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Ate it up at International Day

By Cara Salvatore '13 and Dina Mangialino

Molloy's 30th Annual International Day on Palm Sunday, March 28 attracted about 1,500 people, who were so delighted by the array of dishes celebrating the many diverse cultures represented in Archbishop Molloy's student body that the event eventually ran out of food.

Moderator Ms. Kathy Loughran said that she also ran out of paper plates at one point during the day.

"We had to send some kids out to buy more," she said.

Ms. Loughran said this is the first time since she took over as the event's organizer that all the food was eaten and nothing was left over.

As always, Italian food was in abundance and extremely popular. For the second year in a row, the Filipino table offered a roasted pig courtesy of the family of junior Herbert Leona.

After the guests feasted on the various main courses offered in the Marsloe Gym, they moved on to all the desserts in the Cafeteria where none of them went unnoticed.

After eating, guests moved to the Jack Curran Gym where they were entertained by many of Molloy's various cultural clubs which performed between 2:50 and 4:30 p.m., 30 minutes longer than scheduled.

"Everything was great," said frosh Elizabeth Governale. "It was so good to see different people from different cultures come out and represent their ethnicity."

The Pipes and Drums Band started the show and it was followed by Polish, Greek, Spanish, French, Asian, and Indian performers as well as the Boys and Girls Step Teams.



The dance performances by various ethnic clubs in the Jack Curran Gym and an incredible array of international cuisine that was available in the Marsloe Gym and Cafeteria helped make Molloy's 30th Annual International Day a success. (Photos by Ben Joson)

"It was nerve-racking before going on stage," said frosh Joanna Pingol, who performed on stage. "Everyone was so worried about messing up. In the end, all was good and everyone did a great job."

For the first time in many years at International Day, the Irish Club performed a dance and the Indian Club included a West-Indian routine as part of its performance.

The clubs used different music and dances to portray the various cultures who are all part of Molloy.

"Some of the clubs practice for months on their performances," Ms. Loughran. "It gets a little competitive."

"All the performances were great," she said. "The Asian Club's dance with parasols was really beautiful."

At \$8 per adult and \$5 for students and children, the astounding cuisine and performances made the event a steal.

The event raised over \$4,000.

Ms. Loughran said it would not have gone as smoothly as it did without the planning and devotion of many people, including Mr. Luis Santos and Bro. Bob Andrews of the faculty, Mr. Charlie Flood and Mrs. Nancy Cattalanotto of the Alumni Office, teachers assistant Mrs. Debbie Vasaturo and students Ben Joson, Derek Sokolowski, Brian Yuska and alumni Andre Amorim and Jonathan Mangar.

Ms. Loughran thanked all the parents, students, and faculty who volunteered to help.





Ask Nav

Junior Navdep Kaur answers questions from Stanners about life at Archbishop Molloy High School

Q: I'm currently looking at different colleges in the northeast and am overwhelmed by all the options. Would any Molloy teachers recommend their own undergraduate colleges? -Confused Junior

A: Confused Junior, I know that many other juniors are in the same predicament considering the fact that there are over 4,500 colleges to choose from. Most juniors have had at least three rounds of college guidance and many are taking classes to prepare for standardized tests such as the SAT. They have become enthralled in what Ms. Mary Pat Gannon dubs "The College Game."

Many questions come to mind when trying to decide how to choose a college suitable for you, such as your academic interests, the school's location, campus life, tuition, as well as your chances of being accepted by that school. To better understand life as an undergrad, I surveyed a few Molloy teachers who attended a variety of colleges, ranging from fairly competitive to highly competitive.

Mrs. Adele Solari, was a math major as an undergrad at Hunter College, a CUNY school. Located on the Upper East Side just 20 blocks north of Midtown Manhattan, Hunter does not have a gated campus, but rather is a collection of tall buildings connected by glass-encased bridges with a dorm located far away downtown. Mrs. Solari rates her time there as a three out of five star experience because of the unstructured campus life but said, "It gave me easy access to Manhattan." With a tuition of around \$5,000 not including travel, food, and books, this CUNY is a definite contender for many Stanners.

Manhattan College, located in the Riverdale section of the Bronx, has a tuition of about \$22,000, cheaper than many private colleges across the country, with room and board at just under \$11,000. Mr. Eric Stolze, a biology major as a Manhattan undergrad, said, "Classes were small. Professors were excellent and were very invested in our education." He rated his overall experience at Manhattan College a four out of five. The campus offers scenic views of Van Cortlandt Park and is just 30 minutes away from midtown Manhattan by subway. The college offers a variety of opportunities in the field of scientific research such as Sigma Psi, a research society which Mr. Stolze joined during his undergraduate days. Mr. Stolze said 50 percent of the student body lives on campus, but most return home for the weekends.

Mr. Mike Harrison, a history major with a minor in political science, graduated from NYU, located in Manhattan's Greenwich Village, primarily near Washington Square Park. NYU lacks a traditional campus but both the students and faculty boast that all of New York City is their campus. Tuition, however, is around \$40,000, with another \$13,000 for room and board. Mr. Harrison commuted to NYU in only 45 minutes by subway, but NYU does offer a variety of dorms, several of which were built in recent years or are recently renovated apartment buildings or hotels. I have taken a tour of the campus, and feel that not only is the school one of America's finest, but it is also in a prime location for after-school entertainment. Mr. Harrison rates his overall experience at NYU and a four out of five stars and added that he graduated feeling "well-trained for grad school."

If you're looking for a college away from home, but still located in an urban setting, Boston University may be right for you. Mr. Michael Nadeau, a physics major, rates his overall experience a 4.7 out of five. BU's tuition is around \$38,000 with room and board being \$12,000. Though the cost is quite expensive, Mr. Nadeau adds that the campus is in "a nice section of the city" and the dorm food is "outstanding, a rare thing to find in colleges and universities." Most students live on campus and stay around on the weekends, and there are a variety of clubs and teams to join. Mr. Nadeau took part in many on-campus activities including the Broomball. "Think hockey without skates," he said.

If you decide to consider universities in the midwest, you might want to add Northwestern University to your list. Mr. Charley McKenna, a journalism major, graduated from NU in 1975 and gave his undergrad experience five stars out of five. The campus is located in suburban Evanston on the Chicago border on the shore of Lake Michigan. Tuition is about \$38,500 per year and room and board is about \$12,000. Mr. McKenna said the student body of 7,000 is "not too big or too small," and "weekends on campus are not dead at all." He said, "The best thing about NU is the highly motivated, very intelligent, talented students. You pay all that tuition money to be with great classmates."

No matter what colleges interest you, it's important to remember in your search for the "perfect college" to keep all of your options open and not get engrossed in only one college. Ask alumni here at Molloy about their experience and visit the campus before you decide to apply. Let the game begin.

If you have any questions about Molloy you would like answered, email them to thestanner@molloyhs.org

Letter to the Editor

After reading the editorial "Senior 'Privileges' Don't Measure Up" [March 2010], I have to ask the question: Do seniors even know what the word "privilege" means?

A "privilege" is a special advantage or immunity or benefit not enjoyed by all.

And in our society, privileges are usually earned.

This fact leads me to my second question: What have the seniors done to deserve even more privileges they than currently enjoy?

It is a privilege to be able to attend a high quality school and to receive a superior education in a country and world that is in a rapid decline.

It is a privilege to attend school only from 8:50 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. and have so many free periods that seniors have time to get all of their homework done in school so they can work, play sports, or just hang out with their friends after school without the thought of homework looming.

Seniors seem to forget that their "free periods" are not designed for them to just frivolously while away their time.

Molloy is a college prep school; these free periods are in seniors' schedules as time-management tools so that they can learn to use that time to work efficiently on their school work.

And by the way, these periods are not "free" in terms of financial cost.

This is a tuition-based school and seniors' parents, who are spending hard-earned money to send them here, presumably are doing so not for them to hang around the Senior Lounge

playing pool.

If seniors want to be treated more like the responsible leaders they are supposed to be, then they should start acting the part.

But that hasn't happened enough this year.

Here are a list of the examples that I have seen seniors have set for underclass students this year:

- * How to sleep in the Library.
- * How to be disruptive and poorly behaved during a fire drill.
- * How to copy homework.
- * How to join a club but never show up for a meeting.
- * How not to attend school events or show any school spirit.
- * How to rip the pockets off uniform shirts and draw yellow chalk lines on them.
- * How not turn in your Walk-a-thon money – which is ironic because some think it would be a good idea for Walk-a-thon money be used to update the Senior Lounge.

Seniors are complaining that being able to wear Senior Shirts for just one semester is not enough of a privilege.

Yet I have been encouraging the Class of 2010 since the beginning of its sophomore year to open a dialogue with the Administration about uniforms, to do research and to bring in options for the Administration to choose from.

Only two students have ever done anything in that regard.

Is this the type of leadership that deserves more privileges? ,

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Showing charitable spirit

By Graziella Ferrara '13

Many different activities and events that Stanners have come to know and love are taking place during Spirit Week 2010, ranging from the traditional game of Flag to the Battle of the Bands.

But one event that really stands out is the Haiti Relief Show, due to the fact that its charitable purpose is to help the people suffering from the aftermath of a devastating earthquake.

Ms. Liz Murdocca, the show's organizer, said a few days before the show, "We are looking to entertain the audience as well as foster school spirit. We would also like the audience and performers to feel a sense of satisfaction in coming together to do something good to help others."

Although admission to the show was free, donations were gladly accepted on the Haitians' behalf. The Campus Ministry will determine which is the best organization to which to donate. One option being considered is Catholic Relief Services.

The 90-minute Haiti Relief Show, which took place on Wednesday April 21 in the Jack Curran Gym, overflowed with amazing talent and school spirit.

For all those students who missed International Day on March 30, the

Haiti Relief show was a way to see some of what they missed as many of Molloy's cultural clubs performed.

Many other clubs made debut performances so the show was full of surprises.

The faculty performed as well but kept its plans a secret so as to surprise the students in attendance.

The group known as the "Sassy Senior Seven" showed off its amazing dancing skills that earned whistles and cheers from the crowd that saw them at the Senior vs. Faculty Basketball Game on March 28.

The Haiti Relief Show also featured two or three open mic performances.

The show concluded with an interactive dance between the audience and performers that hoped not only to be amusing but easy to do so all could join in the choreography and the fun.

The Haiti Relief Show couldn't have been done without the effort of many students and faculty who volunteered their time to do so.

Ms. Murdocca credited Student Council President Ben Joson, a senior, and Student Council Moderator Ms. Kathy Loughran, as just two of the many people who worked hard to make the show possible.

Battle of the Bands to differ from Rock Aid

By Karen Zhou '12

Ten bands will duel it out in the Battle of the Bands on Thursday April 22 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Jack Curran Gym as part of Spirit Week.

The winning band will be given 10 hours at Prime Time Sound Studio and the opportunity to record a professional-sounding demo CD.

The judges for the contest will be announced the day of the event.

Tickets for this event are \$5 and only Molloy students and alumni can attend.

Food and drinks for the show will be provided in the Cafeteria by CulinArt.

Mr. Glenn DaGrossa, the show's organizer, picked the final lineup, which includes the following bands: Children of the Healing Tree; The Departed; Midnight Conspiracy; Zoned Out; Chandler; Reset the Sky; Super Quiet Pac; Last Rites; Backfire; and Red Zone.

Mr. DaGrossa selected these bands based on how well they play and their musical styles.

"Each of the bands has a unique sound to it," Mr. DaGrossa said.

Each band will play for 15 minutes. Children of the Healing Tree, for example, will be able to play three songs in its time on stage.

Mr. DaGrossa said the Battle of the Bands will be very different from the Rock Aid shows he has staged in the past.

Unlike Rock Aid, the Battle of the Bands will not have video projections or as large a light show.

However, it will also use the school's sound system and have the same professional sound engineer, Mr. Tarik Solangi.

Mr. DaGrossa said, "I think this will be an amazing show and I hope everyone has a great time cheering on their favorite bands."

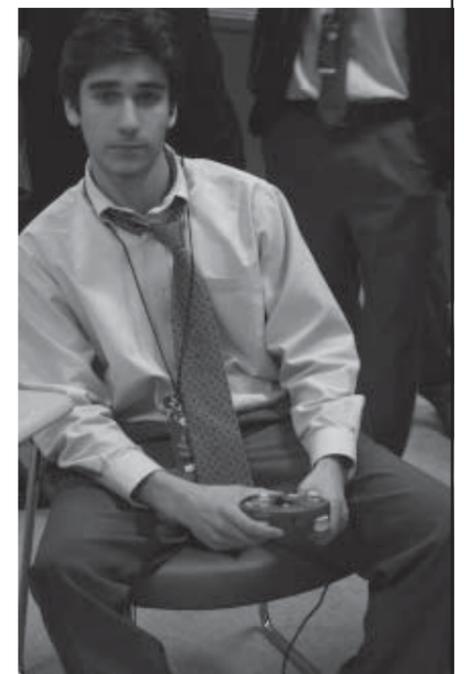
Junior Chris Vasile, the bassist for Children of the Healing Tree, says that his band has been practicing once a week for months to prepare for this show.

He is looking forward to getting the chance to "showcase our songs to our friends."



Gamers!

Derek Netto, right, was a winner in Molloy's Video Game Tournament last month that drew 100 competitors. Netto and Mark Santos won "Call of Duty." T.J. Darcy, Ryan Mosca and Brent McDonnell won "Rock Band." Josh Kuppamala won "Mario Brothers Brawl." (Photos by Ben Joson)



Chorus to sing Broadway show tunes

By Joe Estevez '12

This year's annual Junior-Senior Chorus Spring Concert in the Jack Curran Gym on Thursday April 29 will feature songs from Broadway and Off-Broadway musicals dating from the early 20th Century to the present day.

The chorus will sing new songs as well as some that have been performed in the past from shows such as "West Side Story," "Sweeney Todd," "Chess," and "The Fantasticks."

Frank Gentile, a senior baritone, said the Spring Concert's songs are challenging to perform, "and have a cool edginess to them that makes them fun and interesting."

Senior Grace Lisandrelli, a soprano, said that the songs she enjoys singing the most are songs from "Sweeney

Todd" and "West Side Story" because they are "very challenging, vocally."

Senior Louis Lamia, a baritone, said, "My favorite number to work on is from 'West Side Story.' It's a really challenging piece that may have been built to push the whole chorus to a limit."

Chorus Director Mr. Jim Sheehan said his goal in designing the concert was to strengthen the ability of the chorus while also challenging them.

Lisandrelli said that chorus rehearsals have gone "really well. We have a great chorus especially since the auditions were very competitive [this year] and there were only a few spots available."

The chorus has been rehearsing for this year's Spring Concert since early January.

Mr. Sheehan is also pleased with the

way the rehearsals have been going, despite losing a few sessions thanks to snow days that cancelled classes.

"It's all coming together now," said Mr. Sheehan. "All three sections are going well, as is the whole chorus collectively. The chorus is really focused and enthusiastic. Half the time we end up singing as we put our chairs away [at the end of rehearsal]."

Lisandrelli, Gentile and Lamia, who all will be soloists during the show, are excited about the upcoming concert.

"All our effort is really paying off," said Lamia. "It sounds awesome when it comes together."

The goal for the Junior-Senior Chorus in this year's Spring Concert is to "learn the music and have a good time," said Mr. Sheehan.

The soloists are:

"Always": Danielle Corpuz

"A Boy Like That/I Have Love": Jacqueline Cosse and Grace Lisandrelli

"Somewhere": Ginamarie Papia

"One Hand, One Heart": Gloria Ventura

"Try to Remember": Frank Gentile

"Everybody Step": Louis Lamia

"A Couple of Swells": Sarah Kohler and Despina Victory

"Someone Else's Story": Gabrielle Plaia

"I Feel Pretty": Alejandro Pena and Michael Maddalena

"Maria": Ben Joson

"America": Priscilla Velazquez and Christina Terborg

"Green Finch and Linnet Bird": Kathryn Christophorou

Spirit Week offers old & new

By Sameera Kassim '13 and Stephanie Jaipaul '13

Student Council planned more activities and competitions for Spirit Week 2010 this week in the hope that more students will become involved by participating in the majority of those activities.

Some of the new activities for this year include Dodgeball, the Haiti Relief Show, the Battle of the Bands, the Scavenger Hunt, and a Homeroom door decoration contest.

Some of the old standbys that return from previous Spirit Weeks are casual days and the Stanner all-time favorite, Flag.

Some of the new activities will be included in future Spirit Weeks, if students show interest in them, said Student Council Moderator Ms. Kathy Loughran.

Leading up to Spirit Week, students were asked to design posters and TV commercials to promote the event.

The winners of the advertizing contests were sophomore Melissa Gabriel for her TV commercial and senior Danielle Reddy (first prize) and sophomore Adrienne Zhou (second prize) for their posters. This year, there will be three dress down days — one more than last year — that each have their own theme.

The first had an international theme, with each student wearing colors representing their ancestors' country of origin.

The second casual day features a Molloy and Esopus spirit theme where students can wear Molloy or Esopus shirts or blue and white.

A third dress down day will be awarded on Friday only to the student in the grade that earns the most points by participating in all the activities held

during the week.

Student Council is working extremely hard to make this year's activities a huge success, said senior Ben Joson, the Student Council president, who gave credit to many faculty members and students for having a hand in planning this year's events.

Ms. Liz Murdocca, for example, was the driving force behind the Haitian Relief Show and Mr. Glenn DaGrossa organized the Battle of the Bands.

The Student Council submitted all its new ideas for Spirit Week to Assistant Principal for Students Mr. Ken Auer and Principal Bro. Thomas Schady.

Ms. Loughran gave credit to Bro. Thomas for being so open to trying new ideas.

Once the ideas were approved, the Spirit Infusion Committee was formed to carry them out.

In addition, Ms. Loughran, Mr. Brian Klimas, members of the National Honor Society and other clubs joined the effort.

Seniors such as Deirdre Quinlan and Kathryn Edwards gave up their time to help coordinate the activities.

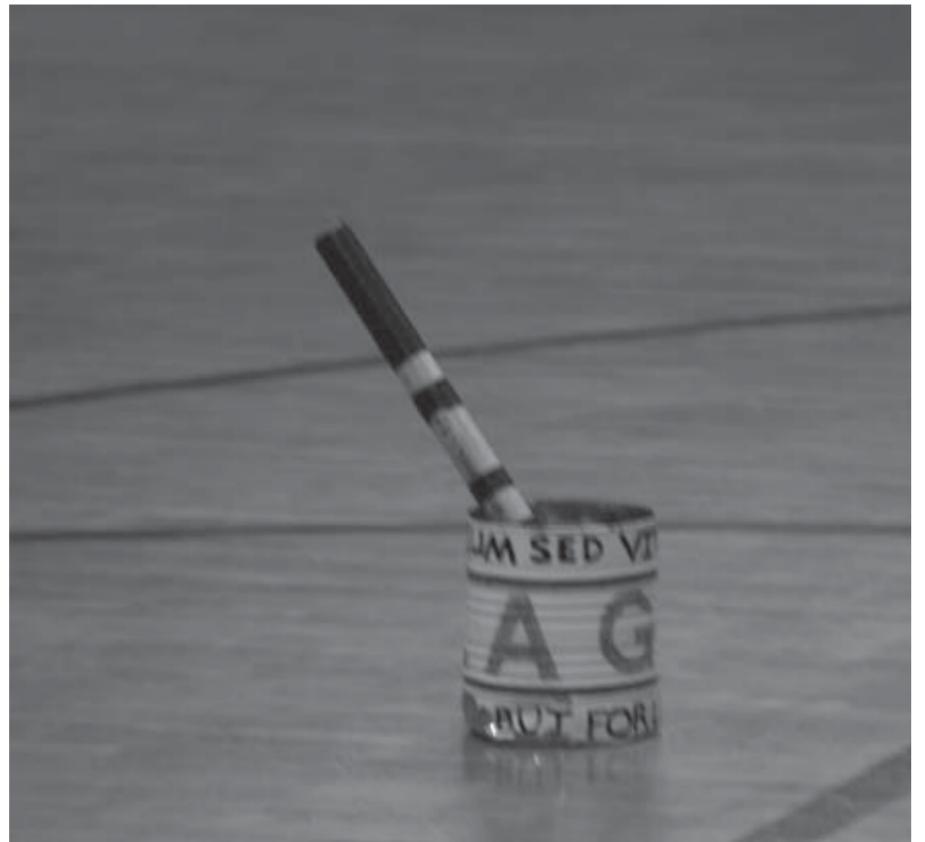
The goal for Spirit Week 2010 obviously is to bring out the Stanner Spirit.

But Student Council also hoped to inspire students to display their creativity and talent by participating in Spirit Week's activities.

Joson said he thinks Stanners probably will get more involved in the sports-related activities but he hopes the new features also will be a success.

He hopes that students had been looking forward to Spirit Week because it would mean that it has become a somewhat major event at Molloy.

Senior Rabeena Khan said, "Spirit week is always enjoyable."



Flag has always been a big part of Spirit Week (File photo)

She enjoyed the idea of getting to represent her family's country as part of a casual day, calling the week's dress down days some of the best school days of the year.

"It's great to be able to step up your Stanner swag for a couple of days," she said.

Asked if she would participate in any of the new activities, Khan replied, "It all depends on my friends, but I hope to get involved in a few of them. After all, it is my last year here, so hopefully that'll prompt me to show more school spirit."

Spirit Week 2010 was scheduled for this week rather than last month as in years past because there were many activities held in March this year and Student Council thought it would be best to save Spirit Week for April.

Spirit Week Schedule:

Monday: Bake sale to benefit Haiti and Chile earthquake victims; Dodgeball tournament at 2:15 p.m. in the Jack Curran Gym.

Tuesday: Casual Day (International theme); Homeroom Door Contest winners announced; Scavenger Hunt at 2 p.m.; Flag in the Jack Curran Gym at 2:25 p.m.

Wednesday: Casual Day (Molloy or Esopus theme); Haiti Relief Show in Jack Curran Gym at 2:30 p.m..

Thursday: Earth Day "An Auer of No Power;" Battle of the Bands Concert at 2:30 p.m. in Jack Curran Gym.

Friday: Bake Sale to benefit St. Jude's Children's Hospital; Casual Day for grade with highest point total from the week's events.

Juniors put a ring on it & show off their new bling



Juniors show off their class rings at the reception after the Junior Ring Ceremony March 16 in the Jack Curran Gym. (Photos by Ben Joson)

Stanners go to Europe

See London, Paris, Berlin, Copenhagen, Amsterdam, Rome, Florence, Venice

Molloy students had the choice of three different European trips during Easter vacation. They could go to England and France with Mr. Jim Sheldon or to Italy with Mrs. Palmina Dionisi or to Germany, Denmark and the Netherlands with Mr. Chris Dougherty. From the looks of things in these photographs from all three trips, Stanners had a very good time as they experienced life in different cultures. Senior Melanie Dostis, whose favorite experience on her northern European trip was visiting the canal city of Amsterdam in the Netherlands, said, "I had the time of my life!" (Photos courtesy of Alyssa Oliveras, Gabrielle Plaia and Jacqueline Cosse)



Shakespearian Grace at fest

By **Stephanie Bonanno '13** and **Jaclyn Eng '13**

Senior Grace Lisandrelli was judged to be the winner of the Drama and Improvisation Club's Second Annual Shakespeare Festival and Monologue Contest in the Theatre after school on March 13.

Lisandrelli performed as Lady Macbeth from the play "Macbeth."

"In my skit, Lady Macbeth gets a letter from her husband about the prophecy where he becomes a king of Scotland," Lisandrelli explained. "She summons spirits to kill the current king

so her husband can claim the throne."

Lisandrelli was thrilled with her achievement.

"I was shocked when I was announced as the first place winner because everyone did so well I couldn't imagine how they made the decision," she said.

Second place went to sophomore Tiffany McCue who performed as Lady Anne from "Richard III."

"I chose Lady Anne because she displayed intense emotion and it was a challenge to perform," said McCue.

Both Lisandrelli and McCue agreed

that the language was the most difficult thing to master and understand.

Third Place went to sophomore Timothy Frenzel, who performed as Bottom from "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

The festival was organized by English teacher Ms. Mary Ann Safrey, the moderator whose club transformed the Theater into a Renaissance-themed environment for the day.

Twelve monologues were performed by sophomores, juniors, and seniors.

Twenty other students performed various skits and helped with ushering

the audience into the Theater.

The monologue contestants had to memorize and perform a 20-line speech by a Shakespearean character that best suited their acting skills.

The contestants had to learn the context of their speeches and figure out how the words, thoughts, and feelings of the monologue fit into the scene.

Each student spent about an hour studying the speech and many more hours practicing on stage and in class.

Ms. Safrey said she was "stunned that younger students could learn the Renaissance language."

Some skits consisted of interaction with the audience.

Two seniors, Louis Lamia and Frank Gentile, helped with both judging the contest and the music.

They also played the parts of Renaissance hecklers who made fun of the actors, as hecklers did at the Globe Theater in Shakespeare's time.

Music teacher Mr. Glenn DaGrossa played Renaissance music throughout the show.

The judges of the monologue contest were Mr. Ted McGuinness, Mr. Brian Kelly, and Carmen Palaez, a guest judge who performed a monologue herself.

They judged the contestants on their understanding of text and character, oral presentation, physical performance, command of stage and use of space, pacing of performance, focus and concentration.

The Shakespeare Festival was a great success and enjoyed by a great audience, Ms. Safrey said.

"The performances were mature and well-rehearsed. I was able to sit back, relax, and enjoy the contest!" said Ms. Safrey.



Members of the Drama and Improvisational Club take a bow after performing in the club's Second Annual Shakespeare Festival and Monologue Contest in the Theater on March 13. Senior Grace Lisandrelli, as Lady Macbeth, was the winner of the contest. (Photo by Ben Joson)

Stanners enjoy Lantern's first Easter Egg Hunt

Plastic Easter eggs, filled with fragments of Bible verses and hidden on the front lawn of the school, were the goal of these hunters, junior Catherine Mulvihill, senior Stephen Finn and junior Gina Galizia, taking part in The Lantern's pre-Easter meeting in the Chapel. After finding the color coded eggs, The Lantern members put together the various verses which were used to spark the group's conversations that day. (Photo by Ben Joson)



Sci-Olympians win state silver medal

By Camille Dwyer '10

The Science Olympiad Team returned to the New York State Championship Meet at West Point for the first time in three years on March 19-20 and placed 32nd out of the 54 teams who qualified for the competition.

The Stanners were thrilled to finish one place ahead of Townsend Harris High School, which placed 33rd.

Townsend Harris had finished one place ahead of Molloy in the New York City Championships on Feb. 6 when Stuyvesant finished first, Harris second and Molloy third.

Mr. DeMarco admits it was very satisfying to beat its Queens rival.

"The competition is extremely tough at the states," said Mr. DeMarco. "One example is that Stuyvesant High School, which placed first in the city meet, only placed 14th in states."

From the 25 events that Stanners competed in at the state meet, Molloy won one individual medal.

The team of senior Paul Bakoyiannis and frosh Joseph Ingrassia finished second in the Remote Sensing event.

The last time a Stanner earned an individual medal at the state meet was in 2000.

Molloy has qualified for the state meet 19 times in the past 24 years.

Of the 615 high schools that participate in Science Olympiad in New York State, only 54 qualify for the state meet.

Molloy also was one of just four Catholic schools to qualify for the meet along with Kellenberg Memorial (6th), Chaminade (12th) and St. Joseph Collegiate Institute (17th).

The team of 15 students and two moderators, Mr. Mike DeMarco and Mr. Michael Nadeau, did not stay in the West Point area for the meet but instead left Molloy at 9 a.m. on March 19 and 5 a.m. on March 20 to commute to the meet and didn't return to school until 9 p.m. each night.

The 2010 state champion was upstate's Fayetteville Manlius High School with 153 points followed by Long Island's Ward Melville with 197. Both qualified for the national meet.

Like in the sport of cross country



Joe Ingrassia and Paul Bakoyiannis are silver medalists. (Photo by Chris Hwu)

running, in Science Olympiad the team with the fewest points wins.

Mr. DeMarco's goals for the team this season were to qualify for the state meet and to bring home at least one individual medal and he is happy the team met those goals.

"The team did their best and had fun," he said. "I'm satisfied."

Since seven seniors — Bakoyiannis, Frank Gentile, Chris Hwu, Augustin Joseph, Louis Lamia, Justin Ly, and Susan Zheng — are leaving this year, Mr. DeMarco will be searching for "seven bright young minds," to fill up the team next year.

Tryouts for the 2011 Science Olympiad team will be in October.

Online courses for seniors next year

By Ruthba Ahmed '13

Eighteen online courses, which will count toward Archbishop Molloy's graduation requirements, are being offered to some seniors next year, the first time online courses have been offered by the school.

Seniors seeking to take more than five in-school credits or senior peer group leaders seeking to take more than 4.5 are eligible to take online courses.

Assistant Principal Sister Elizabeth Bickar said that these online courses are meant to help prepare members of the Class of 2011 for college.

"Students will need to work with online courses during their college years," Sister Elizabeth said. "These classes are meant to serve as a preparation for that."

Some of the 18 online courses that seniors could choose from include: Art, Photography, Folklore and Literature, Bio Ethics, DNA Technology, Oceanography, Pre-Veterinary Medicine, Philosophy, Holocaust, Vietnam War and Engineering.

The Virtual High School in Maynard, Mass., moderates this online course program.

The online courses are available for the first 30 eligible students who sign up for enrollment.

"This is a first come, first served policy," Sr. Elizabeth said.

Students will work on their online courses on their own time.

A class period will be set aside for each student to complete a course session on the computers in the school Library during free periods.

Online course sessions can also be done at home as well.

Sr. Elizabeth wants to continue offering online courses to the Classes of 2012 and 2013.

"Hopefully, these online courses will expand in the coming years," Sr. Elizabeth said. "We'll see how it works out when the time comes next year."

The benefit of taking an online course, Sister Elizabeth said, is "it offers subjects that aren't given at Molloy. Most importantly these courses are meant to broaden the horizons of our students. It should also serve as an enjoyable experience for the students."

Junior Sebastian Altomarin said, "I would be interested in taking an online course; however, it would depend on the course options that the program offers."

Altomarin believes that there are advantages of taking an online course versus taking a regular course in a classroom full of other students.

"Online courses are much simpler to handle on your own time due to their flexibility," he said, "since you can complete a session at your own convenience."

Although he sees advantages of taking an online course, Altomarin feels it would be more of a challenge to take an online course since he would be doing it on his own.

"It would be harder to take a class all by yourself because you wouldn't have a teacher and his/her experience to guide you throughout the course," said Altomarin.

Sr. Elizabeth will be happy to answer

any questions or concerns juniors may have about the online courses and they

can see her in her office in the General Office.

Literary magazine will come 'Out of the Box' in the month of May

By Ada Radamis '12 and Victoria Tan '12

The annual issue of Molloy's literary magazine, "Out of the Box," will be published for 2010 in May.

After senior Editor-in-Chief Kristine Juntura and her staff worked on it for months, Moderator Mr. Matt Kilkelly said he thought this year's issue will be "just as good, if not better" than in years past.

The magazine's cover design has not been chosen yet because submissions are still being reviewed and Mr. Kilkelly is still looking for more submissions for poetry and short stories.

Some of the writers and artists who will be published in this issue and who have impressed Mr. Kilkelly are seniors Juntura, Matt Garcia and Andrea Martinez, sophomores Anna Oldakowski, Freddy Francois and Rosemarie Mulligan.

Mulligan, who has been involved with the magazine since ninth grade, illustrated Francois' works.

"I have put a lot of time and effort in my art for 'Out of the Box' and I am really looking forward to seeing my work published," said Mulligan, who has drawn panther eyes and a rose to accompany Francois's poem "The Panther."

Francois said, "Lit Mag has made me the writer I am now because it gives me inspiration when I can't find any and I am so comfortable in the room during the meetings because I'm in a great environment to start writing."

"Lit Mag is like a family to me with Mr. Kilkelly as the adult figure and Kristine Juntura as the mother. They provide us with a great place to open our minds to writing and art," Francois said.

Francois will publish some untitled works along with "The Panther."

Mr. Kilkelly would like it if more students would join "Out of the Box" and send their submissions for next year's Lit Mag, which gives Stanners a chance to express their talents and get their work published.

Seniors edge faculty by three points

By Karla Hernandez '12 and Adrienne Zhou '12

Despite Mr. Brian Klimas talking smack over the public address system in the week leading up to the game, the faculty went down to defeat in the annual Seniors vs. Faculty Basketball Game in the Jack Curran Gym on Friday March 26.

Led by Bobby Figliolia, Andrew "A-Rich" Richardson, and Danielle Corpuz, the seniors won 69-66.

Over 550 tickets were sold to the event, which was 220 more than expected, and over \$1,000 was raised to be donated to a charity yet to be named.

The large crowd cheered the seniors to their second victory of the year in the four-sport challenge series.

"I've never had that many people yell my name and cheer me on," said Corpuz. "The Senior-Faculty game will always be one of the greatest moments I've had as a senior at Molloy."

Although the atmosphere was competitive, the faculty remained supportive of the seniors.

"It's funny being the villain, so to speak, but I have to say we truly love the spirit [shown by students attending the game] and it's more important - and it just feels right - to have the seniors getting the vast majority of the cheers," said Mr. Chris Dougherty, who organized the event and wore spiffy, futuristic goggles to play alongside faculty members such as Mr. Brian Kelly, Mr. Mark Verdi and Mr. Don Mooney.

Mr. Ed Shannon kept the faculty in



Senior Elise Lontos fires up her teammates in the huddle during a timeout. (Photo by Ben Joson)

the game by being his team's leading scorer.

Corpuz was the seniors' secret weapon as she made several shots during the game.

"It was a friendly, competitive game," she said. "There was a lot of rivalry, but we had respect for the teachers."

The Dance Team, the Step Team, and the Sassy Senior Six all gave crowd-pleasing performances to get everyone pumped up before the game and at halftime.

After the game, a Sock-Hop was held in the gym with alumnus John Tanico

sewing as the DJ.

"So many students worked hard on the game with ticket sales, team coordination and more," said Mr. Dougherty, who singled out seniors Rosie Garlan, Lauren Dougherty, Elise Lontos and Richardson for the work they did helping out.

Faculty members, including Mr. Kelly (concessions, set up & clean up), Mr. Shannon (head Supervisor of the evening), Mr. Steve Borhi (DJ & scorekeeper's table coordination), Mr. Jim Sheldon (head official), Mr. Jeff Gallagher (trouble shooter), along with

members of the Alumni Office, Mr. Charley Flood and Mrs. Nancy Catalanatto (front door and ticket sales), all volunteered their time to make the evening spirited and successful, Mr. Dougherty said.

Overall, the night was an enjoyable and exciting expression of student-faculty camaraderie and raised a lot of school spirit.

"Other than our loss, I was thrilled!" Mr. Dougherty said. "In all seriousness, to see the kids have that good of a time, in such a spirited fashion, always makes me smile."



Seniors show team unity as they prepare to face the faculty. (Photo by Ben Joson)



Seniors Shant Kizakian and Chris Paulino came out to support their classmates against the faculty. (Photo by Manpreet Kaur)

Woods & relay team set girls school track records

Sophomore Kathleen Woods set a Molloy Girls Varsity outdoor record of 5 minutes, 1.9 seconds for the 1,500-meter run at the Iona Invitational Track and Field Meet on April 5 at Iona Prep in New Rochelle.

Stanners set another Girls Varsity record five days later when Agata Michalak, Tonika Forrester, Rovena Pjetergjoka, and Woods ran a time of 13:22.6 to win the distance medley relay at the Mount Relays at Mount St.

Michael's High School in the Bronx on April 10.

Other medal winners at the Mount Relays were: the second place Girls Frosh 4x800 relay team of Louise Pajo, Samaria Filosa, Patricia Dorgler and Kelly Michalak; the fourth place Varsity 4x800 meter relay of Paulina Stefanowski, Teresa Governale, Lauen Conter and Gabrielle Rosato; and the fifth place Varsity 4x100 relay of Tiana Salas-Ali, Nicole Kelly, Stephanie Rey

and Sabrina Spataro.

The Boys Frosh and Sophomore teams both finished second at the Fordham Prep Invitational on April 13 in Pelham Bay Park in the Bronx.

Darren James, who won the 200-meters in 24.90 seconds, and Molloy's 4x100-meter relay team, which won in 51.90 seconds, were the gold medalists for the frosh, who scored 32 points, 19 behind first place Fordham Prep.

Lorenzo Laing, who won the 200-

meters in 25.3 seconds, and Pat McGibbon, who put the shot 39-feet, were the gold medalists for the sophomores, who scored 36 points, 17 points behind first place Fordham Prep.

The Varsity Boys, meanwhile, finished in sixth place, with 12 points. Mount St. Michael won with 45.

Senior Nick Merckling was the Varsity's best performer at the meet, finishing second in the 200-meters in 26.8 seconds.