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## Memes lead to detention

**By Liana Liang '15 and Robert Dittus '15**

A Facebook page entitled "AMHS Memes," which was created on March 27 by an alumnus, began with a few harmless jokes about Molloy.

It grew to have more than 800 "likes" within two days but during that second day, Molloy students began posting offensive jokes about specific teachers.

As a result, the alum shut down the page on March 29.

But that was not the end of it.

About 30 students who posted memes considered offensive by the administration received detention, had to have their parents sign a paper acknowledging their offense, and had to remove the memes.

A "meme" is a term for any picture, video, link, or other content that spreads quickly through the Internet. Facebook and Tumblr are leaders in spreading memes.

The students who posted memes violated a school handbook rule prohibiting abusive, disrespectful, or harassing spoken, electronic or written language or behavior toward a member of the faculty and staff or fellow student.

Serious violations of that rule can result in a student being expelled from school.

Assistant Principal for Student Mr. Kenneth Auer said, "Students can post anything [online], unless they mention a student or faculty member [by name] or a certain aspect of the school.

"If they're harmless jokes pointed at something such as the bookstore's lines, then it's alright," Mr. Auer said. "When something disrespectful is posted, we must take action."

Mr. Auer said some jokes posted were funny but "I didn't like that the students made fun of their

teachers. If faculty members spread things like that [online] about their students, there would be criminal charges against them."

Mr. Auer said he learned about the offending Facebook page secondhand.

"We don't look for these kinds of things on social networking ourselves," he said. "Someone told us about the page and we were obligated to take action and enforce the rules."

Mr. Auer has this advice to any Stanner using Facebook or any other online site:

"Stanners should remember that they are responsible for whatever they post on the Internet and that what they post will be there forever," he said. "You can't hide behind a screen even though you think you can."

Guidance counselor Mr. Chris Dougherty said students he works with are very sophisticated about technology.

"But when it comes to realizing how public this truly is or how much trouble they could get in at a private school — not so much," he said.

Mr. Dougherty discusses social media with his Peer Groups.

"One thing I bring up to the students is that not everything has to be put on their walls or their friend's, boyfriend's, or girlfriend's walls," he said. "A private message on Facebook can be like a little special note, not one broadcast to the world of Facebook."

Mr. Dougherty said Stanners should also avoid posting on the internet provocative photos that feature revealing clothing, physical intimacy, criminal acts or illegal activities, such as use of alcohol, drugs or cigarettes.

Some students who were involved with the offending



Molloy's administration doesn't mind memes such as these, but when students mention teachers by name, they get in trouble.



Facebook page said the administration's intervention was an invasion of privacy.

But Mr. Dougherty reminded them that "the page was definitely public. If they wanted it to be more private, they should have created a group where you can control membership and watch the content streaming into the page."

One student who was punished for posting on the Facebook page was surprised to receive detention but now understands why.

"I posted it because I thought it was funny, but then I realized it was mean and regretted posting it," the student said.

However, other students involved

said only a few of the jokes posted towards the end of the two-day period were inappropriate and they saw nothing wrong with mentioning teachers by name.

Mr. Dougherty thinks most Stanners will learn a lesson from this incident.

"I don't think we'll see this sort of meme page again for a long time," he said. "I'd think it would take more than four years because this year's freshmen would probably spread the tale as seniors to the class of 2018."

Mr. Auer isn't as confident.

"I believe this can happen again," he said, "but I hope people learn from the mistakes of others."

# A mid-summer's business camp

Our friends would describe summer as a pause from the endless homework and studying of the school year, a time to unwind under the blazing sun, and an opportunity to take each day as it comes.

Call us eccentric, but that's not what five of us from Molloy did last summer.

Instead, we took part in "Youth About Business," a five-day summer business experience camp in July at Columbia University in Manhattan.

We knew it was going to be a daunting task.

Not only would we live in a dorm at one of the most prestigious schools in the United States, but we were supposed to act like business executives!

Yet we thought this would be a wonderful opportunity to see how business world would suit us and that Columbia's absolutely magnificent campus would be a great place to spend a week.

What turned out to be even better? Two words: dining hall.

The unlimited free food won our hearts. Who wouldn't enjoy an ice cream machine 20 feet from your dining table?

"I went back for thirds at that ice cream line!" said junior Alejandra Castaño. "The best part was that each day there were two new flavors. I could not contain

my ebullience. This factor alone will make me apply to Columbia!"

We had a multitude of new food options presented to us for each meal cycle.

Trust us, the "freshman fifteen" — the term for the weight gained during the first year of college — is not a rumor.

But let's get back to the real reason we went to Columbia: a taste of business.

We were part of a team called Microsoft. Our opposition was a team called Electronic Arts.

We listened to interesting daily lectures and met with lawyers, bankers, and accountants with whom we are still in touch.

We also met each day to discuss how we could acquire our opposition's corporation.

Then, on the fourth day of camp, occurred what became known as "infamous merger night."

We tried to compromise with the opposition on a plan to merge our two companies. It was an utter failure.

We started throwing chalk and screaming at the other team before the moderators stepped in to simmer us down. It wasn't over until midnight, when we were the last teams to leave the building.

But we finally did agree on a price to buy Electronic Arts.

"That other team needed to



Juniors Liam Tuohy, Conor Tuohy, Alejandra Castaño, sophomore Christiane Crawford, and junior Monish Pahilajani took part in a summer program. (Photo courtesy of Columbia University)

learn how to compromise!" said Castaño. "After five hours of fighting, all I wanted was to go up to my dorm and pull a Rip van Winkle for the whole summer!"

Instead, we had to work on a Powerpoint presentation and several documents to show our shareholders by 8 a.m.

That's when our all-night hysteria began to kick in.

Many of our teammates ended up running around the room and singing "Party Rock Anthem" at 6 a.m. due to sleep deprivation.

After making our presentation to the stockholders, we found out we did not win the competition.

Sad, right? Wrong.

We were so happy that we

wouldn't have to participate in the winner's camp that we celebrated with some more ice cream and glorious sleep.

Our reaction told us that perhaps careers in business really aren't for us. But we also learned that college life is something we really love.

All in all, it had been an educational and interesting week that we will never forget.

Hey, since summer is coming up again, why not do something productive by signing up for a summer college program?

Just food for thought.

—Monish Pahilajani '13  
and Conor Tuohy '13

## Do you have a work ethic for online classes?

More and more students across America every year decide to leave the traditional classroom setting to complete their high school educations by taking online courses.

Molloy seniors are joining this trend by taking courses offered through Virtual High School (VHS), which gives seniors the freedom to take courses that are tailored to their specific interests and complete course work at their own pace.

While these courses may seem appealing and liberating, they have drawbacks as well.

\* All VHS courses run for 15 weeks per semester with no holidays or time off for Presidents' Week or Easter.

\* Weekly assignments are posted every Wednesday and are due by 11:59 p.m. the following Tuesday.

\* Students never see or talk to their teacher face to face, so course work consists of mostly self-taught reading assignments.

If you have a problem with an assignment, you can message the teacher on a private thread and hope he or she responds before

it's due.

\* Students never get the opportunity to talk face to face with their classmates because 45-minute weekly class discussions are done via message board. But if you do not participate in the discussions, you lose points.

\* Students are free to decide when and where they'll do their assignments but if they fall behind, good luck catching up.

I registered for an online class because I did not want a free period during my school day. My parents pay so much for my Molloy tuition, I might as well take as many courses as I can in my senior year.

I took the online honors course "Psychology of Crime" because I wanted to see if forensic psychologist would be the right career for me.

I thought I could manage the course work by using the Library computers three times a week during my 1:15 p.m. free periods.

I quickly found out that I would have to put in a lot more time and effort than that to stay on top of my course work and do well.

I work an hour every

weeknight and even work on weekends just to complete my weekly online assignments.

I spend another 45 minutes every week responding to the discussion messages.

My experience is not unique.

Other seniors agree that online courses took some getting used to and took up a lot of their time.

I love the course I am taking and have found it to be very interesting. However, if someone had told me before I registered how much work the course required, I'm not sure I would have taken the course.

Anyone considering taking an online class should know that it requires a big time commitment during senior year when there's already a lot of stress on students over college applications.

To any junior who has signed up for an online class next year, don't drop it yet. You have two weeks from when the online class begins to drop it. At the end of those two weeks, you can decide if you can handle the work.

You may find out you love the course and it's worth the effort.

—Alyssa Boller '12

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# Mock Trial team best in AM history

By Stephanie Bonanno '13 and  
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The Mock Trial team became the first in Molloy history to advance to the fourth round of the New York City competition by defeating Flushing High School on April 17 at the Queens Courthouse.

Defending city champion Bronx Science ended this historic run, however, by beating Molloy on April 19 at the Manhattan Criminal Courts Building.

The first round was a double elimination round, so while Molloy lost to the Ramaz School, it defeated August Martin to advance to the second round.

The Stanners then defeated Aviation, the school that eliminated them last year in the second round.

That victory marked the first time Molloy had advanced past the second round in over six years.

The last Molloy team to do so "was mostly seniors, but this time we have no seniors and we're more mixed year-wise in terms of who is



Mr. Lou Barbera poses with his best team: frosh Tricia Mahon and Rob Dittus, junior Cara Salvatore, frosh Roy Colter, juniors Jessica Cardiello, Sitara Patel, William Millus, and Monish Pahilajani.

on the team," said Moderator Mr. Louis Barbera. "The talent level is very high this year."

Mr. Barbera said, "The keys to victory are staying in control, thinking on your feet, making objections and answering the other

team's objections."

This year's case involves an alleged assault.

"It's a good case to sink our teeth into," said Mr. Barbera.

The defense team consisted of juniors Jessica Cardiello and

William Millus and frosh Rob Dittus as attorneys and juniors Monish Pahilajani and Sitara Patel and frosh Roy Colter as witnesses.

Dittus said when he first went into the courthouse, "I was a little nervous but the rounds are getting easier because of having more experience."

Before the trial against Bronx Science, Colter said he was happy this team will go down in Molloy history but to advance further he said that "the team needs to object more and get used to asking questions."

Molloy's prosecution team consisted of juniors Cara Salvatore and Patricia Bober and sophomore Chinyere Okogeri as attorneys and juniors Thalia Toro and Chelsea Corinaldi and sophomore Emily Avila-Hernandez as witnesses.

Salvatore, the team captain, said that sometimes the competition got intense but "it's cool to see how much everyone has improved round to round with little practice."

# Jeung nation's No. 1 in Algebra 1

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

Molloy frosh Hyunwoo Jeung was ranked No. 1 in the nation in Algebra 1 and sophomore Kristian Mosquito was ranked No. 4 in the nation in Geometry when the final results of the Catholic Math League competition were posted April.

"No one has ever ranked nationally before from Molloy, so this is a big deal," said Math League Moderator Mrs. Adele Solari.

"Hyunwoo is an exceptional student and Kristian has always done well in Math League," she said.

Mrs. Solari was impressed by all those students who scored highly,

especially Jeung, whose total score was 92 out of 100 on the four 25-point tests the team takes during the season, because Jeung just recently learned to speak English.

In Advanced Math, the team's top scorers were seniors Steven Truong (81) and Cara Chow (78), junior Derrick Yuen (77), seniors Jennifer Hwu (69) and Margaret Rooney (69).

In Algebra 2, the team's top scorers were juniors Monish Pahilajani (86), Angelina Sun (65), Jillian Spataro (63), Christine Stanolevich (56) and sophomore Evangeline Szpylka (56).

In Geometry, the team's top scorers were sophomore Mosquito (87), frosh Connie Zhao (79), sophomores Neil Patel (73),

Samantha Sattler (71) and Michael Rossi (70).

In Algebra 1, the team's top scorers were Jeung, frosh Jafar Ali (49) and Richard Chandradat (45).

Truong, Mosquito and Jeung also were the top scorers in the league in their respective divisions while Chow and Pahilajani placed third and Yuen was fourth.

Mrs. Solari said the key to the team's success was its constant practice and the fact that team members enjoyed being challenged and have a natural aptitude for math.

Mrs. Solari was impressed with the Junior Varsity members, who compete in Algebra 1, Geometry and Algebra 2, and expects them to continue to succeed when they

advance to the Varsity.

She feels that next year's team will be very successful because many team members have been on the team for many years and "the longer you're there, the better you do."

Unlike previous years, this year's team did not participate in a national competition because it was held during Easter break.

Mosquito expected to do as well this year as he did last year so was very pleased to have the highest score in Geometry.

"If I was not at the top anymore, I would be stressed," he said.

Mosquito said he succeeded because he is naturally good at math and did all the practice tests before meets.

# Sophs only grade to add names to Principal's List

Spring semester at Molloy usually brings with it the onset of "senioritis."

This seems true even among the elite students in the Class of 2012 as one fewer senior qualified for the Principal's List in the third marking period than did in the second.

This downward trend extended to all but one grade level as only sophomores had an increase from the second to third marking periods as three more qualified this time.

Frosh saw the biggest decrease of four while one fewer junior made the List.

Juniors, as usual, had the most qualifiers with 36, followed by

sophomores (31), frosh (23), and seniors (15).

Sixty-two of the 105 students earning a 99 or better overall academic average did so for a third time.

Here is the Principal's List for the third marking period:

**Frosh:** Jafar Ali\*; Mary Angeline Bacani\*; Bianca Basone\*; Izidora Bozic\*; Gabriella Bruno\*; Mary Serene Carino\*; Justin Esposito\*; Ewa Gerlak\*; Kelly Grogan; Carla Hanna\*; Raphael Jafri\*; Hyunwoo Jeung\*; Margarita Lopez\*; Deanna Lucci; Lillian Mangialino; Andreea Muntean\*; Reah Rajmangal; Julia Remache; Joseph Schauer; Maria Troia\*; Lauren Urbano\*; Stephanie Yost; Alexandra Yule.

**Sophomores:** Dhanesh Binda\*;

Thomas Brinskelle\*; Alexandra Caruso; Pamela Decolongon\*; Tiffany Dial; Vincent Femia; Sebastian Geraci; Georgios Gulino\*; Emily Hanna\*; Edrean-Neil Kabigting\*; Katherine Kilkenny\*; Jessica Kraker; John-Luigi Lagula; Emily Lewis\*; Mariyanthie Linaris\*; John Mancini; Christopher McGee; Felicia Mendoza\*; Louiza Molohides\*; Kristian Mosquito\*; Taylor Moss\*; Daniel O'Reilly\*; Cristina Otano\*; Neil Patel; Shannon Pizzella; Bernadette Rooney\*; Samantha Sattler\*; Matthew Spataro\*; Anthony Valenzuela; Tiffany Villacis\*; Katarina Vucetic.

**Juniors:** Roberto Bertolini\*; Jacob Borkowski\*; Andrew Briguet; Ashwini Chawla\*; Michael Diaz; Graziella Ferrara\*; Daniela Gordillo\*; Joseph Ingrassia; Erick Jara; Greer Kann; Sameera Kassim; Amandeep Kaur;

Annmarie Kosiewska; Edward Krische; Marcin Krol\*; James Lee; Julian Leston\*; Dina Mangialino\*; Shibin Mathews\*; Aislinn Messina\*; Soumya Misra\*; Monish Pahilajani\*; Amanda Paljevic; Sitara Patel\*; Toni Ann Petovello\*; Amanda Price; Tatiana Requiijo\*; Jacqueline Rubino; Manpreet Sachdev; Cara Salvatore\*; Rashanna Seymour\*; Steffi Shilly\*; Jillian Spataro\*; Christine Stanolevich\*; Derrick Yuen\*; Shalini Zachariah.

**Seniors:** Alyssa Dolan\*; Claudia Fernandes; Victoria Goldbach; Jennifer Hwu\*; Lauren Kelly\*; Simranjit Mangat; Leanne Motylenski; Julian Olbinski\*; Marilena Orfanos; Edward Pizzo; Joanne Raptis\*; Margaret Rooney; Paulina Stefanowski; Raymond Sukhdeo\*; Alexandra Woods\*.

\* third consecutive appearance

# Chorus, Band spring concerts set

By **Rashanna Seymour '13 and AnnMarie Gaglio '13**

As April winds down, the sound of pleasant voices coming from Room 305 will grow louder as Director Mr. Jim Sheehan and the Junior-Senior Chorus prepare for its Spring Concert on May 2 in the Jack Curran Gym.

The concert, whose theme "Listen to Your Heart," will start at 7:00 p.m. and tickets are \$5 for students and \$7 for adults.

The song selection will be somewhat familiar to annual concert goers as the chorus will sing songs previously performed in years past.

But keep an ear out for several new songs, especially featuring new soloists.

The concert will include songs from Broadway musicals such as "Evita," "Jesus Christ Superstar," "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," "The Man of LaMancha," "Oliver!," "Phantom of the Opera," and "Ragtime."

Senior baritone Kevin Singh especially enjoys singing

"Ragtime" because "it's such a upbeat song and the harmonies are amazing!"

The chorus has practiced for over three months.

Gyzelle Garcellano, a junior soprano, said, "Everything is coming together nicely. I can't wait to see how everything turns out."

This will be the final concert for Singh and his fellow seniors and he assumes that after it's over, "there will be tears."

He said he expects his final concert will be one of the Molloy memories he takes away to college.

Mr. Sheehan is in high spirits about this year's show.

"This is the best Junior-Senior Chorus I've had," he said.

Mr. Sheehan said the following singers are scheduled to perform solos in these songs at the show:

Thomas Hackimer "Music of the Night," Robert Rossi "Over the Rainbow," Julia Rosa "On My Own," Mary Gallagher "I Dreamed a Dream," HoSung Ryoo "As Long as She Needs Me," Kevin Singh "The Impossible Dream," Adrienne Zhou "I Really

Like Him," Marc Ochs "Man of La Mancha," Tiana Salas-Ali "Who Will Buy," Michelle Miller "I Don't Know How To Love Him," Andres Caamal "Close Ev'ry Door to Me," Samson Zachariah and Alexandra Woods "All I Ask of You," Laura Tanzil "Buenos Aires", Melisa Adiram and Stephanie Olcese "Jacob and Sons," Niles Uy "Song of the King," Rebecca Albergio and Lauren Kelly "A Pharaoh Story," Melissa Gabriel "Being Alive," Stephanie Cruz "Another Suitcase in Another Hall," Alyssa Plaia "Chained and Bound," Tiffany McCue "Listen to my Heart," and Christopher Guevara and Timothy Frenzel "Poor Poor Pharaoh."

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The Band and Freshman-Sophomore Chorus, both under the direction of Ms. Ya-Ting Yang, will perform on Tuesday May 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the Jack Curran Gym.

The Band will be led senior conductors Melissa Gabriel and Andres Caamal when playing the theme from movie "The Pink Panther."

Senior Joel Antolijao will solo on

on tenor saxophone for "New York, New York."

"Peter and The Wolf," will feature four soloists: sophomores Grace Anh (flute), Neil Kabigting (clarinet), junior Jacob Borkowski (clarinet), and senior Brian Mollin (alto saxophone).

The Band's three senior percussionists, Francesco Catarisano, Nick Yurisak, and Jordi Escorcia will perform "Three-Way Split" with instruments such as snare drum, jam blocks, and cowbells.

The theme of Frosh-Soph Chorus's show is "Hope and Longings."

Frosh Anais Rodriguez is featured on "Over the Rainbow" and five soloists, frosh Andrea Muntean and Joanna Troyanos and sophomores Rosemarie Casano, Shannon Harris, and Samantha Grech will be featured on "I Feel Pretty."

Michael Jackson's "Man in the Mirror" will feature frosh Raphael Jafri, Timothy Burkhart, Ryan Hoffman, and sophomore Ilyas Rehman.



Juniors Aislinn Messina and Kelly Whelan perform an Irish Step Dance at International Day. (Photo by Jordi Sevilla '14)



Monish Pahilajani samples food from around the world. (Photo by Jordi Sevilla '14)



Nicole Oodal struts in her lehenga in Indian Club's Fashion Show. (Photo by Jordi Sevilla)

## Soul Train Dance is delayed, not derailed

By **Miranda Steinberg '14 and Matthew Spataro '14**

Those who have "soul" will be happy to know that the Ebony Club's Soul Train Dance is still on its way.

The dance was first scheduled for the evening of April 4, the half-day of school before the start of Easter vacation but that date hurt ticket sales.

Ebony Club President Freddie Francois said having to push back the date was disappointing "but not enough tickets were sold so the postponing had to be done."

"The date was a bad date," said Moderator Mrs. Anne Lonergan. "The pushed back date will allow the dance to be planned better."

So the club is looking for a new date in early May to hold the dance in either the Jack Curran Gym or the Cafeteria.

All grade levels are invited and tickets will cost \$7.

The dance will be based on the old TV dance show "Soul Train," with decorations being a throwback to the 1970's and 80's with "pictures of famous '70's and

'80's musicians and old records to decorate the wall," Mrs. Lonergan said.

Music from that era will be played along with today's music.

Features from TV show will be used such as its famous dance line and the way it selected music.

"We are trying to make this wheel from the show," Mrs. Lonergan said, "that once spun will pick the song or musician that it lands on."

Seniors Geahna London and Francois are the organizers and Francois can not wait to play the part of Soul Train's late great host Don Cornelius at the dance.

He said the club's former vice president last year came up with the idea of having a Soul Train night but it has taken a year for the club to make it happen.

Francois hopes students get into the dance's theme by wearing afro wigs and 70's style clothing.

"If they give it a chance, they will have fun," Francois said.

The Ebony Club hopes Stanners will get on board the Soul Train and take a ride to boogie-ville!



# Stanners visit Edinburgh, London

By Karla Hernandez '12

Mr. Jim Sheldon led a Molloy entourage of 25 students and three faculty members on an Easter vacation trip to the United Kingdom to explore English and Scottish culture.

Ms. Dyana Christie, Ms. Shannon Winters and Mr. Ed Cameron joined Mr. Sheldon as chaperones on the trip which spanned April 4-12.

During its nine-day adventure, the group visited historical Scottish

sites such as Edinburgh Castle and St. Andrews, which is home of the university where Prince William and Kate Middleton met, and famous London locations as Westminster Abbey and the Tower of London.

John Meyer went on this trip because he had never traveled outside of the United States before and thought this would be a great way to end senior year. Meyer's favorite spot was St. Paul's Cathedral in London.

"The design on the inside of St. Paul's was amazing, but after climbing roughly 550 steps to the top of the cathedral, I was able to see all of London," he said. "It was astonishing."

In addition to seeing major tourist attractions, Stanners got the chance to experience real Scottish and British culture during their free time.

Sophomores Carolina Herrera and Patrycja Sulich enjoyed English frozen yogurt at a parlor named Snog as well as bubble tea in a laboratory-themed tea shop.

"It was better than the bubble tea here," Herrera said.

The trip cost \$3,200 but those who went say it was worth every penny.

"I am so happy I went on this trip and I suggest that if anyone is given the chance to travel with the school, do it," Meyer said. "It really changes your perspective of the world."

One of the highlights of the trip for Mr. Sheldon was taking Stanners to the Ceremony of the Keys at the Tower of London, an exclusive event that requires reservations made months in advance.

Another interesting part of the trip was a ghost tour through Grayfriars Cemetery in Scotland, where students were spooked but also learned that J.K. Rowling, author of the Harry Potter Series, grabbed some of her character's



Stanners couldn't help but think that this street performer they ran into at London's Covent Garden Market looked a lot like Molloy's own Mr. Glenn DaGrossa, so they had to pose for a picture and the man was only too happy to oblige. (Photos by Mr. Jim Sheldon)



Senior J.P. Meyer sports a new Tam O'Shanter hat while walking down a street in Edinburg, Scotland as sophomores Patrycja Sulich and Sarah Stiglianese laugh along with the joke.



Senior Melissa Gabriel takes a turn guarding the palace.

names such as Tom Riddle and Professor McGonagall from some of the graveyard's tombstones.

Mr. Sheldon has taken groups to England six times and he said the fact that this trip had no major glitches or delays made it one of the better ones.

"I hope that students gained an understanding of the European roots of our culture," Mr. Sheldon said.

In addition to creating global awareness, the trip was a bonding experience for all.

"On Mr. Sheldon's birthday, a few of us blew up balloons and put them on his hotel door!" said Sulich.

Those who went on the trip said it not only expanded their horizons, but it stayed true to Molloy's tradition of students coming together as a community.

## Talent Show moves to Spirit Week

By Deanna Mayo '14

Molloy's annual Talent Show had a new showcase this year: Spirit Week!

For more than ten years, Molloy has staged talent shows at night but this was the first year it was held during Spirit Week in the Jack Curran Gym.

Mr. Frank Gambino, the show's coordinator, said he believed it was a good idea to change things up a bit and he hoped that a free show at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday April 25 might increase attendance.

Students scheduled to perform at

the two-hour Talent Show were seniors Melissa Sue Gomez, Tom Hackimer, Kasper Kuzmicki, Robbie Rossi, Vinh Tran, Nick Yurisak and Adrienne Zhou, juniors Samantha Arena and Daniel Marino and sophomore Deanna Mayo.

Most performers were singers.

In addition, the show featured performances by the Girls and Boys Step teams, the Dance Team and the Dance Club.

Mr. Gambino was especially looking forward to seeing Rossi and Kuzmicki, who both

impressed him at Open Mic.

Most students selected to perform were chosen based on what they did at Open Mic shows throughout the year but two who did not perform at Open Mic were also chosen.

Mr. Gambino said he may perform a song or two on his guitar and Alumni Communications Coordinator Mr. Joseph Sommo may grace the stage as well.

Four presenters working in pairs introduced the acts.

This year marked the first time Zhou and Yurisak appeared in the

Talent Show.

"I am very excited to be a part of the experience of performing during Spirit Week and the Open Mics have been great practice," said Zhou before her debut.

Yurisak performed Green Day's "When I come Around" on what he called his "magical guitar."

"I was born ready for this," he said. "I hope a lot of people come out to see it because it's going to be a lot of fun and the fact that the Talent Show is during Spirit Week brings a whole new vibe to the school."

# The Stanner Players present 'Oklahoma!'

Steven Wody offers Mariyanthie Linaris a "Persian goodbye" as Niles Uy looks on in "Oklahoma." (Photo By Jordi Sevilla '14)

## New junior ring ceremony set for May 3

By Sameera Kassim '13 and  
Stephanie Jaipaul '13

The class of 2013 will experience a major change in tradition when Archbishop Molloy's annual Junior Ring Ceremony is held on May 3.

Rather than having the traditional evening ceremony in the Jack Curran Gym just for the juniors who bought rings, this year all juniors will attend the ceremony and receive a class pin.

Those who bought rings will receive them during the 8:05 a.m. ceremony, which will be followed by a short reception.

Parents may attend the ceremony and juniors can dress up for the occasion.

A 12-member student committee, which is designing the class pin without input from other sources, has completed a prototype design.

Juniors will not see the pin until the actual ceremony, so the design will be a surprise.

As part of this new tradition, each junior class in the coming years will form a committee to design its own pin with the only requirement being that it include the school motto "Non Scholae, Sed Vitae" and its year of graduation on it.

Director of Student Activities Mr. Ed Cameron talked to juniors who did buy rings about how they felt about this new ceremony and found that most are supportive of the change because they are glad

that all of their classmates will take part in the ceremony.

However, several juniors such as Elizabeth Governale and Victoria Khan feel cheated because they bought rings and now don't have a special evening ceremony just for them as one of the benefits of buying their class rings.

"The parents of the juniors who did buy rings would want to see them receive it, but most likely can't because they have to go to work," Governale said.

The timing of the ceremony seems to be an issue for the parents of many juniors who would like to attend and simply cannot.

Mr. Cameron understands these complaints but said juniors shouldn't feel cheated because they are getting a ceremony that includes their classmates.

Mr. Cameron said the evening ring ceremony is a recent tradition because in the past rings have been handed out in the back of the Cafeteria or the Bookstore.

Junior Jessica Cardiello likes the more inclusive ceremony because some juniors cannot buy rings due to economic difficulties.

But Cardiello said she wished the administration had taken a poll of the junior class to get its opinion before making this change.

Governale and Khan said the class pins are a nice touch, but should be handed out at the Senior Liturgy in September in order to preserve the Ring Ceremony for ring buyers only.

## New college deadlines for 2012

By Anna Poulakis '14

The College Guidance Office has set new deadlines to submit college applications by members of Molloy's Class of 2013 in the hope that it will reduce the stress seniors often associate with the process.

After consulting with other high schools about their applications processes, Mrs. Rachel Galla, chairperson of the Guidance Department, set new deadlines for next year to improve the process and keep students on target.

Members of the Class of 2013 will have the following deadlines:

\*Students applying for early admission to colleges have an Oct. 1 deadline to submit their applications and an Oct. 15 deadline for teachers to submit letters of recommendation for those students.

\*Students applying to Macaulay Honors College have a Nov. 15 deadline for both applications and recommendation letters.

\*Students applying for regular admission to colleges have a Dec. 1 deadline for applications and a Dec. 15 deadline for letters.

Mrs. Galla said the new deadlines

will create "less confusion" for students.

In the past, the deadlines often changed from year to year.

Mrs. Galla said the Guidance Dept. would send emails to remind both students and teachers writing recommendations of the approaching deadlines.

Senior Sean Ramzan's advice for juniors was to finish all their SAT tests by the fall and to stay on top of the deadlines.

"Juniors should space out their work on college applications so they aren't overwhelmed as the deadlines approach," said Ramzan.

Mrs. Galla stressed how important it is for the Class of 2013 to be organized and remain focused on the process because the choices they make will really affect them in the long run.

Juniors should also start thinking about which teachers they would like letters of recommendation from, and not wait till the last minute because teachers need at least two-weeks notice to write a letter.

Many teachers receive requests

from so many students that they need time to write good letters for everyone.

Some juniors said last month's College Night was a good introduction to the college application process.

Many juniors already know what colleges they are interested in attending and plan to get started on the process during the summer so everything isn't so rushed in the fall.

Mrs. Galla said that going to look at the colleges during the summer is a good way for juniors to get a feel for each school and see if it offers the desired programs and atmosphere.

Once juniors have an idea of where they want to go, they should immediately ask teachers for letters of recommendation.

It gets very hectic as deadlines approach so the earlier juniors request letters, the better.

A significant part of this application process is using the new Naviance computer program which will help juniors stay organized and meet the new deadlines.



# Blood Drive at 140

By Noelia Morales '12

Molloy's 11th Annual Blood Drive on April 3 in the Marsloe Gym contributed 140 pints to the New York City and Long Island Blood Centers, which provided the equipment and personnel.

In 2011 and 2010, Stanners donated over 180 pints, while in 2009 the total was 206 and in 2008 it was 169.

This year's goal was to try to donate 200 pints.

School nurse Mrs. Kathy Forgione was pleased with the publicity campaign for the drive and how smoothly the day itself went and wasn't too disappointed in the total being 41 pints fewer than last year.

Mrs. Forgione said that that every single drop of donated blood counts, so she was pleased overall, even though Stanners could have donated more.

In the weeks before the drive, 175 students signed up but on the day of the drive, 32 students were deferred due to piercings, tattoos, or recent visits to foreign countries, while 18 more were either absent or decided not to donate.

A total of 125 students and 17 faculty and staff donated blood.

Stanners were excused from class throughout the day to donate.

Mrs. Forgione thanked all the students who donated blood for their cooperation that day.

"I hope the experience was good and that the students will continue donating for the rest of their lives," she said.

She hopes students will share their experience with classmates in order to encourage others to donate blood in the future.

Senior Donald Erdey donated blood again this year because he wanted to save a life.

"I have blood, so why not?" said Erdey, who added that it did not hurt at all and afterward, he felt very happy and had a sense of accomplishment.

Erdey encouraged students to donate blood next year because he believes it is important to help others in need.

"If you needed blood, wouldn't you want someone to be willing to donate for you?" he said.

Erdey will continue donating blood throughout his life because he says he has the blood to give.

## Spanish Club at International Day



Alejandra Castano twirls around in her colombian cumbia dress. (Photo by Jordi Sevilla '14)

## Stanners' Musical Tastes

By Ruthba Ahmed '13

Have you ever wondered what kind of music Stanners love? Never thought of it until this very moment and are suddenly curious?

Well look no further, as several teachers, administrators, students and staff discuss popular music.

Assistant Principal Mr. Ken Auer likes to listen to satellite radio and checks out [nexusradio.com](http://nexusradio.com) to find radio stations that play the type of music he prefers, which is country music by artists such as Sugarland and Kenny Chesney.

Mr. Auer, who listens to CD's and digital music, said his three favorite songs are: "Miami 2017" by Billy Joel, "Cowboy in the Jungle" by Jimmy Buffett, and "Play That Funky Music White Boy" by Wild Cherry.

French teacher Ms. Madelyn Dupre finds new music through word of mouth and radio stations like Z100. Her music collection is mainly digital.

Her favorite songs are: "Love and Happiness" by Al Green, "May the Circle Be Unbroken" by The Carter Family, and "Bring It on Home to Me" by Sam Cooke.

Ms. Dupre is generally disappointed with today's music but said, "Among all the new artists, Adele is the real deal. She has a great voice and genuine talent. I'm glad she's successful."

Teacher Assistant Mr. Keith Hahn likes to use Pandora and [nexusradio.com](http://nexusradio.com) to find music to add to his CD collection and iPod. He listens to classic rock on Q104.3.

Mr. Hahn's three favorite artists are: The Doors, The Allman Brothers Band, and Jimi Hendrix.

"I'm more of an old-school kind

of guy," he said.

History teacher Ms. Sabina Kobinski discovers new music by seeing the opening acts at concerts by her favorite bands. Her music collection is exclusively digital.

Ms. Kobinski's three favorite songs are: "Born to Run" by Bruce Springsteen, "Right Moves" by Josh Ritter, and "Scenes from an Italian Restaurant" by Billy Joel.

Her favorite artist is Matt Nathanson. "I liked him ever since he started," she said.

Ms. Kobinski said nearly every pop song these days sounds similar to older songs.

"Katy Perry used to be original but nowadays it seems like she's losing her freshness," she said. "On the other hand, it's artists like Adele who are saving the music industry. Adele is a real, full-figured, confident young woman who's full of talent and she seems really nice. Maroon 5 is still catchy with their hip new songs. They've successfully adapted to their new fame."

Guidance counselor Mr. Ted McGuinness learns about new music through Pandora and word of mouth. His three favorite artists are: Pat Metheny, Jonathan Richman, and Paul Kelly.

"My most favorite song, however, is 'How to be a Werewolf' by Mogwai," he said.

Teacher Assistant Ms. Jessica Pastore listens to radio stations such as Z100 and Hot97 and her music collection is on CD, iPod and vinyl.

Her favorite songs at the moment are "Enchanted" and "Better than Revenge" by Taylor Swift.

"I never thought I'd find myself liking 'T-Swift' but my little sister

always listens to her songs and I find myself singing along, too," she said.

Ms. Pastore's favorite artists are: Eminem, The Goo Goo Dolls, and Notorious B.I.G.

"I love all types of music; from Elton John to Eminem," she said.

While many faculty and staff prefer the music of the past, students are more up to date.

Sophomore Chris Almeida, who uses YouTube to discover new music, likes Lady Gaga, Rihanna and Bruno Mars.

Junior Maudrie Alexis, who is a fan of Pandora, said today's music is both good and bad.

"Half the songs are great, like 'Moves Like Jagger' by Maroon 5 and 'It Will Rain' by Bruno Mars, but half are repetitive and inappropriate, like 'Your Love is My Drug' by Ke\$ha and 'Peacock' by Katy Perry," she said.

Junior Christian Bautista, who discovers new music through word of mouth and the web, said, "While I have friends telling me about what's new, I also go on YouTube to search for what's new."

Junior Aixla Ciudad uses [vevo.com](http://vevo.com), an online radio website, to catch up on new music.

"I also watch VH1 and MTV occasionally just to check out new music videos," she said.

Junior Shanijah Steele's taste is more like the faculty's.

"Most recent songs are either about partying or falling in love," she said. "Very few songs actually have meaning and feeling in them. Personally, I like older music better."

"I can always rely on YouTube to keep up on the new music and to enjoy the older songs," she said.

# Ball So Hard University is No. 1

Ball So Hard University, a team of juniors led by captain Derrick Adam, defeated St. Patrick's Fighting Irish 15-13 to win the 16-team Junior-Senior Boys bracket of the annual Intramural Basketball Tournament on March 22 in the Jack Curran Gym.

Adam was joined on the championship team by Michael Naccarelli, Robert Mielczarek, Justin Brown and Sho Miyazaki.

The second place Fighting Irish were juniors Dylan Powers, Ryan Karsten, Terrence Grogan and captain Patrick Goldberg.

Ball So Hard University reached the finals by defeating Francois's Squad 11-9 while the Fighting Irish defeated Team Hahn 11-10 in the other semifinal.

Seniors Freddy Francois, Rodolph Mesadieu, Randolph Herbert and junior Giancarlo Mayor made up Francois's Squad while seniors Alex Savva, Yanal Maher, Dardan Ostrozubi, Will Sherman and Paul Persaud were Team Hahn.

The Minorities, an all-sophomore team led by captain C.J. Davis, defeated Four Live Crew 15-11 to win the 12-team Frosh-Sophomore Boys bracket of tournament on March 21.

Dhanesh Binda, Benedict Harvey, Sebastian Geraci, and Jason Alli joined Davis, a member



The students of Ball So Hard University, juniors Sho Mizazaki, Michael Naccarelli, Derek Adam, Justin Brown, and Robert Mielczarek, graduated with honors by winning the Junior-Senior Boys Intramural Basketball Tournament in the Jack Curran Gym. (Photo by Jordi Sevilla '14)

of Molloy's Varsity Boys Basketball team, on the winning team.

Second place Four Live Crew were frosh Jamel Hinds and Aash Singh and sophomores Jonathan Roy and Eric Alerte, the captain.

The Minorities defeated Team A\$AP 15-12 and Four Live Crew defeated the Inside Out Oreos 14-13 in the Frosh-Soph semifinals.

Sophomores Jayson Cethoute, Matthew Escobar, Jerome Dineen, Kevin Pierre and Justin Cinquemani were the members of Team A\$AP while sophomores Dan Horan, William Kazmierczuk, Sam Carter, Quentin Dumerve and Mike Osiak were the Oreos.

In the two-team girls' bracket, the all-senior Majestic Maple Trees

crushed the all-sophomore Pretty, Pretty Princesses on March 22.

The winning Trees were captain Maegen Reed, Cathryn Brown, Kayla Karsten and Liss Mendez while the losing Princesses were captain Gabriella Gangone, Victoria Murgida, Arianna Prokos, Elizabeth Prado, and Karen Thomas.

## Steppers fill up the trophy case

By Anna Poulakas '14

Archbishop Molloy's Boys Step Team brought yet another trophy back to school this year by winning the Break the Stage competition in downtown Brooklyn during Easter vacation.

Unlike the previous six local competitions in which the team performed this year, Break the Stage attracted teams from across the Tri-State area to determine who would qualify for the Eastern Regionals on May 26.

The winner of that competition advances to the National Finals.

Captains Julian Tobias and Joel Antolijao, both seniors, led a team consisting of seniors Stephen Eng, Rodolph Mesadieu, Vinh Tran, junior Daniel De La Pena, sophomores Nikko Tonalette, Albert Hasan, Brian Hernandez, Kelvin Li, Avery Legall, Allen Sanchez, Hurmyn Silva, Keano Visperas and frosh Jared Lovelace to first place.

Sanchez said the team always gets nervous before a show but once on stage, "everything is

simply perfect. The energy flow is great. It's like it just runs in our blood."

The team's dedication is the main reason it does so well.

"They are fantastic," said Moderator Mrs. Anne Lonergan. "They practice about two hours every day, five times a week. They always make me proud.

"And one is more handsome than the next," she said with a smile.

Mrs. Lonergan is impressed by their teamwork, how they listen to each other's ideas and always try to help each other improve.

"It's called brotherhood," said Tobias, who along with Antolijao choreographs the team's routines.

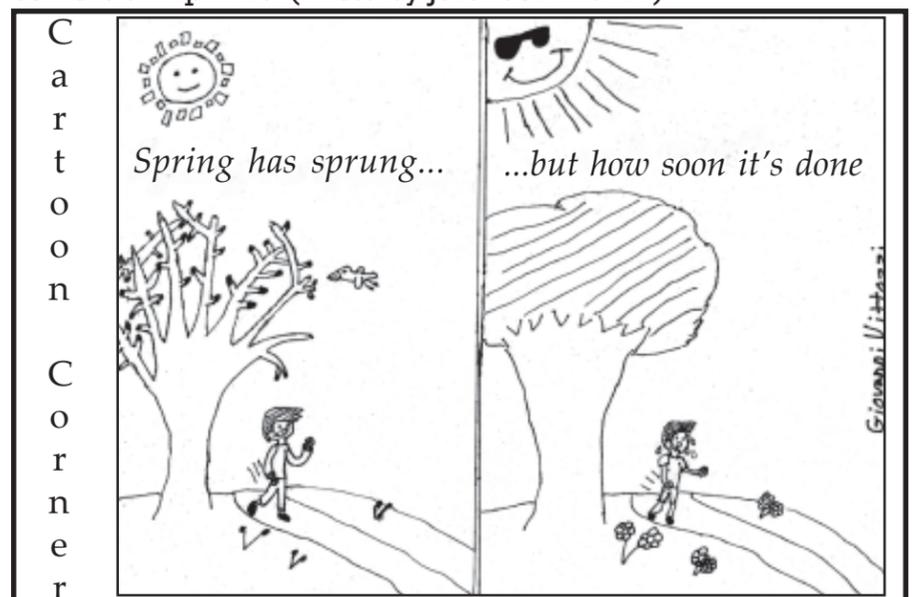
The team is also practicing to win the Youth Step New York State Championship at the end of April.

The team performed at Molloy's Senior-Faculty Basketball game on April 20, International Day on April 22 and the Talent Show April 25.

"They love to perform," said Mrs. Lonergan. "If there's a show or competition, they want to be in it."



Mr. Chris Dougherty led the faculty to a 57-42 victory over the seniors on April 20. (Photo by Jordi Servilla '14)



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