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Sisterhood of the ill-fitting pants ends

By Kim Seiler

The Molloy administration has joined forces with Marlou Garments and the Student Council to finally offer Stanner girls' pants designed to properly fit them.

"Seven years after Molloy let girls into the school, they let girls' uniform pants into the school, too," said senior Jenna Gilligan.

Beginning this summer, girls will be able to order the new style pants directly from the Marlou uniform company in Garden City rather than

have to wear the "boys' pants for girls" the company has offered in the past.

"Girls will have to contact the uniform company themselves because orders have already been placed," said Student Council member Kerri Conway, a senior.

Otherwise, girls can wait to order the new style pants when the uniform company's representative returns to school next spring to measure students for their uniforms, Conway said.

Assistant Principal Sister Elizabeth Bickar said, "This has been an issue with me since the initiation of coeducation at Molloy. At first I wondered why so few girls opted for pants. When I inquired, the girls told me to look closely at the pants, and I immediately understood the problem. I wear slacks all the time except at school, and I wouldn't want to wear the pants the uniform company presently offers.

"However, I see a bright future for the new style. I hope that the new style pants eventually become popular with our girls because I think they are more practical and more attractive," said Sister Elizabeth, who added girls will no longer have to have "freezing legs waiting for buses in cold weather" next year.

Sister Elizabeth first talked to the Marlou uniform company about the girls' ill-fitting uniform pants last year. "I complained to them that our girls chose skirts because the pants were cut more like boys' pants," said Sister Elizabeth. "I told them that I thought that our girls would be much more comfortable in pants if they looked good."

Said Conway, "Sister Elizabeth

contacted us after many complaints from girls about the current pants. We had a few meetings and searched stores on-line for suggestions about what type of pants would look best. Sister also contacted other school uniform companies and even had some of us bring in slacks that we like."

When the Marlou uniform company representative came to Molloy March 4 to measure the incoming Class of 2010 during new student registration, Sister Elizabeth repeated her complaints in person, "but I was more blunt and forceful this year. The head of the company told me at the time that they had designed a style of pants that were better cut to girls' figures. He offered to bring a sample to Molloy when the company came to measure our present students in April," said Sister Elizabeth.

When Sister Elizabeth received the sample pants, she brought them to Student Council, where frosh Megan Moravek volunteered to model them.

"When we had someone try on the pants," said Conway, "everybody was thrilled."

Some girls estimate that fewer than ten girls wear the uniform pants to school on a daily basis.

One of the few is junior Megan Boyle, who said she has worn the pants since her frosh year because she doesn't like the uniform skirts.

"The fact that the pants looked disproportionate on me never really bothered me, but it was there in the back of my mind," said Boyle. "The new pants look so much better that I can't wait to buy a pair of my own. They finally made girl's pants fit for a girl's body."

A poll of 36 sophomore girls found

that 19 of them would consider wearing the pants in the winter if the pants fit properly.

Sister Elizabeth said girls interested in seeing the pants before ordering can go to her office to see a sample pair.

Maybe the next step will be getting better-fitting girls' shirts, said Student Council moderator Ms. Kathy Loughran.

Photos of Megan Moravek by Jenna Gilligan



Environment Club returns to recycle

By Ed Harley

The Environment Club has returned to action at Molloy after a 6-month hiatus to put its annual Earth Day display in the glass display case across from Room 123 this month, new Club moderator Mr. Mike Harrison said.

The display, which focuses on the benefits of recycling and features recyclables from around Molloy, marks a return to club activity after longtime moderator Mr. Charley McKenna left his post to moderate *The Stanner* in late October.

With Earth Day having taken place over Easter Break, the Environment Club's ten members assembled the display "very quickly" when classes resumed, member Lydia Howrilka said.

Mr. McKenna, who moderated the Environment Club from 1990 until late October of 2005, is "glad that Mr.

Harrison stepped up and was able to have an Earth Day display this year."

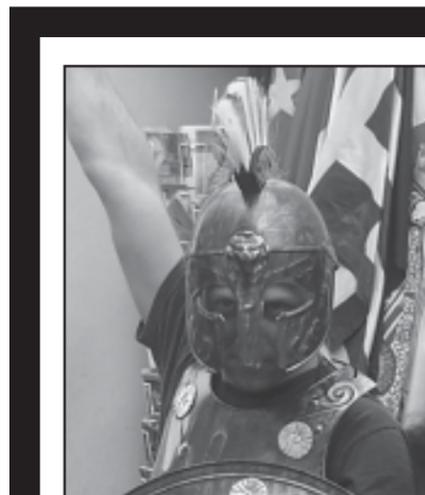
The Environment Club was put on

temporary hiatus until March, when Mr. Harrison finished coaching the Chess Team through its season, which ended on March 23rd.

Mr. Harrison expects next year's club membership to rise again with the return of weekly meetings, trips to museums and zoos, and beach cleanups.

The Environment Club will also resume participating in the nationwide Envirothon competition, having won the Queens championship in 2002 for its knowledge of environmental issues.

The club, which was founded by Mr. Chris Dougherty while a student at Molloy, also plans to launch a large pro-recycling program at Molloy next year.



Who is the man in the iron mask?
See page 5 for the answer.

The Stanner Moderator's Message

Who doesn't get a kick out of seeing a friend's name or face in the newspaper, especially when it's for something good? It's even more fun when it's your name or face.

It's also a reminder that you and your crew matter and that you attend a pretty good high school filled with pretty good people doing some pretty good things.

Thanks to contributions from over 60 students, you have seen the names and faces of hundreds of Molloy students in these pages six different times this school year for six straight months.

These students did something that had never been done before — use the school's computers to put out an expanded eight-page school paper devoted exclusively to Molloy news.

Most students rarely see all the wonderful efforts made by the many

talented academics, artists or athletes at Molloy; everyone sees the school newspaper.

Few care if a Stanner shortstop once in a while makes an error or a Stanner soprano sometimes sings off key; every word in *The Stanner* student newspaper is scrutinized.

When a reporter got a fact wrong, or an editor didn't catch a misspelled name, or a concert review expressed an opinion, somebody in Stannerville cared a lot.

It took guts for these student journalists to put their work out there every month knowing it would face the critical eye of students and faculty alike.

Everyone who worked for this newspaper should feel proud.

Mr. Woody Allen, who gained fame as a comedy writer, stand-up comic,

short story writer, jazz musician and film director, once said, "Eighty percent of success is just showing up."

What Mr. Allen means is that 80% of what contributes to a person being successful is her or his showing up to do the all the work necessary to complete the job because most folks have trouble following through on their responsibilities.

Of all those who contributed to *The Stanner* this year, four staff members always showed up to do the work necessary to get this newspaper out on time:

* Jenna Gilligan, our senior Managing Editor, whose fierce copy editing skills and devotion to accuracy will never be surpassed;

* Dana Grossman and Joe Marvilli, our senior reporters/reviewers/headline

writers/layout artists, whose versatility will be hard to match by Stanner journalists who follow them;

* Kim Seiler, our junior Editor-in-Chief, whose ability to figure out so quickly how to put out an eight-page paper on the school computers made all things possible.

Next year *The Stanner* hopes to do an even better job making its readers more aware of all the good news going on here at Molloy and serving as a forum for student voices to be heard.

We urge all students who like to write, take photographs, or work with computers to attend *The Stanner's* first organizational meeting during the first week of school in the fall and help make our September issue the best Molloy has ever seen.

—Mr. Charley McKenna
The Stanner Moderator



Thank you to all our readers

Thank you for not using our paper as locker liners, gum wrappers, or turning it into the hallway litter that the variety of other school handouts

inevitably become 12 seconds after you've received them.

We would like to thank the faculty and especially the administration who had great faith in us and allowed *The Stanner* to be a forum for student opinion.

We would like to thank you, our classmates and readers, for having an opinion about each issue and making it known to us in the hallways, if not as letters to the editor. [It's okay. We forgive you. There's always next year.]

Thank you for doing all the great things you do that were reported on and for making this year a memorable one. We look forward to keeping you up to date next year.

--Kim Seiler

Corrections

The Stanner aims for the highest level of accuracy in its stories. If you notice an error or have a concern, send a email to Moderator Mr. Charley McKenna at thestanner@molloyhs.org.

Please note the following corrections to errors made in Vol. 49 No. 6:

The photo credit for the photographs of the Student-Faculty Talent Show was incorrect. The photos were taken by Katherine Rodriguez.

Bandara Hallawa's name was misspelled.

Letters to the Editor:

The Stanner welcomes all letters to the editor that respond to any of the articles published in previous issues. In a short letter, voice your concerns, comments, or opinions. Send your letters to *The Stanner* at thestanner@molloyhs.org. *The Stanner* reserves all rights to edit all letters to conform to space capacity and paper policy. Thank you for your involvement.

To the Editor:

As indicated by the editorial in *The Stanner's* April issue ["Better research=better argument"], statistics can be debated endlessly. Molloy's Right to Life Club, with the purest intention, put together a display presenting the sanctity of life with an emphasis on abortion. There was no intention to intimidate or scare women, only to inform.

It is a basic moral truth that human life is precious; we believe this truth must be upheld by the faculty and administration of our Catholic high school.

The fact that the issue is being debated publicly is a good thing. We must all desire to be open-minded and to seek the truth.

But let us not miss the main point. This discussion is not about statistics. It is about the millions of babies who have been legally aborted since 1973.

Regarding the sanctity of life issues, there is one fundamental truth that is widely accepted. It has been heard in testimony to a United States Senate committee and quoted in various medical journals: human life begins at conception.

We support the respect of human life from conception until its natural end.

Kellie Surdi
Christopher Antonino

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To the Editor:

I would like to commend the editors of *The Stanner* for their insightful editorial analysis of the Right-to-Life display in the first floor showcase. As an English teacher, I am especially aware of the use of language, and just as statistics must be used carefully, as the editors rightly observed, so must words. One photo in the display featured a sign reading, "Abortion is Homicide." In fact, I know of no dictionary that defines abortion that way; I know of no law that uses the words synonymously. However noble intentions may be, words like "abortion," "homicide," and "holocaust," or like "fetus" and "baby" have distinct, specific and precise meanings that need to be respected for clear and cogent argument.

Mr. Dennis Vellucci

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Stanners warned of dangers of DWI

By Vanessa Meyerhoefer

Molloy sophomores, juniors, and seniors gathered in the Jack Curran Gym April 25 for an assembly that was designed to make them better informed of the devastating effects of drinking and driving, said the school nurse, Ms. Kathleen Forgione, who sponsored the Alcohol Awareness Assembly with the help of Molloy's SADD club.

Sophomore Molly Joyce said she "never realized how seriously the actions of others can affect innocent people," and that she will think twice about whom she chooses to drive her home after a night out.

Overall, Joyce was pleasantly surprised that the assembly provided such relevant information.

Three speakers shared their stories and advice on raising alcohol awareness.

The first, Sgt. Grover, works with Highway Safety and lectures on the problems associated with DWI.

The second, Judge Dale Solomin,

worked for 12 years in Nassau County presiding over DWI cases.

The third, Ms. Marge Lee, shared her personal encounter of a drunken driving incident.

SADD moderator Ms. Jeanne Longerano found these speakers. She was inspired by a Newsday article about drunk driving and then contacted Ms. Lee, who got in touch with the other two presenters.

Sgt. Grover pointed out that the law allows no one under the age of 21 to legally consume or purchase alcohol. Since all Stanners are under 21, Grover made it clear that if a high school student is caught drinking, there is a zero tolerance policy, and that person will go to jail.

Judge Solomin then spoke of the importance of young people assigning a designated driver in their group if they plan to consume alcohol. This is a promise the designated driver makes with his or her friends and if broken

could result in a tragic accident.

At the conclusion of the assembly, Ms. Lee told the touching tale of how her son was killed in an accident caused by a drunk driver. Ms. Lee and her two younger children were also in the car at the time of the crash and survived. While she suffered multiple injuries and hovered near death, her younger children were spared injury because they were in the back seat.

The assembly was held to "try something new" to make students aware of the dangers that can occur from choosing to drink and drive, said Ms. Forgione.

She said the administration felt such an assembly was necessary to help students make safe choices and tell them how to handle the pressures when peers downplay the threat of drinking and driving.

With prom season on the way, it seemed necessary to discuss these issues prior to any tragedies occurring

since alcohol has the potential of being present on this occasion, said Mrs. Forgione.

Mrs. Forgione was very pleased with the results of the 40-minute assembly but would have preferred some more time for questions and answers and for an informative film pertaining to the topic to be shown.

Senior Guy Mongelli said that while "wise words about planning safe nights were said," a lot of information seemed redundant since it was previously covered in his sophomore health class.

But Mongelli said there was no question that he was touched by the powerfulness of Ms. Lee's personal story.

Ms. Forgione said that the freshmen were the only class not to participate in this assembly "because we not only expect they are not drinking yet, we know they are definitely not driving at this age."

Band & choir get awards at final concert

By Kerri Conway

Several Stanners received awards at the annual Molloy Spring Concert April 6 in the Jack Curran Gym, where the Concert Band, the Freshman-Sophomore Chorus, and the Junior-Senior Chorus put on a two and a half hour show for over 350 people, said Junior-Senior Chorus moderator Mr. Jim Sheehan.

The show, which was the last Molloy-sponsored concert for the senior members of the Band and Chorus, allowed Band and Freshman-Sophomore Chorus moderator Mr. Gregory Leonardo and Mr. Sheehan to honor some of their seniors.

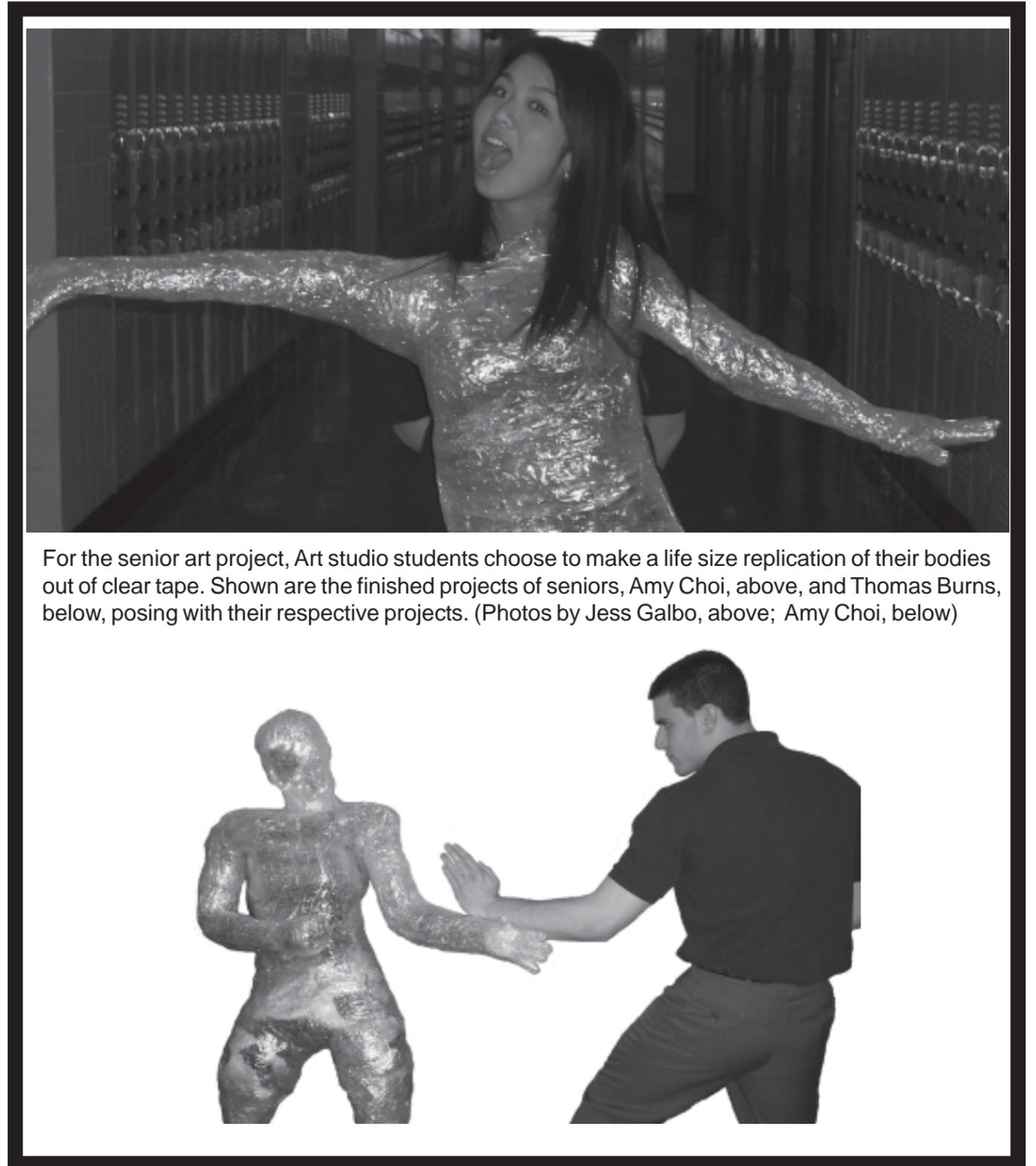
The Band awarded flutist Brittany Bell with the John Philip Sousa Award, which rewards excellent musicianship.

Alto saxophonist Patrick Delargy received the band's Louie Armstrong Jazz Award, which recognizes the ability to improvise a solo.

Percussionist Joe Pascullo was given the Director's Award for his loyalty to the Band and dependability.

Many seniors in the Junior-Senior Chorus were given awards, the most notable of which was the plaque given to Shannon Winters for her talent and dedication and for being the "office manger of the choir," said Mr. Sheehan.

Both Mr. Leonardo and Mr. Sheehan were happy with the Band and Chorus performances at the final concert of the year, but Mr. Sheehan said he wished the show didn't last as long as it did because it was held on a school night.



For the senior art project, Art studio students choose to make a life size replication of their bodies out of clear tape. Shown are the finished projects of seniors, Amy Choi, above, and Thomas Burns, below, posing with their respective projects. (Photos by Jess Galbo, above; Amy Choi, below)

Mr. Leonardo said the band's best performance among its seven songs was "The Phantom of the Opera."

The Freshman-Sophomore Chorus performed six songs, including the crowd favorite, a medley from "The

Wizard of Oz," to which a few audience members sang along.

The Junior-Senior Chorus ended the night with a performance that featured "Seasons of Love" from the Broadway musical "RENT," a selection of songs

from the Broadway musical "Fiddler on the Roof," and finally a medley of rock 'n roll songs that took the audience back to the 1950's.

Hard work rewarded at awards night

By Pierce Lydon

A total of 321 Molloy frosh, sophomores, and juniors were honored at the Academic Awards ceremony in the Jack Curran Gym May 11 for obtaining a 95 or better academic average over the first three marking periods this school year, said Assistant Principal Sister Elizabeth Bickar.

These annual awards have become more prestigious to receive in recent years since the award eligibility standards were raised from a 90 to 95 overall average, said Sister Elizabeth.

Students with an average between 95 and 99 received an Honors Certificate, while students with an average of 99 or higher received a Principal's Medal.

Twenty-six frosh, 16 sophomores,

and 22 juniors received Principal's Medals.

An array of different individual awards was presented at the awards ceremony, and many of them recognized excellence in science.

Three awards were presented to the sophomores who scored the highest on last year's Biology Regents: Ahana Sen won the Elsbeth Kroeber Award in Biology; Jenny Kochupurackal won the David Kraus Award in Biology; and Laura Fontanills won the Otto Burgdorf Award in Biology.

The University of Rochester presented its Young Leaders Award to junior Tina Kochupurackal and its Award in Humanities & Social Sciences

to junior Jerina Martinaj.

Fairfield University presented its Book Award to junior Kelly Newton. The Bausch & Lomb Award in Science went to junior Andrew Fesler, while junior Sylwia Mackiewicz won the Rensselaer Medal for Math and Science.

Junior Kimberly Seiler won the Xerox Award for Information & Technology, while Martinaj won the American Chemical Society Award.

Newton and junior Stephen Kostel received the Student-Athlete awards.

The Science Olympiad Awards were presented to frosh Anthony Cagliano, sophomores Michael Camardella and Katarina Duzdevich, and juniors Tina

Kockupurackal, Victor Lipnicki, Steven Montoni, Stanley Saji, Mary Catherine Wen, and Catherine Zhu.

After the ceremony, refreshments were served.

Brittany Schieler, who was among the juniors winning a Principal's Medal, said, "the ceremony is very nice, but what's important is getting the grades you need for getting into college."

Sister Elizabeth said what all the honorees had in common was a good work ethic. And for all the Stanners who wonder why they didn't win an academic award this year, Sister Elizabeth said they should ask themselves, "Do I really do two hours of homework a night?"

"Hooray for parfait" choice at lunch

By Elena Adams

Molloy's lunch time food choices have recently become healthier due to the school cafeteria's implementation of a healthier menu, which was drawn up last summer but not implemented until this March, by one of the two food-supplying companies that service Molloy, but Cafeteria Director Ms. Mary Ann Gerowski said fast food is still more popular with Stanners.

The move to a healthier menu was proposed by the school administration and handled by Molloy President Mr. John Sherry in order to appease students who wanted to eat healthier food, said Assistant Principal Mr. James Lembo.

If students keep buying the healthier food, it will continue to be offered by the cafeteria staff, said Ms. Gerowski, but so far the fast food items like hamburgers and french fries remain more popular.

Many students complain that the healthier food costs more than the fast food.

"The healthy food is very good, but it is way too expensive and is almost never available [at senior lunch] because not enough of it is made," said senior Anthony Carnacchio.

Students must pay more for items like Tuscan sandwiches, grilled chicken bruschettas, fruit salads, and fruit-

oatmeal yogurts because they contain more expensive ingredients, like multigrain breads, nonfat mayonnaise, spinach, peppers, and whole wheat wraps, than the fast food items do.

"Yogurt parfait rules," said senior Sandy Sussman, who said he has bought some items this spring from the healthy menu.

Senior Anthony Delio agreed, saying, "Hooray for parfait. That pretty much sums it up."

Students receive a card after their first purchase from the healthy food menu. After 20 purchases of items listed on the card, they receive \$2 off their next purchase.



Problems plague faculty production

By Kelly Ann Dolor and Kristen Cadacio

The movie "Lost In Education," written and directed by both Mr. Carl Semmler and Mr. Glenn DaGrossa, is slated to be screened in either the theater or the Jack Curran Gym this month to ensure that the seniors get a chance to see it.

However, "technical difficulties" may delay the intended release date, said Mr. Semmler.

Broken video cameras and the difficulty of scheduling faculty actors to shoot their scenes have caused the film to remain unfinished at this point.

Mr. Semmler and Mr. DaGrossa remain optimistic that the movie will eventually be done and insist, "No students were harmed during the making of this movie."

The idea for the movie came to the duo nearly two years ago. Mr. Semmler, who teaches religion, and Mr. DaGrossa, who teaches art and

music, thought it would be funny to portray many of the "misconceptions" students have about the faculty on screen.

Teachers who star in the movie include: Mr. Jeff Gallagher; Mr. Ken Auer; Mr. Eric Stolze; Mr. Bill Flemen; Mr. Frank Gambino; Mr. Chris Dougherty; and Mr. Joe Smith.

Students serve as extras, allowing a realistic sense for the scenes.

Mr. DaGrossa and Mr. Semmler are pleased with the outcome of the movie and hope that the students get both a sense of school spirit as well as a sense that teachers truly care about their students when the film is finally released.

While final ticket price has not yet been determined, the price will range from \$3 to \$5, and all profits will go to charity.

Volunteers sign up for Esopus summer camps

By Chris Francaviglia

About 78 Molloy freshman, sophomores, and juniors will go to Esopus this summer to work as counselors and kitchen crew at the eight summer camps there, said Bro. Pat Hogan.

In order to be accepted as counselors or kitchen crew, each student first had to fill out an application and be recommended by either Bro. Pat, Mr. Jim Sheldon, or Mr. Chris Dougherty. Then the names of those recommended are thrown into a pool and arbitrarily selected for the various camp jobs.

Eight one-week summer camps will be held for both disabled children and adults from June 19 to Aug 26.

These camps are Transfiguration Camp, which is held for poor children from Chinatown, Deaf Camp, Special Children 1 Camp held for young children with Down Syndrome, Young Adult Camp for teenagers with Down Syndrome, Adult Vacation Camp held for adults with Down Syndrome,

Sacred Heart Camp held for poor children from the Bronx, and Camp Hope for children with HIV.

The campers come from all over New York City and the surrounding area, said Mr. Sheldon.

Campers throughout each week participate in many different activities such as sports, arts and crafts, dancing, and swimming in the pool. Mr. Sheldon said swimming is what the campers enjoy most.

Bro. Pat, who has been doing the special summer camps since 1971, said he enjoys the feeling of accomplishment at the end of each week because he and his volunteer Stanners have an impact on the children's lives and help provide them with a vacation they ordinarily wouldn't have.

Bro. Pat also likes to see the impact the campers have on the counselors because at the end of a week working with the disabled, the counselors are grateful for their health and lifestyles.

Stanners invade Greece and Turkey

By Christina Heiser

The 41 students, three faculty members, and two alumni who went to Greece and Turkey from April 12-21 on Molloy's annual Easter European Vacation experienced a different culture and forged an incredible bond with each other during the trip, said guidance counselor Mr. Chris Dougherty, who organized the excursion.

During its five days in Athens, the first stop on the trip, the Molloy group visited the Parthenon on top of the Acropolis, the National Archaeological Museum, the Agora, the ancient marketplace, and enjoyed eating crepes, which Mr. Dougherty said surprisingly "outnumbered gyros two to one in Athens."

Senior Julia Schramm said, "Greece was an amazing trip—from eating gyros to dealing with stray dogs to walking miles at a time, the whole experience was wonderful and it was a great way to get close to the other Stanners."

One of the group's favorite memories was visiting the Acropolis at night.

"There was a cliff on top of the Acropolis overlooking the ocean and there was an ancient temple there," said Mr. Dougherty. "We found a rocky outcrop at night across from the Parthenon that was all lit up. We stumbled upon [this place] but it was absolutely incredible and we ended up going there three out of the five nights we were in Athens."



After invading Athens, above, Stanners relaxed on the island of Mykonos during their Grecian getaway. (Photos by Jenna Gilligan)



The group also visited the island of Mykonos, the city of Lyndos, the Isle of Rhodes, and the Turkish city of Kusadasi.

"Exploring the city of Athens and the Greek Isles and discovering the blend of culture and history of the ancient empire and modern Europe were simply overwhelming. The most essential aspect of the trip was the camaraderie that my classmates, chaperones, and I shared. That, above all, I will keep with me as I look back at the time of my life," said senior Joe LoGiudice.

Mr. Dougherty said most of the students enjoyed visiting Rhodes best. "The island of Rhodes was definitely

my favorite place because it had the best shopping in Greece," said senior Trisha Logar, who last year went on the Molloy trip to England and France.

Mr. Dougherty said he hoped the students who went on the trip, one third of whom had never been to Europe, would "appreciate the ancient [Greek] culture, the formation of democracy and language, and would bond with the other students on the trip, and for the seniors to have an incredible closing senior moment."

Senior Ed Harley said, "I really enjoyed the little things about the trip, like walking around the back streets of Athens and getting closer to an amazing group of Stanners."

Editors out, Arnoczy in

By Valerie Gurzenda

The editors of Archbishop Molloy's literary magazine, "Out of the Box," are graduating, as is the bulk of the magazine's faithful contributors, which leaves the senior editors to wonder who will continue to put in the many long hours next year that will be needed to publish the magazine twice a year.

Literary magazine moderator Mr. Matt Kilkelly said, "We have one new editor, but we're looking for another."

So far only freshman Diana Arnoczy has been chosen as one of the two new editors.

"Diana showed an interest in the position of editor and has acute editing skills," said senior Brittany Bell, who, along with Jaimie Fritz, is one of the graduating editors. "Her writing is keen and insightful, and her maturity and dedication made her a perfect candidate."

Mr. Kilkelly said performing all the tasks involved in producing "Out of the Box" is too much for just one person.

Arnoczy's duties next year will include leading the club's meetings, responding to all submissions to the literary magazine, helping the writers polish their works, selecting pieces for publication, laying them out in the magazine, and copy editing the magazine for any errors before it's printed.

"I'm really excited," said Arnoczy. "I don't know if I'm going to make any

changes because Britt [Bell] has set things up so well, but I am really excited about taking on the job."

After the search for a much-needed second editor, Bell said the biggest challenge facing Molloy's literary magazine is encouraging interest in it among younger writers and replenishing the dwindling amount of student artwork submissions.

Despite this year's high concentration of junior and senior writers being published, "Out of the Box" did publish several frosh and sophomore works, giving Bell some hope that the magazine will live on, she said.

Prospective changes for next year's literary magazine will include making club meetings less sporadic and working to achieve greater publicity for the magazine, which will lead to a greater readership and more submissions, said Bell.



Diana Arnoczy, new lit mag editor. (Photo by Fernando Ortiz)

Bridge Club to walk through all 5 boroughs

By Massiel Burgos

Molloy's Bridge Club will undertake its most ambitious walk in its four-year history when its members set out to walk through four and maybe even all five New York City boroughs on Thursday June 22 in order to get out and "experience the New York City life," said Mr. Ted McGuinness, who runs the club along with his fellow guidance counselor Mr. Chris Dougherty.

Students will be trooping across the city not just over bridges on foot but also by subway and ferry and will enjoy lunch and dinner at restaurants in the city that many of them have never visited.

The event steps off at Molloy at about noon and students won't return to school until 8 p.m.

The Bridge Club is not an official school club because the moderators don't get paid and the club is not on Molloy's list of student activities.

Instead, it is an offshoot of the Guidance Department's SMILE program and Mr. McGuinness's Stanner Film Society.

In fact, Mr. Dougherty refers to it as "the Bridge and Tunnel crowd" or "B and T," which is the derogatory name that Manhattanites call people

from the city's outer boroughs like Queens.

The idea of starting the Bridge Club came from Molloy Class of 2003 member Nick Gilronan, who felt that it was a good way to take Stanners to another part of the city and give them a chance to socialize with people they wouldn't normally talk to at school.

Gilronan, who is still an active participant in the club, based his idea on the fact that Bro. Leo Richard, who was a guidance counselor at Molloy until his death, used to take students out on walks around Queens.

Mr. McGuinness said the walks over bridges into Manhattan were "a fun way students could experience new things they might never notice in their own city," and a way to honor the memory of Bro. Leo.

About 15 to 30 Stanners participate in each walk.

They have visited restaurants like Planet Thailand and Patsy Grimaldi's and walked over the Brooklyn, 59th Street, and Williamsburg Bridges.

The Bridge Club provides, "a healthy, substance free, stress relieving activities for both faculty and students," said Mr. Dougherty.

Flaherty is first runner up at Nassau Museum art contest

Senior Theresa Flaherty was named first runner up, while seniors Patricia Logar and Alexis Galane earned Honorable Mentions, at the 2006 "An Artistic Discovery" art contest sponsored by Congressman Gary Ackerman at the Nassau County Museum of Art in Roslyn from April 12 through May 7.

Eighty-three students from 12 high schools throughout the 5th Congressional District in Nassau and Queens entered artwork. The winner would have her or his work displayed

in the Cannon Tunnel leading to the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C.

Flaherty missed that opportunity by one place, as her mixed media gouache called "Please Adopt Me" finished second to the work of a student from Manhasset High School, said Molloy art teacher Mrs. Terri Burke.

Flaherty's work is seen at right.

The other seniors selected by Mrs. Burke to participate in the event were Thomas Burns, Stephen Echeverri, Alexis Galane, Jessica Galbo, Grace Anne Papavero, and Wesley Soriano.

Molloy news roundup: investors, steppers win; teachers get new desks

By Alexander Ficuciello

A team from Molloy's Investment Club will attend the Stock Market Game awards assembly at the New York Stock Exchange on May 23 after placing first in its division and sixth overall in the 582-team, 15-week tournament.

The team of seniors Dan Caracci, Anthony Costanzo, Chris Dwhaj, Mike Lydak, Ryan O'Toole and Chris Witek were division champs in the competition that lasted from January 17 to April 28. "It was a combination of good luck and research," said Caracci, whose team won by investing in companies like Apple, Starbucks, and Halliburton.

"This team was our first stab at the 15-week tournament," said Investment Club moderator Ms. Mary Pat Gannon. "Chris Witek and his peers really carefully researched stocks and then bought and sold at the right time. Knowing when to ditch a stock is just as important as knowing when to buy."

Each team begins the competition with \$100,000 to invest in the stock market and make trades, and the team with the most money at the end of the game wins. The team's winning total was \$113,283.

Teachers to get new desks

By Kevin Garlan

New faculty desks and chairs will be installed in each classroom during the summer to replace the current teacher desks, which have been in use since Molloy opened in 1957, thanks to a campaign by the Alumni Development Office, said Molloy President Mr. John Sherry.

A prototype of the new teacher desks was on display in Mr. Sherry's office, and Mr. Sherry invited the faculty to examine the sample and make suggestions.

Some of the revisions include a flat top desk as opposed to a tilted podium, larger drawers with locks to store and

safeguard papers, and more space to place other teaching supplies.

When Stanners return to Molloy in September, they will see that their teachers' new desks and chairs as well as the classrooms will have dedications on them honoring the donors who provided the money for the project to be completed.



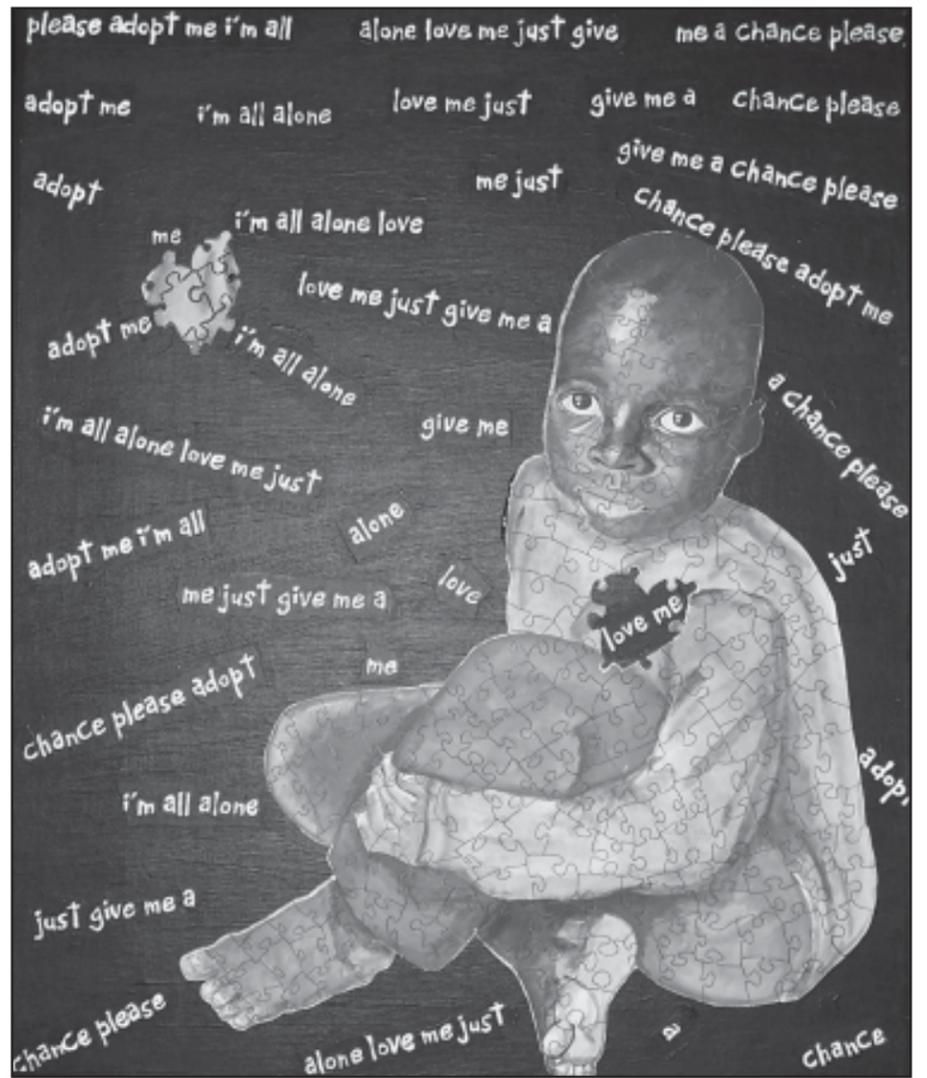
The new teachers' desks are scheduled to be in use starting in September. (Photo by Fernando Ortiz)

Boys step to victory

Molloy won the CHSAA Boys Step Championship for the second year in a row May 7 at Christ the King High School ahead of second place finisher St. Francis Prep.

Richard Cadena, John Cruz, Jason del Pilar, Alvin Dimalanta, Patrick Dinko, Elvin Ramos, Kevin Santarina, and Kelton Snagg comprised the winning team.

"Step practices every day for two hours from September to May," said Step Squad moderator Mrs. Anne Lonergan. "Hard work wins championships."



Jr. prom: 'good clean fun'

By Frank Pizzo

Molloy's Junior Prom will be attended by 156 students May 20 in the Jack Curran Gym, which is "considerably more than in past years," said Student Activities Committee moderator Mr. Ken Auer.

The formal event's music will be provided by DJ "Dan Right" Tiseo, a Molloy senior, and a dinner menu consisting of an appetizer, entree and dessert.

The Junior Prom Committee decided on a Mardi Gras theme for the prom and will decorate the gym and cafeteria with classic Mardi Gras beads and masks.

Tickets to the Junior Prom were \$60 per person.

"The main goal of the Junior Prom is to have good, clean fun," said Mr. Auer.

Guitar ensemble

By Nicolette Emmino

Molloy's Guitar Ensemble took a trip May 13 to Huntington, L.I. to see fusion guitarist Allan Holdsworth, who Guitar Ensemble moderator Mr. Glenn DaGrossa said, "is considered to be one of the best guitarists in the world."

Mr. DaGrossa said the 8 p.m. concert at the Intermedia Arts Center was a good experience for the members of the Guitar Ensemble to see a great artist at work.

Guitar Ensemble President, sophomore Rocco Astore, said before the club attended the show that he was really looking forward to seeing Holdsworth play.

The Guitar Ensemble, which has about 60 members, meets every Thursday from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the music room.

Beginning members receive books that help them read and play music, while the advanced members read music and perform different compositions in groups. Advanced

members also participate in master classes taught by a guest guitarist.

The Guitar Ensemble has yet to perform before a Molloy audience, and Mr. DaGrossa said he wants that to happen someday.

"The members are at different [skill] levels and it takes time to get everyone to play at equal levels," said Mr. DaGrossa. "But yes, in time, we will perform."

Acosta leads Math team

Molloy Varsity Math team, led by senior Jocelyn Acosta, finished 15th out of the 32 teams in the Catholic High School Math League this spring.

Moderator Mrs. Adele Solari was pleased the team finished in the top half of the standings with 1,198 points.

The year-long competition consists of four separate tests of 10 questions. Students are awarded ten points for every correct answer, penalized three points for every wrong answer, and not affected by questions left blank.

Mrs. Solari said a score of 70 or better on the tests is considered a very good total.

Acosta finished with a four-test total of 225 points to finish 47th overall.

Other top varsity performers were seniors Christina Scelfo (178), Neeti Sharma (178), Josephine DeLuca (167), Jenna Gilligan (166), and Emil Marquita (153).

The Junior Varsity team, meanwhile, finished 12th out of 32 schools with 1,548 total points.

The top scorer for the JV was sophomore Keun Woo Kim, who finished with a total of 331 points.

Juniors who scored over 200 points included Stephen Kostel (285), Christine McGrory (253), Danny Edwards (236), Steven Montoni (234), David Bellinger (213), Jonathan Duran (210), Anthony Tufano (206), and Nicole Megale (200).

JV Softball wins, but Varsity doesn't

By Greg Conway

Molloy's Junior Varsity Softball team finished the regular season with a 10-2 record and the CHSAA Brooklyn-Queens Division title due to the team's great attitude and its stellar defense, said coach Mr. Luis Santos.

Going into the season, Mr. Santos was worried about the team's pitching depth.

Determined to solve the problem, Mr. Santos worked long and hard at helping develop a pitching staff.

"I went out and bought books on pitching and taught myself the mechanics of the windmill," said Mr. Santos, "and whatever I couldn't help the kids with, I got a pitching coach to help out."

As the season wore on, the pitching turned around and became the strong point of the team, but then another problem developed — injuries.

Injuries to many key players, including sophomore Stephanie Sebo, could have slowed the team down, but Mr. Santos said that due to the players' great attitudes, the injuries did not set

back the team at all.

Mr. Santos said players returning to the JV from last year's team, "played a big role on this team."

Captain and leftfielder Catherine Shea, co-captain and second baseman Chelsea Lopez, co-captain and catcher/outfielder Anna DiRe, first baseman Cristina DiRe, and pitcher Kerry Ulmer were the sophomores responsible for Molloy's strong defense this season, Mr. Santos said.

However, frosh centerfielder Anniela Vaccaro was a key element in Molloy's winning formula.

Mr. Santos called Vaccaro a "five-tool player," and said in all his years coaching softball he has never had anyone like her to anchor the outfield with her stellar defense and add a great bat to the offense.

Molloy's toughest series of the season was the three games against rival St. Francis Prep.

After winning its first game against Prep, the Stanners were confident going into the second game of the series but

lost, setting up a third and final meeting that would determine who would finish in first place.

Molloy won 2-0 in the deciding game to win the title.

"We wanted to beat them because they had beaten us last time," said Lopez. "It was an intense game with a lot of nerves, but we stuck together and pulled through."

The playoffs started May 10 against St. Agnes, with Molloy looking to repeat as Brooklyn-Queens JV champs.

"It will be tough no matter whom we play, but I think we can do it," said Mr. Santos.

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By Sandy Sussman

The Varsity Softball team lost 1-0 to St. Francis Prep in an extra-inning game May 3 in Cunningham Park to relinquish its hold on first place in the CHSAA Brooklyn-Queens Division.

"It was a tough loss for our team

because we have played so well this year," said coach Mrs. Maureen Rosenbaum, who saw her team drop into second place with a 12-2 division mark and a 20-3 record overall. "This team deserved the top spot."

Senior Kellie Surdi agreed, saying, "It was an important game and it gave Prep the lead in the division."

Junior Kayley Ferran has anchored the pitching staff by posting a 5-2 record in seven starts.

Sophomore Kristen Torres and freshman Janelle Boyd have done well in brief appearances on the mound and show good promise for the future, said Mrs. Rosenbaum.

Senior Kerri McLean has put up solid numbers at the plate this year, leading the Stanners in both hits (24) and homeruns (1).

Sophomore Tiffany Ott ranks second on the team with 23 hits and sports a .479 batting average.

Mrs. Rosenbaum is "extremely pleased" with her team this year and says its biggest strength is its depth.



Captain Katie Shea and co-captains Anna DiRe and Chelsea Lopez led Molloy to the JV title. (Photo by Fernando Ortiz)

'12 Angry Men' cast gets favorable verdict

Review by Dana Grossman

The verdict is in: The Stanner Players' production of the Reginald Rose play "Twelve Angry Men" proved to be a wonderful and entertaining experience over its two weekend run.

Thirteen Stanners made up the solid cast that put on six performances, beginning April 28th.

Senior Anthony Ehmer had an outstanding performance as Juror #3, displaying the arrogance and strength of will of his character in a realistic and powerful fashion.

On the opposite end of the play's spectrum, senior Kathleen Shevlin played his character's "rival" spectacularly. Her convincing execution

as Juror #8 was enough to draw both the audience and her fellow jurors to her side.

Other standout performances included Ed Harley as the pompous yet logical Juror #4 and Kevin McAuley as angry and emotional Juror #10. McAuley shocked the audience with his fierce performance.

Freshman Travis Kessel, sophomore MaryKate Schwerdt, and seniors Jaimie Fritz, Dominic Garafola, Alison Laird, Michael Korczynski, and Shannon Winters made up the rest of the jurors. Freshman Angela Nolan played the Foreman and junior Megan Boyle played the role of the guard/clerk.

Stanners survive May marathon of seven AP exams

By Britt Bell

During the first two weeks of May, Stanners sat down in the Jack Curran Gym to take 410 AP tests given at the end of Molloy's seven AP courses in the hopes of earning college credit, but not all AP teachers endorse the test's merit.

Mr. Jim Sheehan, whose AP Composition students were the first to take their exam May 1, called the test "challenging" but said, "it doesn't necessarily test skills that are important."

According to Mr. Sheehan, the exam itself is a speed test that measures students' ability to answer as many questions as they can in a limited amount of time but does not test their actual core knowledge of the subject.

While he doesn't like the test, Mr. Sheehan does recommend the AP classes themselves, which he called "great, challenging courses with the best students in the school."

The AP classes are smaller and more advanced than regular courses and offer students a challenging curriculum in an environment of highly motivated peers, all of which Mr. Sheehan called "a benefit" to students.

Senior Christine Lewis, who took the AP Composition exam, said, "the test was long, but I felt well-prepared."

AP classes are offered to students who meet certain academic qualifications, and the end of the year exam serves as "a final for AP students," said senior Jaimie Fritz.

Students' performance on the test and what colleges they will attend determine whether or not they receive college credit. Each AP class is worth three college credits, which can be earned by scores of 3, 4, and 5 depending on the policy of each college or university.

AP exams were offered this year in Biology, Calculus, Psychology, World History, American History, Composition, and Literature.

Assistant Principal Sister Elizabeth Bickar expects "a vast majority" of Stanners to pass their exams with a score of 3 or better and attributes Molloy's high passing rate in the past of about 80% to the very high prerequisites placed on students seeking to enroll in AP classes.

Next year, Molloy will offer eight AP classes, as Spanish returns to the AP roster after a year's absence.

Sister Elizabeth urges highly motivated students to "throw caution to the wind" and sign up for AP classes next year.

Super spring for senior, sophs

Senior Darius Sileikis improved his own Molloy Boys Varsity discus record by eight feet at the St. Anthony's Invitational May 5 with a throw of 176-foot-9 inches, the sixth best toss in CHSAA history.

"I have five more meets left, and my goal is to break 200 feet," said Sileikis. "The state record is 210."

Senior Matt Megerdichian set a Molloy Varsity Boys record of 182-8 in the hammer throw at the same meet with a toss that ranks 12th all-time in the CHSAA.

Sileikis broke the previous school record he set when finishing fifth at the Penn Relays April 27 with a throw of 168-5.

Junior Dylan Dombrowski finished ninth in the javelin at the Penn Relays with a throw of 171-4, while Megerdichian was 14th at 163-6.

The Sophomore Boys team finished its season as both the CHSAA Brooklyn-Queens and City Championships.

The Sophomore Boys easily won the Brooklyn-Queens championship with 75 points over both St. Francis Prep (40) and Bishop Ford (19) on April 24. Sophomore Jarenn Stewart was a double winner in the 100 meters (11.3 seconds) and 200 meters (23.1), as was sophomore Lenworth James in the long jump (16-2) and high jump (4-10).

Other sophomore winners were: Erik Andersen in the javelin (115-4); Matt Flynn, who set a new meet record in the triple jump with a leap of 43-5.25; Sean Ginter in the pole vault (10-0); and Chris Marino in the shot put (34-8.25).

The Sophomore Boys team won the city championship with 32 points,

followed by Farrell (27) and Mount St. Michael (27).

Flynn was city champion in the triple jump (42-1), while Stewart won the 100 meters in 11.4.

The Freshman Boys Track team cruised to the CHSAA Brooklyn-Queens Championship, scoring 135 points to easily defeat second place McClancy (39) and third place Bishop Ford (34).

Frosh Matt Letellier was a double field events winner, winning the pole vault with a new meet record of 11-foot-6 and the javelin in 121-1.

Frosh Steve Leccese was a double winner on the track, winning the high hurdles in 19.0 seconds and the intermediate hurdles in 68.8 seconds.

Other frosh winners were: Ryan Dillion in the high jump (5-foot-2); John Kim in the long jump (16-9); Rob Mastronardi in the triple jump (36-6.5); the 400-meter relay team of Manuel Cordero, Trevor Lindo, David Olusoga, and Brian Ponce in 54.3; and the 3,200-meter relay team of Conor Cunnane, Joseph Mayer, Christopher Reyes, and William Vabrinkas in 10:03.6.

The Freshman Boys team swept the top four spots in three events - the high hurdles, high jump, and triple jump - and swept the top three places in two - long jump and javelin.

The Stanner frosh boys didn't fare as well in the city championships May 6, finishing fourth with 33 points behind Fordham Prep (49.5), Farrell (42), and Iona (35.5).

However, Letellier capped an outstanding season by winning individual championships in the pole vault (11-6) and the javelin (120-1).



Senior Darius Sileikis set a Molloy Varsity Boys record in the discus throw at the St. Anthony's Invitational with a toss of 176-foot-9 inches.

Meanwhile, the Girls Frosh Track team finished second with 34.8 points behind Sacred Heart (40), and the Girls Sophomore Track team finished fourth with 40 points behind Kellenberg (36), St. Anthony's (33) and St. John the Baptist (32) at the CHSAA Intersectional Championship April 30.

Sophomore Rebecca Power was a double winner, setting a meet record in the javelin with a toss of 91-foot-6 and

putting the shot 30-9.

Sophomore Jessica Conter won the intermediate hurdles in 69.5 seconds.

Frosh Brittany Dombrowski set two frosh records at the meet while winning the javelin with a throw of 111-4 and finishing second in the discus with a toss of 79-1.

The other frosh winner was Stephanie Halvax in the intermediate hurdles in 73.1 seconds.

Varsity track wins B/Q titles

Both the Boys and Girls Varsity Track teams ran away from the competition to each win CHSAA Brooklyn/Queens Outdoor Championships last week.

The Boys scored 112 points easily defeating St. Francis (45) and McClancy (43).

The Girls scored 99 points as second place Bishop Loughlin could manage just 52.

Leading the way for the Boys were the field event athletes.

Senior Darius Sileikis was the meet's only double winner, taking first place in both the shot put (54-foot-7) and the discus (167-7).

Senior Matt Megerdichian won the javelin with a Molloy varsity record throw of 180-9.

Other field event winners were senior long jumper Jaime Spataro (20-11), freshman high jumper Ryan Dillon (5-4), junior pole vaulter Dylan Dombrowski (13-3), and sophomore triple jumper Matt Flynn (43-1).

Two runners also won individual

championships. Junior Ian Fitts won the 110-meter high hurdles in 15.42 seconds and sophomore Jerenn Stewart won the 100-meters in 11.60.

"This is one of the best track and field teams Molloy has had in years," said Boys Varsity coach Bro. Bob Andrews.

Meanwhile, the Girls Varsity had six individual champions led by double-winner Rebecca Power.

Power, a sophomore, won the shot put (31-6) and set a meet record in the pole vault (10-feet).

Sophomore Jessica Conter won the long jump (15-7.5), frosh Brittany Dombrowski won the javelin (107-4), sophomore Sabrina Fleurantin won the high jump (4-10), sophomore Alexandra Jean-Joseph won the triple jump (33-4), junior Camille Ricciardi won the 3,000 meters in 11:39.5 and senior Yvonne Wroblewski won the discus (92-4).

Gus Sebo contributed to this story.

After slow start, JV wins 4 straight

By Anthony Carnacchio

The Molloy JV baseball team got off to a rough start in its 2006 season, dropping five of its first seven league games due to the team's inexperience and inconsistent play, Coach Mr. Chris DeSarno said.

However, the Stanners came back to win four straight games, which raised their record to 6-5 and moved them into a second place tie.

DeSarno, in his eighth year as head coach, is coming off a 26-6 season that ended with a loss to Xaverian in the City Championship game.

The Stanners return only one starter from that team: centerfielder Tommy Boggiano.

This year's team has started up to five freshmen at a time, and they have shown their inexperience in key situations as well the tendency to repeat the same mistakes, Mr. DeSarno said.

Freshmen who have seen consistent playing time are first baseman/outfielder/pitcher Josh Boyd, first baseman/pitcher Patrick Brown, third baseman/DH Chris Franzese, and catcher William Neubauer.

"The goal is to improve, but you also want to win," Mr. DeSarno said. "As long as we keep improving, we'll be okay."

The top sophomores are outfielder/shortstop Pat Brown, outfielder T.J. Laible, third baseman/pitcher Conan Leon, and pitcher Tommy McElhatton. Boggiano has taken on the role of team leader as a returning starter who spent some time playing with the varsity in the fall.

"If we pitch well and our defense stays solid, with the good Lord willing, we'll win a few [more] games," Boggiano said.