Sobha, Stephen Silva, Mica Tan, Angela Tso, Tora Watson, Mary Catherine Wen.

**Irish Club:** Meghan Gribbon, Jillian Grogan, Tara Klein, Kristen Lasak.

**Step Teams:Boys:** Alvin Dimalanta; Christian Venture; John Cruz; Jason DelPilar; Gavin Spence; Muller Pierre-Louis; Bryan Rodriguez; Andrew Castillo; Justin Mare; Richard Cadena.

**Girls:** Tosin Jolaoso; Brandi Wilson; Cailin Chang; Nicole Ambrose; Kristana Dawes; Ndome Essoka; Amanda Carrasquillo; Claire Mahon; Tenisha McDonald; Malika Langaigne; Bianca Neptune; Mary Perez.

**Spanish Club: Merengue:** Joseph Becerra; Johanny Caraballo; Melanie Duran; Christian Fonseca; Danny Galabya; Hector Muniz; Melissa Pavas; Marcelle Pignanelli; Michelle Rivera; Bryan Rodriguez; Jose Rodriguez; Ruth Villagra.

**Salsa:** Fonseca; Pignanelli; Michelle Rivera; Bryan Rodriguez.

**Reggaeton:** Carrasquillo; Jessica Perez; Natalie Rivera; Tracy Rodriguez; Tahelis Sanchez.

**Indian Club: East Indian Dancers:** Fareeda Bullert; Richa Juthani; Pawanjeet Kaur; Kamelia Kilawan; Priyanka Shaam; Farzana Shanie; Nima Vyas; Loveleen Zoria.

**West Indian Dancers:** Amanda Angad; Melissa Bhikham; Melissa Buchan; Melissa Budhoo; Michelle DeSilva; Prescilla Dhuman; Sabrina Jailau; Malika Langaigne.

The Asian club poses after practice for Sunday's International Day. (Photo by Fernando Ortiz.)



# Stanner Spirit Week finishes off with school dance

By Connie Tsang

Molloy's second annual Spirit Week, sponsored by the Student Council, is being held this week and features activities connected to Sunday's International Day before concluding with a school dance.

Student Council President, senior Joe Dujmovic, said Spirit Week was a little bit easier to organize this year, "because we already had one year's experience under our belt."

This week's schedule of events in the Jack Curran Gym is:

\* Monday: frosh vs. sophomores volleyball game at 2 p.m.

\* Tuesday: frosh vs. sophomores flag game at 2 p.m.; Blue & White Dress Down Day for which students must wear school colors.

\* Wednesday: Dance Club performance at 2 p.m. followed by juniors vs seniors flag game.

\* Thursday: dress rehearsal for International Day performers at 2 p.m.; International Dress Down Day for which students must wear sports jerseys of a foreign athletic team or the national colors of a foreign country.

\* Friday: Step Team pregame warm-up at 7 p.m. followed by senior vs. faculty basketball game with a halftime performance by the Dance Team; school dance from 8:30 to 11 p.m.

Spirit Week features homeroom prayers in three European, one Asian, and one African language as part of the buildup to International Day.

Molloy, described by Student Council moderator Ms. Kathy Loughran as a "ghost town" after 2 p.m, quickly empties out after school every day as the vast majority of students is part of the 2 o'clock club.

Spirit Week focuses on providing a

solution to the case of the disappearing Stanners by giving them something for which to hang around after school.

"It is a way to build on the unity of our school as well as to enrich and expand it," said Dujmovic.

Spirit Week took months of planning as meetings and discussions took place after school.

Ms. Loughlin said, "Spirit Week is made possible by the combined efforts of the Student Council as well as various students on the Yearbook Committee."

Dujmovic said, "As always, all are invited to attend each event and show their support."

One day during Spirit Week students will be encouraged to bring in canned food to support the school's Food Drive.

Dujmovic hopes Spirit Week

becomes a new tradition that is anticipated by students and faculty alike much like International Day is.

"In the end, I am very confident that Spirit Week will be a success and that in years to come, it will become a cherished Molloy tradition," he said.

## New uniform pants for girls

Marlou uniform company will be at Molloy April 17 to measure any student who wishes to buy new uniform clothing for next year.

Marlou is now offering uniform slacks cut especially to fit girls.

Girls can see the slacks in Sister Elizabeth Bickar's office within the General Office.



# Stanners bleed; 17 of blood

By Joseph Dujmovic

Molloy's Annual Blood Drive on March 5 in pints of blood to Queens and Long Island area. year, said Molloy's School Nurse, Mrs. Kathy

Two hundred and three students along with s in the drive, which was open to juniors and se New York Blood Center's Long Island division

Of the 203 students that signed up, 188 wer students were turned away for health reasons,

In the weeks leading up to the blood drive, stating that they were healthy and able to give b

"From our end, the entire process ran smoot

On donation day, each student volunteer was vital signs were measured.

The nurse would then go over the entire dona screen for anemia and to ensure that the studen

The donation of a pint of blood took about received a snack and then returned to class, sa

However, many students complained about h

Some students waited as long as two hour Forgione alike to wonder if the Blood Center that day for the drive.

"New York Blood Center is investigating the disappointed about the much longer wait times end, it turned out to be a success."

The feeling seemed to be mutual among the cause.

"It didn't hurt to give blood at all; I had a smal said senior Michael O'Connor.

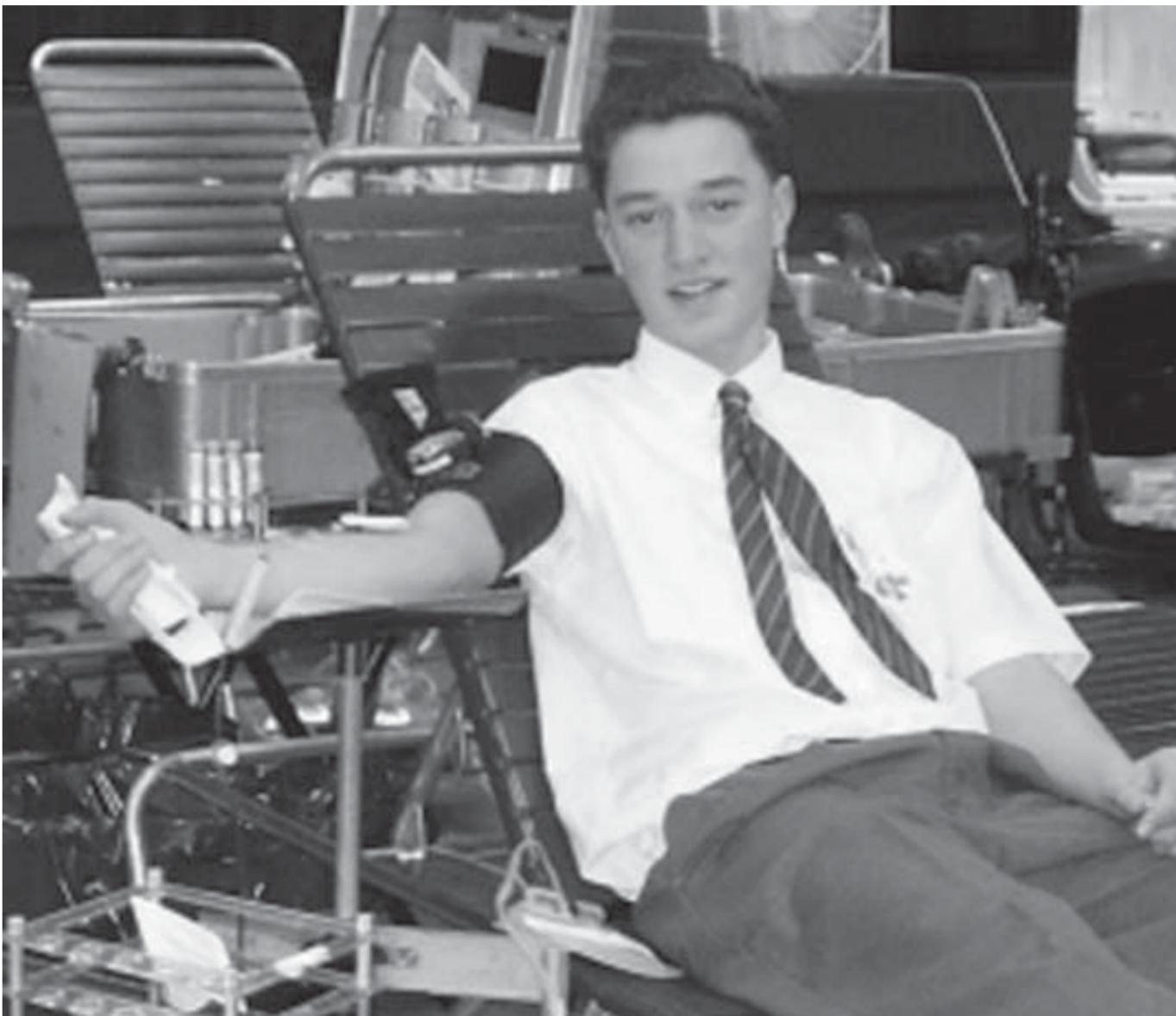
"I think some people are too scared [to donat would be doing a lot of good if they overcame

Others saw it as the perfect opportunity to c

"I signed up to donate blood because I reall especially since New York has a shortage of b worthwhile cause.

"Everybody wins. Someone gets the gift of Ilagen said.

(Photos by Steve Montoni)



# let it 171 pints donated

the Jack Curran Gymnasium contributed 171 pints to the hospital, two pints more than was donated last year by Mrs. Forgione.

Even faculty members signed up to participate and seniors age 16 and over and coordinated by the school nurse.

Some were not allowed to donate, while the remaining 15 were such as a recent illness.

Student volunteers filled out a questionnaire about their blood and got their parents' permission to do so. "It was a bit shy," said Mrs. Forgione.

Each student was interviewed by an administering nurse and all

the information process and a blood sample was taken to check the student's hemoglobin count was sufficient.

It took about 20 to 30 minutes, after which each student was thanked, said Mrs. Forgione.

There was no complaining about having to wait in long lines to give blood. "It was a great day for us to donate, leading both students and Mrs. Forgione to say they had brought enough staff members to Molloy

to handle the matter," Mrs. Forgione said. "Overall, I was very pleased, but everyone cooperated and from the Molloy

side, we had those who rolled up their sleeves to support the

cause. I had a headache [afterward] but overall it was fine,"

she said. "I know there is nothing to be scared of. Students were a little nervous about their fear," O'Connor said.

It was a good deed.

Many liked the idea of being able to help people. "I'm proud to be a blood donor," said senior Marie Ilagan. "It is a

great thing to do in your life and you get all the cookies you can eat,"



# Sci-Oly 3rd in city, scrambled at state

By Allie Reisch

Led by the duo of sophomore Kyle Hounsell and senior Victor Lipnicki, Molloy qualified for the 2007 New York State Science Olympiad Finals for the 18th time in the last 21 years by finishing third overall behind Townsend Harris and Collegiate in the New York City competition on Feb. 10 at Grover Cleveland High School.

Molloy finished ahead of fourth place Stuyvesant, fifth place Dalton and sixth place Cardozo at the city meet.

Only six teams from the 40 that competed in the New York City meet moved on the State meet held March 9-10 at West Point.

However, Molloy, one of just three Catholic schools to qualify for the state meet, did not fare as well at West Point, finishing 40th in a field of 55 schools. Chaminade (36th) and Kellenberg (39th) were the only other Catholic schools at the state meet.

Molloy ranked fifth among New York City qualifiers at the state finals as Stuyvesant (10th), Townsend Harris (16th), Collegiate (18th), and Cardozo (38th) finished ahead of Molloy, while Dalton (41st) finished behind the Stanners.

Molloy's best individual performers at state were: junior Michael Camardella and senior Catherine Zhu, who were ninth in ecology and 16th in "Write It; Do It"; junior Katarina Duzdevich and sophomore Ray Ferreira, who were 10th in health science; and Hounsell and Lipnicki, who placed 16th in "Robot Ramble."

Molloy has never finished in the top 10 at states in its 18 appearances in the competition.

Moderator Mr. Mike DeMarco said



Victor Lipnicki, left, and Kyle Hounsell work on their "Scrambler" car at the New York City Science Olympiad. (Photo by Bro. Roy George)

Molloy's performance at West Point doesn't detract from another excellent year for the team.

"We are very pleased because our goal was to make the state competition," Mr. DeMarco said.

Molloy did very well at the city competition led by the engineering team of Hounsell and Lipnicki, who finished first in both the "Robot Ramble" and "Sumo Bots" events and second in "The Scrambler."

"Robot Ramble" is an engineering event where two people work together to create a robot that has different arms which is able to pop balloons and pick up ping-pong balls, CD's, marbles, pennies and place the objects into a target box. The more objects the team picks up in the allotted time, the better its score.

"The Scrambler" is a competition

where a pair of students create a launcher and a car that has an egg mounted on the front. This car is launched forward toward a brick wall and must stop before it hits the wall and the egg is "scrambled." The closer the car gets to the wall without scrambling the egg, the higher the score.

"Sumo Bots" is a radio-controlled sumo wrestling competition between robots where the goal is not to destroy the opponent's robot but to push it out of the ring.

Hounsell garnered six medals overall from the six events he entered, finishing third in both remote sensing Mars and "Boomilever" and fourth in astronomy.

"I was pretty pleased and kind of surprised," Hounsell said. "I didn't think I was going to medal in everything." Lipnicki finished with five medals, finishing third in the remote sensing

Mars event and fourth in astronomy.

Since joining the city competition, Molloy has always been the highest ranking Catholic school. This year, St. Francis Prep was the second best Catholic school, finishing 12th.

Hounsell said Molloy is the best Catholic school because, "we put in the time and effort. We have the right people, coaches, and the determination."

Senior Steve Montoni, who finished third in the chemistry lab event, said, "Molloy is the best Catholic school because we spend a lot of time preparing for the event. I also believe because it is so competitive to get into Molloy, so we have a strong group of students that makes up the team"

Mr. DeMarco, who coached the team along with Mr. Jason Mallia, attributed the team's third place finish to having, "smart students who work very hard."

The following team members also earned medals:

Seniors Andrew Fesler (fourth in the circuit lab); Tina Kochupurackal (second in forensics, third in food science); Mary Catherine Wen (fifth in entomology); Catherine Zhu (first in ecology).

Juniors Michael Camardella (first in ecology); Katarina Duzdevich (fifth in health science); Jenny Kochupurackal (second in forensics, third in chemistry); Kevin Rhodes (third in Boomilever, fourth in circuit lab).

Sophomore Raymond Ferreira (third in food science, fifth in health science).

Freshman Saahil Trivedi (fifth in entomology).

## Stanners strategize Spanish invasion

By Melissa Chien and Tatiana Nunez

A group of 42 seniors and juniors will travel to Spain and Morocco during Easter Break from April 4-14 as part of Molloy's annual Europe trip organized by Mr. Chris Dougherty.

Six chaperones will accompany the students: Mr. Dougherty; Mr. Glenn DaGrossa and his wife, Bro. James Norton, Ms. Kasey Grado, and Molloy alum Mr. Joe Napolitano.

All seniors who applied to go on the trip were assured a spot, but the juniors who are going were selected by lottery.

The trip was not open to any frosh and sophomores, or to all juniors because there is not enough room to take everyone who wants to go, Mr. Dougherty said.

The trip, whose cost per student is between \$2,360 and \$3,000, was booked through the travel company, Passports.

Spain was chosen as this year's destination because many of the students surveyed expressed an interest in going there, Mr. Dougherty said.

Senior Diana Trent, who went on the

school trips in 2005 and 2006, signed up again for this one because, "since my first trip, my desire to see the world has grown. I didn't know many [of the other] people when I went on the past two trips, but I had a good experience anyway."

Many of the students going to Spain are native speakers, such as Trent and junior Cristina Penin, while others have learned the language in class at school.

The group will arrive first in Barcelona and stay there for two nights. Then, they'll take an overnight train to Madrid and stay for three nights.

They will also be spending two nights each in Granada and Costa del Sol, and take a day trip across the Mediterranean Sea to Morocco, a country which especially interests Penin and Trent.

While in Spain, Trent intends to practice her Spanish and looks forward to trying the cuisine, seeing the architecture, and being with her friends.

Mr. Dougherty has previously organized three trips: Italy and Vatican City in 2004, England and France in

2005, Greece and Turkey in 2006. He also helped chaperone the 2001

trip to Germany, Switzerland, Austria, and Lichtenstein.

### Newberry winning author visits frosh and senior English classes

By Priam Saywack

Newberry-award winning author Ms. Cynthia Kadohata visited Molloy March 12 to speak to several English classes in the theatre about her life and experiences as a writer.

Ms. Kadohata, a former student of Mr. Dennis Vellucci when he taught at USC while in graduate school, spoke to a Creative Writing class, a English 9 class, and an AP English Composition class.

Ms. Kadohata, the daughter of Japanese immigrants, said her writing reflects her "little piece of the American landscape."

She has published six books, including "Kira, Kira" which won the prestigious Newberry Medal.

Her most recent novel is "Cracker!

The Best Dog in Vietnam."

She is currently working on her next novel about four girls with the same mother but different fathers.

Ms. Kadohata's success as an author did not come overnight as she labored for four years before her first short story was published in "The New Yorker" magazine.

Ms. Kadohata called writing a difficult career that involves much editing and revising.

"You have to really want to be a writer, or else it's not worth it," she said.

Senior Tiffany Yeung said, "The effort that Kadohata puts in to be a successful author is inspiring. The session was very informative."

# 'Amazing' cast selected for musical

By Jacqueline Cosse and Camille Dwyer

For the first time in years, The Stanner Players will stage a musical, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat," in the Jack Curran Gym from May 17-19, said the Drama Club's moderator, Mr. Kevin Schwab.

Over 70 Stanners auditioned over a two-day period in the Music Room for a part in the musical based on the Bible story of Joseph, his 11 brothers, and his famous coat of many colors, but only 35 were chosen. Two cast members have since dropped out.

Sophomores Connor Hubbard (Joseph), Cailan Chang and Kerin Daly (Narrators) and freshman Louis Lamia (Jacob) earned the four leading roles.

"It was very difficult to make the final decisions because we had lots of talented students come in to audition," said Mr. Schwab.

He chose the students he did, in part, because he felt they "would give their full attention to the play during rehearsals."

Hubbard earned his starring role because, "Connor has a very clear and honest voice and his stage presence is strong," said Mr. Schwab.

"I think he will be an excellent Joseph."

The part of the narrator was originally written for one person; however, Mr. Schwab and Musical Director Mr. Richard Louis-Pierre, a music teacher at Grover Cleveland High School, felt that due to the few leading roles for females in the play, the part should be divided into two.

"I loved Kerin and Cailin so we decided to use them both," Mr. Schwab said.

Chang and Lamia return to the Molloy stage after starring in the fall production of Neil Simon's comedy "Fools."

"Louis was an excellent member of the 'Fools' cast and he played the father role in that play," said Mr. Schwab. "Jacob is the father figure in 'Joseph' so I wanted to see how far I can stretch Louis with his comedy and also his singing performance."

Despite his success in "Fools," Lamia said, "I was still extremely nervous about auditioning for this play, mostly because it's a musical and I was unsure about how my singing voice would stack up to everyone else's."

Lamia said he is very excited to be

part of a musical for the first time in his acting career. "I love acting and I love entertaining people," he said.

Eleven boys will play Joseph's brothers while 16 girls will play their wives or be chorus members after two girls dropped out to be in another play.

"I was tempted to have girls play some of the brothers but we had enough boys at auditions with talent so my musical director and I decided to stick to the original score of the show and keep the brothers male.

"The ensemble was more difficult to cast but I wanted the wives to have different energies from one another because they play a lot of different characters through the course of the play," Mr. Schwab said, who added he has a lot of respect for chorus members.

"It's a lot of work and demands a lot of time to be in the chorus for any show because they tend to be the backbone of the piece even if the leads seem to be on the stage more often," he said.

Mr. Schwab said he chose "Joseph" to be the first musical he directs at Molloy after doing a drama last spring and a comedy last fall because this Bible story, "is appropriate for the school and

the story of Joseph is not overdone."

Instead of using the Theater for the musical as has been done in the past under different Drama Club moderators, The Stanner Players will use the Jack Curran Gym because there are a lot of people in this musical's cast and there is a larger stage in the gym than there is in the Theater.

The play will open Friday May 17 at 8 p.m. with another performance at 8 p.m. on Saturday May 18 before closing with a 3 p.m. matinee Sunday May 19.

Tickets will be \$10.

## The Cast

Joseph: Connor Hubbard

Narrators: Cailan Chang and Kerin Daly

Jacob: Louis Lamia

Brothers: Scott Brady; Joshua Boyd; Cosimo Commiso; Mark Giernicki; Lenworth James Jr.; David Kane; Travis Kessel; Everard Lopez; Hunter Lydon; Niccolo Pizarro; Saahil Triredi.

Wives/Dancers/Ensemble: Evelyn Alcove; Emily Arikian; Alexandra Bello; Megan Boyle; Alyson Cadena; Stacy Dorosier; Angela Dumlaio; Jackie Ehrhardt; Kimberly Falco; Claudia Goncalves; Christina Hernandez; Andrea Illagan; Gabrielle Plaia; Brianne Rosa; Ivana Thompson; Valerie Villanueva.

# Juniors & seniors prepare for future at Career Day

By Daniel Girdusky

Stanners were given a chance to learn about various careers from returning alumni on March 8 at Molloy's second annual Career Day.

Mr. Charlie Flood, a Molloy graduate and president of Creative Comet Production, opened the day with a speech about how students must utilize their time to prepare for the future.

Juniors and seniors chose to learn more about three careers from a long list ranging from scientist to teacher to entrepreneur.

During three 30-minute sessions, students heard professionals discuss their chosen careers and answer questions.

Many of the 41 alumni who donated their time to speak to students were returnees from last year.

The first Career Day was inspired by the lack of knowledge about job

opportunities students demonstrated while picking colleges and potential majors.

Molloy President Mr. John Sherry thought a Career Day would be a great opportunity for upper class students to explore potential careers and get a head start on their futures.

"There is a big world to explore; this is a chance to ask a lot of questions and help make decisions about majors and jobs," he said.

Many students said they benefited from Career Day and it helped them get a glimpse of the world of work.

Some suggested Molloy should include more information about more careers in medicine. Mr. Sherry said the lack of representatives from medical careers was due to unusual circumstances and next year there should be more choices in that field.



Ms. Mary Pat Gannon discusses being a teacher during Career Day. (Photo by Christina Loccisano.)

Mr. Sherry thanked faculty and students, "for the feedback that I've received which will help make Career Day better and better."

# 2,500 apply, but 400 will be Stanners

By Tara Gildea

About 2,500 eighth graders applied this year for the 400 seats available for Molloy's Class of 2011.

Molloy accepted about 500 students, equally split among girls and boys, because the school must take into account the fact that some of the students accepted will choose to go to other schools.

Molloy held its registration day for the Class of 2011 on March 3 and 450 students have signed up to become Stanners in September.

Assistant Principal for Academics, Sister Elizabeth Bickar said that history has taught her that the Class of 2011

will be down to about 400 students by the fall as about 50 students are expected to change their plans to attend Molloy for a variety of reasons.

The Class of 2011 will come from about 200 different grade schools with about 75% coming from Catholic schools and the rest coming from public or private schools.

Most of the incoming frosh come from Queens, Brooklyn, and Nassau County but a few will be traveling to Briarwood from the Bronx and Manhattan.

Sister Elizabeth said that for a student to be accepted into Molloy, he or she

must achieve marks consistently in the high 80's and 90's through sixth, seventh, and eighth grades and attain high scores on the TACHS admission test.

Molloy has one of the most generous academic scholarship programs in the Brooklyn-Queens diocese and will award approximately \$1.3 million in scholarship money to the Class of 2011 over a four-year period.

Molloy will award 20 full scholarships, 50 half scholarships and 10 scholarships of varying amounts to the Class of 2011.

Sister Elizabeth said when Molloy became a coeducational school and began receiving twice the number of

applications it received when it was all boys, the school was able to raise its admissions standards much higher.

"The school's reputation spreads by word of mouth," she said. "If students are happy with their school, other people will want to attend."

Sister Elizabeth said she hoped the Class of 2011 would be "motivated, enthusiastic, and above all love Molloy."

"Faculty and administration are very excited to see new faces every September. We want to fulfill the incoming students' expectations of Molloy," Sister Elizabeth said.

# Four straight titles for Molloy's Girls Varsity 'A' swimmers



Molloy won its fourth straight CHSAA Girls A Team Championship Feb. 4 at the Nassau County Aquatics Center in Eisenhower Park.

For the second year in a row, Molloy won the title without winning a single individual or relay event.

While second place Notre Dame Academy from Staten Island won eight of 11 events, Molloy's superior depth allowed the Stanners to pile up more overall points and take the team title.

Molloy finished with 769 points while NDA was second with 739.

Molloy's victory over NDA was sweet revenge as the Gators gave the Stanners their only dual meet loss of the season on Jan. 14.

NDA had won 21 straight city titles until 2004 when Molloy started its current winning streak.

Molloy's Boys Varsity Swim Team finish ninth at the CHSAA swimming and diving championships on Feb. 11.

Molloy's varsity championship swim team pose on the diving board. (Photo by Julie Dzurita)

## Track 2nd in city

By Isabelle Parzygnat

Led by senior Dylan Dombrowski and his fellow long jumpers, the Molloy Boys Varsity Track and Field Team finished in second place among the 38 teams at the CHSAA Intersectional Championships on Feb. 11 at the Armory in Manhattan.

Monsignor Farrell won the city title with 39.25 points, Molloy scored 27 points and third place Bishop Kellenberg had 24.

Although the Girls Varsity only finished seventh, it did have the only double winner of the girls meet, junior Rebecca Power, who won the pole vault and shot put.

The Molloy boys haven't finished second in the city meet since 1996. Their best finish since then had been seventh.

Coach Bro. Bob Andrews was very happy with Molloy's victory and believes that, if a few athletes had not been out with sicknesses and injuries, the team could have made a run for first.

Dylan Dombrowski finished first in the long jump (21-feet, 4.5-inches) and second in the triple jump (43-9 inches).

But the performance that surprised Brother Bob the most was the third place finish by the 4x800-meter relay team of seniors Rory Cunnane, Victor Szuper, Dan Edwards, and Steve Bione, who ran a 8:15.31 to qualify for the State Championships.

Cunnane said the relay team was content with its third place finish but he was extremely happy about his own personal improvement from last year.

The girls team swept the first three pole vault places led by Power, who set a meet record of 10-feet, 6-inches. Junior Beth Terranova was second and sophomore Brittany Dombrowski was third, both vaulting eight feet.

Powers and Terranova both qualified for the State Championships.

Unfortunately, the pole vault was not counted in the team scoring for the city meet which contributed to the Molloy girls only finishing seventh.

The 800-meter relay team of Arianna Dussie, Alexandra Jean-Joseph, Monica Martinez, and Jessica Conter, was fourth but broke a school record.

Power also set a school shot put record of 37-4.5 which was good enough for first place and qualified her for the State Championships.

Meanwhile, Bro. Bob is looking ahead to the outdoor season.

"The prospects for the outdoor season are excellent," he said. "We have a very realistic shot at becoming champs, if the team stays healthy."

Molloy will be helped outdoors by the addition of other events such as the discus and javelin, traditional Stanner strengths, which are not part of the indoor season.

Here are the city results for Molloy:

### Boys

Long Jump: 1. Dylan Dombrowski, 21-4.5; 2. Jarenn Stewart, 20-8.25; 4. Robert Nappi, 20-0.

Triple Jump: 2. Dylan Dombrowski, 43-9; 4. Robert Nappi, 42-10; 6. Matt Flynn, 41-6.

600-meter run: 4. George Arcarola, 1:23.46.

55-meter hurdles: 2. Ryan Peeters, 7.91.

3,200-meter relay: 3. Molloy, 8:15.31.

25-lb. weight throw (non-team scoring event): 5. Chris Radman, 53-2.25

### Girls

Pole Vault: 1. Power, 10-feet-6, meet record;

2. Terranova, 8-0; 3. B. Dombrowski, 8-0.

High Jump: 6. Sabrina Fleurantin, 4-8.

Shot Put: 1. Power, 37-4.5, school record;

4. Natalie Higgins, 31-1.5; 6. Adara Simonelli, 28-11.

Triple Jump: 2. Alexandra Jean-Joseph, 35-

8.25.

800-meter relay: 4. Molloy, 1:50.50, school record.



## JV Girls basketball wins B-Q title

After finishing atop the CHSAA Brooklyn-Queens Division A regular season standings, Molloy's Girls JV basketball team won the Brooklyn-Queens title March 11 by defeating The Mary Louis Academy 50-47 in the sectional playoff finals at Christ the King High School. Molloy had advanced to the sectional finals by beating Bishop Kearney 57-37 at home. However, the Stanners lost 47-42 to St. Peter's in the city championship game on March 13 at St. John's Prep. It was their third loss of the year to St. Peter's. Frosh Kelly Guerriero was Molloy's leading scorer this season and frosh Kelly Robinson gave the Stanners a big boost at the end of the season when she returned from a torn ACL injury to help Molloy win nine of its last 11 games. The Stanners' final overall record was 19-6. Sophomore Janine Doran, above, sinks a layup against St. Francis Prep. (Photo courtesy of Blue & White Yearbook)