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Feel like somebody's watching you?

By Larry Viggiano '10 and Joe Ruocco '10

The Molloy Administration had 20 new surveillance cameras installed throughout the school over Easter vacation as safety precautions, said Mr. Ken Auer, the Assistant Principal for Students.

Mr. Auer said the cameras "were on the Administration's agenda for some time."

The cameras were installed during Easter vacation because the students were not in the building and the company was available to do the installation at that time.

Molloy now has 21 motion-sensored cameras as the "eyes of Molloy" strategically placed near all exits, in the hallways, parking lot, basement, and Cafeteria. The new cameras join the one that has been in the Hall of Fame hallway for several years.

The monitors for the cameras are located in the offices of Mr. Auer, his assistant Mr. Ed Shannon, and plant manager Bro. Pat Lally.

While the cameras are not always being watched by a Molloy staff member, they do record for 24 hours a day, seven days a week for security purposes and the files are stored in a computer for as long as two weeks until being automatically overwritten.

Since their installation, these cameras have caused great debate among students and faculty.

Depending on who is asked, the presence of cameras either has made Molloy "a prison" or "a safer place."

"You're probably thinking, 'What's next, metal detectors?'" Mr. James Sheldon said jokingly. "No more cameras will be added for some time and metal detectors are definitely out of the question."

Senior Chris Roskosky said students returning to school on Monday April 12 were "shocked" to see the cameras in the hallways.

"The cameras show a lack of trust towards the students," he said.

Other students question whether or not the cameras are an invasion of privacy.

"I think they are a waste of money and an invasion of privacy, not to mention being so distracting," said senior Stephanie Ingilis.

Mr. Auer disagrees with those opinions, saying, "Hallways are not a private place, so it's not an invasion of privacy. If you don't do anything wrong, you have nothing to worry about."

"The cameras are for a pro-active approach. They are for student safety and to protect [the school] from outside intruders," Mr. Auer said.

Quite possibly the biggest debate over the cameras among students involves questioning their real purpose. Some students agree that they are for security purposes while a significant minority of others believe they are there to monitor student behavior and issue detentions.

"I don't believe they were put up for safety reasons," said Ingilis. "I would believe that only if the cameras were outside all entrances of Molloy. But



Junior Sean Harrison and senior Nick Scala check out one of the video cameras installed last month in the hallways. (Photo by Ben Joson)

instead they're in the middle of the hallways."

Mr. Auer said detention was given out only once so far to students whose behavior was observed on the cameras.

It happened on April 12, the first day back from Easter vacation, when two seniors got detention for being unsupervised in an area where they

weren't supposed to be.

Senior Danny Mulvihill, however, claims to have gotten detention when the cameras recorded him loitering in the hallways.

Mr. Auer said no new cameras will be installed in the "near future" but the Administration could add more if they were found to be needed.

Seniors win first Spirit Week contest

By Sheldon Zilla '10

The Student Council revamped Spirit Week this year with a week-long competition among all four grades to see who would receive a third dress down day on Friday April 23 and when the results were tallied, the seniors had won.

When the totals were announced on Thursday April 22, the Spirit Week organizers were surprised at the results.

"I was shocked," said Ms. Kathy Loughran, the Student Council moderator. "We had to double check the scores! I wasn't surprised the freshmen were last; they're the newest and have the least experience. I honestly thought the sophomores would win."

Senior Mario Gangone said, "No, I wasn't shocked. I believed in my fellow seniors."

The Student Council, along with Principal Bro. Thomas Schady and Ms. Loughran, decided to make Spirit Week a competition for the first time in

its history with the winner being the grade with the highest participation point total.

Ms. Loughran said this was done to try to increase the number of Stanners who participated in Spirit Week and try to create more school spirit from what was seen in previous years.

Ten events were part of the competition and seniors earned 1,402 participation points to earn the right to be the only grade to dress down for the third time that week.

Juniors were second with 1,242 points, followed by the sophomores (1,199) and frosh (1,114).

Ms. Loughran said the greatest factor in the seniors' victory was the Haiti Relief show.

Seniors were second to juniors in the number of students who went to the show, but the seniors by far donated the most money.

Ms. Loughran said the contest

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Homeroom 4F won the Spirit Week door decorating contest for its baby picture match game design. (Photo by Ben Joson)

Silence isn't the rule in AM Library

As Stanners become upperclass students, their previously filled-to-the-brim schedules begin to include free periods, first one every other day as juniors, then even more as seniors to the point where some do not know what to do with them all.

Stanners with a free period have three options.

First, they may quietly study in Room 123, which has quickly become my favorite option. Despite its detention-like environment, it's the quietest place in the school to get work done.

A second option is the Senior Lounge, a small room with ping-pong and pool tables monopolized by whatever clique gets downstairs the fastest.

Finally there's the third, and most frequently chosen option, the Library.

Open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., the Library should be Molloy's bastion of quiet study.

However, spending even one free period there will quickly prove that the opposite is true.

I polled a group of juniors, seniors and recent alumni about their experiences in the Library and the universal contention was it is the least of three evil options, however, not by much.

Why is there such a negative association with the Library?

The problem is that it operates more as a lounge and office for faculty, staff and students than as a Library.

As a former frequent patron of the Library, I once enjoyed curling up on one of the sought-after winged chairs with a book.

But my enjoyment was short-lived.

Students would start talking louder than they should and the Library staff would try to quiet them, sometimes even kicking them out for being too noisy, but some continued to ignore the no-talking rule.

Yet students aren't the only ones with free periods.

Several teachers spend theirs in the Library and engage in loud conversations with students and the Library staff.

The Molloy tech support staff uses the Library as its office and does business on the phone and talks to teachers who come in with computer problems.

The librarians also engage in long



telephone conversations at their desks.

As one alumnus told me, "[The staff] is yelling at everyone to be quiet while they are talking on the phone."

It's very distracting to those trying to do work when both students and faculty and staff constantly are talking too loudly to each other or to someone on the phone.

How can anyone be expected to get

any work done in the "chatty" atmosphere of this office and lounge space we call a Library?

I'm very glad this year's Walk-A-Thon money will be devoted to the renovating the Molloy Library; it could use some cleaning up in order to quiet it down.

— David Kane '10

What will you remember 4 years from now?

"You take a deep breath and you walk through the doors. . . It's your freshman year and you're going to be here for the next four years."

Yes, it seems there's a Taylor Swift song for every experience in our high school journey.

Four years ago, the class of 2010 walked the AM hallways for the first time, carrying Jansport backpacks overloaded with books, and fears of not fitting in and getting detention.

As editors of *The Stanner* for the past three years, we've documented everything that happens at Molloy from run-of-the-mill club activities to unique events such as the 50th Anniversary Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral and the arrival of Principal Bro. Thomas Schady.

But we'll also remember all those Molloy moments that don't make it in the paper: dissections in the biology lab, annual handbook assemblies in the Cafeteria that repeat information we already knew, the stress of Regents

Exams, the SAT, waiting for college acceptances and rejections, and prom preparations.

What will you remember the most from your Stanner years?

What are those teacher quirks you'll never forget?

Mr. Michael Nadeau's "quizzicles"?

Mr. Jeff Gallagher telling you to "smile" in the hallways?

Bro. Bob Andrews' civil war game? "Verdi's World"?

Mr. Luis Santos blowing kisses during Spanish class?

Mr. Austin Power for the "power hour"?

Were you warned by Mr. Jim Sheehan that "any form of illegal activity will be construed as espionage"?

Were you told "there's always summer school" by Mr. Sheehan?

Were you accused of being a communist by Mr. John Diorio?

Do you think of cats differently after hearing Mr. Rick Whelan's cat story?

Did you admire Mr. Charley

McKenna's earring or stare at Mr. Ted McGuinness's outfits?

Did you play "rodgeball"?

Were you told "sweating is sexy!"?

What has happened in your life the last four years, seniors?

Remember reading about the death of Saddam Hussain, the election of Barack Obama and the joke that Tiger Woods has become?

Did you follow the adventures of "Brangelina," watch Britney shave her head, mourn the deaths of Michael Jackson and Heath Ledger, dance to Lady Gaga?

Is Sue Sylvester now the world's best villain? Are Megan Fox and Robert Pattinson the hottest stars?

Was "The Dark Knight" your must-see movie and "Twilight" your must-read book?

Do you still wear uggs and skinny jeans?

Are Animal bracelets your new accessory and Pinkberry your new snack?

Does your phone have a touch screen?

Myspace died, Facebook took over, Formspring caused drama, and Twitter still has some wondering what it is.

So much has changed in four years; have you?

It's been said high school is the best four years of your life because it is a time to discover who you are, become independent, and make friendships that will last a lifetime.

What will your lives be like in four years, seniors? Not for school but for life, right?

Congrats class of 2010, here's to making it through to another graduation in 2014!

— Melanie Dostis '10

Letters to the Editor

In response to Ms. Liz Murdocca's letter to the editor in last month's issue, students should become more proactive! Only through involvement in school and community can you work to earn more privileges from the Administration. Students should open dialogue with the Administration and suggest ideas they think will enrich their Molloy experience. The Administration

is open to ideas. Some will be turned down, some will be approved. But you have to try. You just need to take a step forward from indifference to awareness. Take another step forward to start caring more about this place and the people in it and then you'll see how much you can accomplish.

Ben Joson '10
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Foreign exchange Stanners

By Jake Hernandez '10

Five Molloy students each stayed with a host family in Lyon, France during Easter vacation as part of a foreign exchange program designed to expand their knowledge of French culture by experiencing the country itself, said Ms. Madelyn Dupre, the chairperson of the Foreign Language Dept.

Seniors Jennifer Caceres, Jeannette Ortega and Beder Herbas and sophomores Andrew Chena and Jordi Escorcia left for France on March 31 and returned home on April 12.

These five Stanners will play host to their French counterparts in New York City for two weeks starting July 10.

Caceres's host student for the duration of her time in France was Marie Alix Pelissaud, whose father was a member of the French Parliament.

Caceres and Pelissaud visited different museums together, shopped, and, for her last weekend in France, travelled to Paris, which is a two-hour train ride from Lyon.

"My French definitely improved," Caceres said. "I stumbled at first, but by the end, I had listened to so much French that I can basically understand it perfectly now."

This foreign exchange program at Molloy is organized by Ms. Dupre and two French teachers in a Marist high school in Lyon, located in east-central



Jennifer Caceres, right, and her host Marie Alix Pelissaud stand in front of the Eiffel Tower in Paris. (Photo courtesy of Jennifer Caceres)

France in Rhône-Alpes region.

The program began many years ago

but then was suspended. It was restarted last year when eight students

who take French as their foreign language made the trip to Lyon.

Ms. Dupre said, "This program allows our French students to expand their view of the world linguistically, geographically, and culturally."

The students who participated in the program were given information about their host students two weeks before the trip, including their telephone numbers and email addresses, to avoid any awkward moments upon arrival.

"Teenage life in France is very similar to New York City teenage life but there are some differences," said Caceres. "The French are really affectionate and the bise kiss [on the cheek as a greeting] was something I had to get used to for a while. However, aside from that, all the girls have crushes on all the boys and all the boys love sports, especially soccer."

Caceres's host student Pelissaud is excited to come to New York in July to stay with Caceres even though Pelissaud has visited New York before.

Caceres said Pelissaud's English is really good since she's been studying it for six years.

Caceres plans to take Pelissaud to Times Square, Greenwich Village, the beach and to a summer course at NYU.

Ms. Dupre has high hopes the number of students participating in the program next year will be even higher.

The Stanner top school paper in B-Q

For the second time in three years, The Stanner won the General Excellence Award for being best Catholic school newspaper in Brooklyn and Queens at The Tablet High School Press Awards 2010.

The Stanner won first place in eight of the annual competition's 10 categories and won a school-record 13 awards at the ceremony at St. Francis College in Brooklyn on May 12.

The Paramentier of St. Joseph's High School finished second, The Seraph of St. Francis Prep was third and Jamesonian of Bishop Loughlin received honorable mention from among the nine schools that competed.

"In the three years that Editor-in-chief

Melanie Dostis and Managing Editor Stephanie Almache have run The Stanner, it has finished first in the General Excellence category twice and second once," Moderator Mr. Charley McKenna said of the two seniors.

"The fact that Melanie also won first prize for Best Editorial really shows how important she's been to the newspaper," he said. "No other editors in Molloy history have matched Melanie and Stephanie's performance and The Stanner will really feel their absence next year."

Senior Camille Dwyer and junior Natalie Kurzyna won two individual awards each and junior Navdep Kaur was the only winner of the The Roger

Payne Memorial Award for Best Column.

"The 12 individual awards won by our staff attest to how talented Molloy's student-journalists are," Mr. McKenna said. "I'm thrilled that so many were juniors, sophomores and frosh."

The individual award winners for Molloy were:

Best News Story: 1. Natalie Kurzyna "AM in the Modern Age: TV's in the Cafe" 3. Camille Dwyer, "New AM Principal Open to Change"

Best Sports Story: 1. Kevin Fernandes "JV Boys Look for the Right Chemistry" 2. Karla Hernandez and Adrienne Zhou "Seniors Edge Faculty by Three Points"

Best Photograph: 1. Ben Josen "Basketball Huddle"

Best Column: Navdep Kaur "Ask Nav"

Best School-Related Editorial: 1. Camille Dwyer "Did Big Brother Install Telescreens in the Cafeteria?" 3. Julianne Broderick and Natalie Kurzyna "What to Do About Those Crowded AM Hallways"

Best Community-Related Editorial: 1. Melanie Dostis "Are You Addicted to Facebook Too?" 3. Isobel Williams "Why Don't Folks Act Their Age?"

Best Editorial Cartoon: 1. Kanad Ghosh "Sleeping Senior" 3. Victoria Lane "Mother and Daughter"

Learning the language for Deaf Camp

By Mohammad Ahsan '10

Fifteen Stanners signed up this year for Bro. Pat Hogan's annual sign language class in order to work at the camp for hearing impaired children at Esopus during the last week of June.

Bro. Pat credits growing up with a deaf brother for inspiring him to work with the hearing impaired at Esopus and to teach sign language to Stanners for the past 30 years.

When Bro. Pat puts out an invitation to join his sign language class, which is taught once a week at 3:30 p.m. in Room 130 during the second semester,

Stanners join for many different reasons but always enjoy the class and then working at the camp.

Frosh Vanja Malkovic was one of the students who signed up this year.

"I just wanted to be involved in it," she said because it was an opportunity to be involved in a good cause.

Malkovic, like many of the students in the class, is a member of the track team and coached by Bro. Pat.

Malkovic, who said learning sign language is not difficult, is looking forward to helping out at the camp. "I can't wait."

So are the 56 hearing impaired children who attend the camp.

"They look forward to it all year," said Bro. Pat. "They have a blast."

Bro. Pat said he is amazed to see how Stanners are willing to help out every year and that the hardest thing to do is tell some eager Stanners that there is no enough room for them in the class.

While Bro. Pat agreed that learning sign language isn't difficult, Stanners do their best learning once they arrive at the camp and start interacting with hearing impaired kids.

"It's immersion," Bro. Pat said.

The goal of the camp, "is to give children that often live in isolation a chance to play with kids they can communicate with," Bro. Pat said."

Band gives 3 awards

Band Director Mr. Greg Leonardo presented three awards to band members at the Spring Concert on May 29 in the Jack Curran Gym.

Senior Stephan Pepe Hershenfeld earned the Louis Armstrong Award, senior David Kane received the John Philip Sousa Award and senior Jarrett Williams won the Director's Award.

Seniors' surprising spirit wins an extra dress down

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definitely raised participation across the board in Spirit Week.

The two most popular activities were two first-time events: the homeroom door decorating competition and dodgeball.

Dodgeball was so popular that Student Council might add another day of it next year.

Ms. Loughran said that Student Council will definitely hold another contest for a third dress down day next

year, especially now that all Stanners know that only one grade level will get a third day.

This year, some cynical Stanners assumed that the whole school would be awarded the third dress down day and so they didn't participate.

Ms. Loughran said the contest becoming a permanent part of Spirit Week will give everyone an extra incentive to get involved, therefore, increasing Stanner spirit.



Mr. Ken Auer and Ms. Liz Murdocca lead the faculty dancers.



Joe Pinckney and Peter Kramer perform at the Haiti Relief show.



Playing Molloy's very own game, Flag, was once again a popular activity during Spirit Week 2010.

Spirit Week Class Competition Results

Event	Frosh	Sophs	Juniors	Seniors
Pictionary (April 15)	80	70	120	90
Video Contest (April 16)	0	120	0	0
Poster Contest (April 16)	0	90	0	120
Dodge Ball (April 19)	270	80	240	220
Homeroom Door (April 20)	100	100	100	120
Flag (April 20)	240	180	170	190
Scavenger Hunt (April 20)	90	120	120	90
Haiti Relief Show (April 21)	214	259	342	332
Battle of the Bands (April 22)	80	90	70	120
The Dining Room (April 22)	70	90	80	120
Total Points	1,114	1,199	1,242	1,402

Teachers' dance was big hit at Haiti Relief Show

By Rosie Garlan '10

The Haiti Relief Show, which took place during Spirit Week in the Jack Curran Gym to raise money for those affected by the January earthquake, was a huge hit, said the event's organizer.

Ms. Elizabeth Murdocca, who coordinated the event, was "extremely happy" with the May 12 show.

"The audience also seemed to enjoy it, judging from the clapping and cheering," she said.

Admission to the show was free but audience members were asked to donate money to the cause once inside the gym.

"Unfortunately," Ms. Murdocca said, "we did not raise as much money as we had hoped."

Students donated \$484, which will be given to Catholic Relief Services to help survivors of the disastrous situation in Haiti.

Most students who attended the show did donate money and felt good knowing the money would be helping those in need.

"It really showed how a small group

of people can contribute to a really big cause," said senior Jennifer Mongiat.

The idea for the show came from a Dance Team member, senior Priscilla Velazquez, and was planned with the help of Student Council President Ben Joson, a senior.

The show took several weeks to put together and some groups who performed in the show worked on their numbers for seven to eight weeks.

Samantha Figueroa, a senior Dance Club member, said, "The preparation was really intense. It took a lot of practices after school to get our routine down pat."

The show featured performances from a wide variety of groups, including the Asian Club, the Eastern European Club, the Dance Team, the Step Teams, and more.

Senior Eric Johnson, who attended the show, liked the cultural dances best while others, like senior Katrina Colletti, preferred the silly style of the "Sassy Senior Six."

A crowd favorite, however, seemed to be the now infamous faculty dance performance which featured several teachers led by Ms. Murdocca and Assistant Principal Mr. Ken Auer.

The faculty showed the audience a thing or two about the evolution of dancing to pop music from the 1960's to today.

A video of the faculty performance was shown the next day on the TV monitors in the Cafeteria.

Ms. Murdocca said the faculty learned its dance routine very quickly, some only learning it the day of the show.

For students wondering if they will get to see some more of Mr. Auer's disco dance moves next year, Ms. Murdocca offered hope.

"I would love to do a teachers' dance every year," she said. "Maybe we will do the Talent Show, too, and then perhaps start our own touring dance troupe."

AM dresses up for dodgeball



The Power Rangers (seniors Mike Harrington, Brian Gribbon, Danielle Reddy, Christina Perez, Glen Whelan and Mike Carranchio) show off their uniforms in the very popular dodgeball competition during Spirit Week. (Photo by Benedict Joson)



The psychedelic sophomore team of "Walter y los Chicos," led by Walter Rodriguez, add a lot of color to Spirit Week's first ever dodgeball tournament by sporting tie-dye-t-shirts and crazy, miss-matched knee-high socks while waiting on the sidelines in the Jack Curran Gym to take on its next opponent. (Photo by Benedict Joson)



The Dining Room

The Stanner Players were also part of Spirit Week as attendance at the play's opening night was the last of 10 events the school-wide spirit competition. "The Dining Room" is the story of the various people whose only connection is the same dining room table they use over the years. Junior Natalie Kurzyrna, far left, played a surly teenager waiting for breakfast, while sophomore Tiffany McCue, senior Grace Lisandrelli and sophomore Christopher Guevara play a family sitting at the same table decades earlier. (Photos by Monish Pahilajani)

Reset the Sky wins the battle

By Jill Sheehan '10

Reset the Sky, featuring juniors Ray Lumokso and Ian McNee, were chosen by a three-judge panel as the winners of the Battle of the Bands in the Jack Curran Gym on April 22 during Spirit Week.

Midnight Conspiracy, with junior Joe Dionisi and sophomore Matthew Marvilli, was runner-up.

Last Rites, the band of juniors Stephen Scelfo, Adam McCloskey, Chris Visile and senior Adam Roman, was third.

Reset the Sky's first prize was 10 hours of recording time free of charge at Prime Time Sound Studio to record a professional-quality demo CD.

Midnight Conspiracy was awarded two hours of rehearsal time at the studio and Last Rites got a \$50 gift card to Guitar Center.

The three judges for the battle were Mr. Glenn DaGrossa, Mr. Ted McGuinness, and Mr. Chris Dougherty.

Each band was judged on a 30-point scale with each judge awarding a maximum 10 points for musicality, 10 points for stage presence, and 10 points for performance.

Mr. DaGrossa, who staged the Battle of the Bands along with juniors

Danielle Cantinella and Jonathan Becker, said the event was a modest success as it attracted an audience of about 360 people.

Mr. DaGrossa, who has run six previous concerts at Molloy, said the Battle of the Bands was not as big a production as previous Rock Aid concerts have been.

However, Cantinella said, "I still ran around like a maniac" setting up for the show.

DaGrossa gave almost all the credit for the show's success to Cantinella and Becker and said they were both extremely valuable during the planning stages.

DaGrossa, Cantinella and Becker all said they were pleased, and sometimes surprised, by the level of the talent of the bands in the show.

Becker said the third place band, Last Rites, did a very good cover version of "Welcome Home" by Coheed and Cambria.

"It was one of the best I've ever heard," he said.

Mr. DaGrossa was not sure whether Rock Aid will return to Molloy next year or if another Battle of the Bands will be staged.

"Who knows what next year will hold," he said.



Guitars were the instrument of choice during the Battle of the Bands, won by Reset the Sky. (Photos by Ben Joson)

Peer Groups: trust is key to success

By Ashley Anderson '10

Molloy guidance counselors said it is important that every sophomore understand how vital it is to follow the confidentiality rule in Peer Groups and how breaking it can be “detrimental” to both the group and the individual who committed that violation of trust.

As sophomores enter their first Peer Group meeting, the phrase strongly emphasized is: “What’s said in here stays here.”

The rule of confidentiality provides a safe and trusting environment for students to talk about life issues.

“Without it, there’s no trust,” said Peer Group counselor Mr. Ted McGuinness. “Without it, it’s difficult to form a group relationship.”

Bro. James Norton, who has worked with Peer Groups since 1975, said, “I couldn’t begin to explain how important I think confidentiality is. Whether it’s

individual [counseling] or Peer Groups, [the rule] makes students feel safe. They need to know that what is said is protected. If information gets out, it could be devastating for that individual.”

Although it is very rare, students who have violated the confidentiality rule in the past have been removed from Peer Group.

When a student does not honor the rule, this violation of trust is brought up in the group and discussed both with and without the offending student present.

Whether the student is allowed to stay in the group or is asked to leave is based on what the group decides is best.

When asked if any students were taken out of Peer Group this year for breaking the rule, Mr. McGuinness said, “That remains confidential just like everything else that happens in groups.”

Out of the hundreds of groups that Bro. James has led over 35 years, only once has confidentiality been an issue and, in that one instance, the student was removed from the group.

“The majority follow [the rule],” said senior Raymond Kober, a group leader for Bro. Francis Regis. “I don’t think anyone is going around telling people’s deepest, darkest secrets.”

Senior Joe Pinckney, a group leader for Mr. McGuinness, said, “It’s important kids share in Peer Groups, but it’s not something the entire school should know about.”

Senior Amelia Merker, another one of Mr. McGuinness’s leaders, said, “What you put into groups is what you get out of it. Trust is very important.”



Mr. Ted McGuinness

Club struggles in bear market

By Paul Klotkowski '10

Molloy’s Investment Club is hoping to bounce back in next year’s Stock Market Game after achieving unusually low results this year due to the struggling U.S. economy, the club president said.

The Stock Market Game is an investing simulation contest between teams from various area high schools in which each team gets \$100,000 in imaginary funds to invest.

Teams employ several investing techniques such as buying, selling and short-selling stocks.

At the end of the competition, teams calculate their profits and losses. The winning team receives a trip to the New York Stock Exchange at the end of the school year.

Club President Christopher Hwu, a

senior, explained that in order to know whether to buy or sell a stock, “you have to listen to the news; it’s not a luck and chance game.”

Students need to follow financial news, track stock analysts’ reports, and monitor the global economy in hopes of making good investments.

Ms. Mary Pat Gannon, the club’s moderator, said she understood the difficulty students had this year picking stocks because “actual traders can’t predict the market. So it’s hard for students who are new to it to track it successfully.”

While none of Molloy’s teams will be making the trip to the Stock Exchange this year, club members said they’ll be back in the market next year, hoping to do better.



Junior co-captain David Polanco, left, leads a Boys Step Team that is being called Molloy’s best ever. (Photo by Monish Pahilajani)

Molloy’s Step Teams are filling up the trophy case

By Jesse Servidio '10

The Molloy Step Teams, with the boys’ winning four first place trophies and the girls finishing second in the CHSAA, are better than ever and are looking forward to more competitions this month, said Moderator Mrs. Anne Lonergan.

The girls finished second behind host Christ the King High School in the CHSAA championship on April 17 with a performance that was “fantastic,” said Mrs. Lonergan.

Not only did King have home court advantage, Mrs. Lonergan said, Molloy had to perform first in that competition and judges traditionally score low for the first performer of any competition.

Senior Claire Mahon, junior Meliza Acoba and junior Eleni Kavviadias led Molloy’s “First Ladies” with an overall performance that Lonergan said “improved tremendously” from previous years.

The boys team has also had a great year with four first place and one second place finish.

Their most recent performance at Lehman College in the Bronx was so

good the crowd gave them a standing ovation.

The team’s first place finish at the competition sponsored by Delta Nu Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority designated Molloy as the best step team in New York State and earned an invitation to perform at Six Flags amusement park for Hot 97 on May 15.

The boys are looking forward to representing New York City at Step Finals USA in Harrisburg, Pa. on May 29 because if they do well they will be nationally ranked.

Senior Kristopher Wilson and junior David Polanco are the co-captains of a team which had to work hard to polish its routines and overcome nerves at its first competition.

“The Boys’ Step Team had a rough beginning but once we had our first win, we stuck together as a team and kept the winning streak going,” said Wilson. “It’s been the greatest year for step ever.”

Mrs. Lonergan agreed, saying, “This is the best step team I’ve ever had. They are really amazing.”

Senior Prom attendance up

By Susan Zheng '10

The percentage of seniors attending their prom, held at Beckwith Pointe in New Rochelle on May 12, rose to 85 percent of the class this year, a 15 percent improvement from 2009.

“The percentage rose from last year’s 70 percent attendance rate because more Molloy students are going as groups with fewer non-Molloy guests,” said Mr. Pat Flynn, moderator of the Student Activities Committee.

This year’s Senior Prom included a non-alcoholic “cocktail hour,” followed by a three-course meal with music and dancing throughout, and a surprise performance by the “Sassy Senior Six.”

Seniors began planning for their special night as early as February, with

their average expenses ranging from \$300 to \$900 for attire, transportation, table arrangements, and after prom plans.

“At times it seemed worse than those college applications!” said senior Andy Singh.

Despite the stress of planning for the the prom, seniors looked forward to it.

“It’s going to be one of the last times everyone gets to see each other,” said senior Bobby Figliolia. “I’m taking a limo and going to the Hamptons afterwards, which should be a lot of fun.”

The Junior Prom, meanwhile, will be held in the Jack Curran Gym on May 22 with “The Roaring Twenties” as its theme.

Varsity looks to 2nd season



7 seniors 3-peat on Principal's List

By Kimberley Mahadeo '10

Seven Molloy seniors overcame senioritis to make the Principal's List for the third consecutive marking period this year.

Michael Carraher, Christopher Hwu, Augustin Joseph, Louis Lamia, Carla Marian, Jeffy Mathew and Brent McDonnell found the motivation to work hard at the time when many seniors slack off.

They said personal pride and the ambition to have outstanding college careers helped them maintain a 99 or higher overall academic average throughout senior year.

"High grades look good for college," said McDonnell, who will attend Fordham University.

Mathew, who will enroll in a seven-year medical program at Rosemount College, said, "Maintaining good grades gave me a sense of accomplishment. When I look back at what I've done, I can see that my four years here were worth the work."

Assistant Principal Sr. Elizabeth Bickar said of these seven seniors, "Their accomplishments speak of perseverance, speak of giving two hours up for homework every night, and speak of their high motivation. I am really proud of them."

Although many students might believe that making the Principal's List requires having no social life, Lamia, who will attend MIT, disagrees.

"Having a social life is essential to being able to keep up my grades," he said. "I would have burned out a long time ago if I didn't have one."

For students wishing to emulate the performance of these seniors, McDonnell recommends taking good notes both in class and when studying on your own.

Mathew said another key is "learning

how to budget your time."

Here are the students from all four grades who made the third marking period Principal's List:

Frosh: Derrick Adam, Roberto Bertolini,* Patricia Bober,* Alejandra Castano,* Graziella Ferrara,* Carolyn Gallagher,* Andrea Garcia,* Calvin Garcia,* Elizabeth Governale, Maria Grbic, Joseph Ingrassia,* Dina Mangialino,* Shibin Mathews,* Aislinn Messina, Anna Maria Musso, Monish Pahilajani, Tatiana Requiño,* Manpreet Sachdev, Cara Salvatore,* Jillian Spataro.*

Sophomores: Maverick Alzate, Andreea Arama,* Olivia Balog, Kristina D'Angelo, Jackelyne Diaz, Alexandra DiDonato,* Alyssa Dolan,* Stephen Eng,* Claudia Fernandes,* Melissa Fesler, Victoria Hanczyk, Melissa Jo Hernandez,* Jennifer Hwu,* Christina John,* Lauren Kelly, Simranjit Mangat,* Eleni Mutafooulos, Marilena Orfanos,* Joanne Raptis,* Margaret Rooney, Raymond Sukhdeo, Mareena Thottam, Niles Uy, Samantha Walker,* Alexandra Woods,* Adrienne Zhou.*

Juniors: Arleen Aguasvivas,* Daniella Antolos, Katrina Bartolome, Dylan Cepeda,* David Chapman, Timothy James Darcy,* Amanda Dhaneshwar,* Melissa Evelyn,* Stefanie Fernandez, Gina Galizia,* Ray Anthony Gejon, Juan Gomez, Robert Gozdz, Gabrielle Grancio, Daniel Holowiak,* Christina Jarosch,* Navdep Kaur,* Sundeep Kaur,* Malvina Klusek,* Judy Li,* David Lozada, Christina Lucci,* Elizabeth Lynch, Margaret McCabe, Kyle Mele,* Agata Michalak, Derek Netto, Carolina Ortiz,* Steven Paciga,* Sanat Patel,* Dhandevi Persand,* Sarah Prieto, Stephanie Rey, Mary Rooney,* Jacqueline Shay,* Michal Skowronski,* Nancy Strbik,* Christopher Vasile,* Justin Vega,* Pooja Vyas, Nader Yamout,* Karen Zhou.*

Seniors: Michael Carraher,* Gabrielle Cassese, Monica Dluzniewski, Joseph Figliola, Rebecca Gagliardotto, Rosie Garlan, Frank Gentile, Christopher Hwu,* Augustin Joseph,* Louis Lamia,* Julie Lipovac, Grace Lisandrelli, Carla Marian,* Jeffy Mathew,* Brent McDonnell,* Ryan Mosca, Denis O'Connor, Grace Perrotta, Choong Leong Ye, Javed Yunus.

* third appearance of the year

By James Avolanti '10

With the season winding down, Molloy's Varsity Baseball team has high hopes of advancing deep into the playoffs to make up for a regular season performance that did not live up to the team's own expectations.

Coach Mr. Jack Curran had his eyes set on winning the regular season title but, unfortunately, that is no longer possible.

But winning the city championship with a strong playoff run is still very much attainable.

The Stanners have had a rough season with a conference record of 7-5 as they seemed to fall just short of beating some of the league's best teams. All of their losses have been very close, low-scoring affairs.

The team began its playoff run on May 14.

After a heartbreaking loss to Regis in the first round of last year's playoffs, senior first baseman Mark Crimmins feels this year Molloy has a good shot at going far in the playoffs.

"If we avoid that one bad inning that we have been having and get some key hit, we can be a very dangerous team," he said.

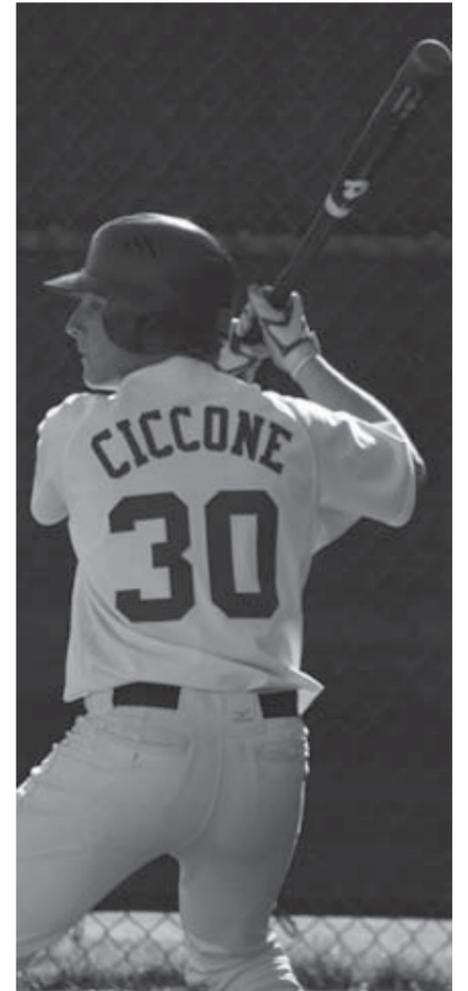
The team has benefitted from the addition of several players from last year's city champion JV team.

Sophomore Jonathan Ramon has been a home run-hitting machine, blasting seven long balls this year.

Coach Curran said he feels very comfortable putting junior Michael Auriemmo on the mound and junior

C.J. Gerdowsky behind the plate as both are having good seasons.

As for who will be their toughest competition in the playoffs, Coach Curran said, "Any game we play is tough. There isn't much difference in the team we play."



Senior John Duggan pitches for Molloy, upper left, while junior Sal Ciccone is set to swing during a disappointing spring. (Photos Blue & White Yearbook)

Zhou wins nationwide math contest

By Edward Decolongon '10

Molloy's Math League teams have achieved a great deal of success this year with two Stanners winning competitions.

Junior Karen Zhou's score of 97 won the National Catholic Math League Algebra 2 competition and frosh Patrick Cen won first place in the local Catholic Math League Division in Algebra 1 with a score of 81.

Molloy competes with over 100 high schools in New York State by taking tests at school that are then graded by the Math League, which reports the results.

"The tests given us are of moderate difficulty but still challenging," said Gary Ye, a member of the Varsity which is open only to seniors.

In the Varsity's Math League season, senior Patryk Perkowski was Molloy's top performer, earning 26 out of a possible 30 total points, followed by Christopher Hwu with 24 points and Suresh Yhap with 20 points.

Molloy was involved in two new

contests this year, the national AMC 12 competition for Varsity players and the Collaborative Problem Solving contest for selected Varsity and Junior Varsity team members.

Senior Louis Lamia did well enough in the first round of the AMC 12 competition to advance but Moderator Mrs. Adele Solari said she has not received the second round results yet.

The top performers on the Junior Varsity were sophomore Steven Truong in Geometry and juniors Christina Lucci and Mary T. Rooney in Advanced Math.

Frosh Shibin Mathews, sophomore Niles Uy, and juniors Judy Li, Navdep Kaur, and Rob Thomas also performed well.

"This year is the best we've ever done in the Junior Varsity," said Mrs. Solari, who is very optimistic about next year's teams. "There are a large group of good juniors who will move up to Varsity and a large group of talented freshmen and sophomores who will stay with the Junior Varsity."

2 Stanner hoopsters play in the Wheelchair Classic

By Chris Paulino '10

Two Molloy varsity players participated in the 2010 Wheelchair Classic Invitational basketball tournament last month at Long Island University in Brooklyn to raise money for patients at Coler-Goldwater Hospital in New York City.

Seniors Ernest Rouse and Kyra Aloizos represented Molloy on the Queens all-star team against teams from Manhattan, Brooklyn and the Bronx.

Rouse played for the first time in the tournament but Aloizos played last year, too.

"Making the team is an honor," said Molloy Athletic Director Mike McCleary, "and a big achievement for both players."

The tournament, run by Wheelchair Charities founder Mr. Hank Carter, raises funds to purchase wheelchairs for patients at the Coler-Goldwater Hospital on Roosevelt Island.

The tournament is not just about basketball because players also meet hospital patients in need of wheelchairs and write an essay about the experience.

Aloizos won the award for best essay from girls on the Queens team.

"I felt very accomplished and proud of myself because, honestly, I was striving for that award," said Aloizos, whose essay was about family, helping others and the inspirational quality of Mr. Carter.

On the court, neither the Queens boys nor the girls were able to win a game, however, both Stanners played well.

Rouse scored 17 points against Manhattan and 15 points against the Bronx. Aloizos scored 16 points against Manhattan and 10 against the Bronx.

"Players would only play five minutes at a time due to the amount of players per team and how coaches wanted or needed to play everyone," Rouse said.

Both Rouse and Aloizos agreed the tournament was a good experience.

"Competing in the Classic was fun and challenging," Rouse said. "There were a lot of good players and I am glad I took part in it."

Aloizos said, "It was a great experience and a great memory to look back on in the future."



Kyra Aloizos, here shooting a layup, played for the Queens All-Stars at the Wheelchair Classic. (Photo by The Blue & White Yearbook)

JV Baseball seeks 2nd title

By Benedict Joson '10

The first place JV Baseball team heads into the playoffs hoping to repeat as city champions in early June after building up a 20-1 overall and 8-1 league records this season, said coach Mr. Chris DeSarno.

The Stanners were in second place, one game behind the only team to beat them, Xavierian, when the teams met in a rematch on May 7.

Molloy won 6-4 in nine innings to take over first place in Brooklyn-Queens.

The team is led by its sophomores, centerfielder Frank Peperone, outfielder Kevin Cregan, designated hitter John Siders, second baseman Michael Lipovac and shortstop Tom Hackimer.

Hopes are high for another city title.

"We keep finding ways to win," said Mr. DeSarno. "However, playoffs are single elimination. One bad day and you're out."

Hackimer said, "It would be great to repeat. But all we really want to do is play to the best of our ability and have fun. If we win the City Championship again, that's just a bonus."

JV Softball is 2nd seed

The JV Girls Softball team will begin the Brooklyn-Queens playoffs as the second seed behind Mary Louis but coach Mr. Luis Santos is confident his 17-4 team has the talent to go far.

Mr. Santos credits the team's success to sophomore team leaders such as Julianne Tracy, Kristen Ponticelli, Angela Peluso, Katelyn Biscotti, Kate Guistinani, and two frosh pitchers, Amanda Price and Giselle Garcia, who threw a no-hitter against St. Agnes.



Coach Maureen Rosenbaum, left, and her players carry Mellisa Kump.

Softball set for playoffs

By Jesse Goirn '10

After losing the state championship to St. Joseph by the Sea last year, Molloy's Varsity Softball Coach Mrs. Maureen Rosenbaum wants to return to the state championship game again this year but this time win it.

The team, which began its playoff run on May 17, hopes to begin its climb to the top by winning the Brooklyn-Queens championship.

In the regular season, the Stanners have posted an impressive 15-2 record.

"They have improved very much this season, mostly with teamwork," said Mrs. Rosenbaum.

A few key players have contributed a lot to Molloy's successful season.

Sophomore Maria Palmeri has been a stellar at first base and has really brought the team together, Mrs. Rosenbaum said.

Two seniors, Julia Lipovac and Melissa Kump, are the team's leading hitters and Kump also pitches in relief.

Junior Jackie Perillo, who bats third in the lineup, and sophomore Dana Moss, who is a solid all-around player, have been two of the most improved players, Mrs. Rosenbaum said.

Mrs. Rosenbaum expects Christ the King to again be Molloy's toughest competition in the Brooklyn-Queens playoffs.

Last season, Molloy split two close games against King in the regular season but managed to beat them in the playoffs.

Rightfielder Joanna Makayan said, "I really think we will make it to the state tournament this year. We just need to work on getting runs early in the game and not wait until the fifth and sixth innings."

Varsity Golf stuns coach with 8 wins

By James Kelly '10

The Molloy Golf team, off to an 8-0 start in the regular season, will compete for the city title when the playoffs begin at the end of this month.

Molloy's strong season came as a surprise to coach Mr. Bill Niklaus, who expected to have to endure a rebuilding season after losing some key players from last year's team.

"Beyond, way beyond what I expected," Mr. Niklaus said. "I thought we were in for a tough year."

The undefeated team's lineup is made up of two seniors, John Lynch and Mike Mangano, and three juniors, Steve Bradley, Steve Scelfo, and Ryan Pelligrino.

Mr. Niklaus called Lynch the best player on the team.

"He is one of the top 10 players in the whole league," Mr. Niklaus said.

Both Mr. Niklaus and Lynch chose different matches as the highlight of the season so far.

Mr. Niklaus was impressed with the team's victory over Holy Cross saying, "I'm surprised we won."

Lynch was thrilled about clinching first place in the regular season by defeating St. Francis Prep.

When the playoffs begin, Mr. Niklaus said, "I hope we can at least get to the final four."

However, his main goal for the season is "to have fun."

Lynch said, "My goal is to dominate."