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Rock Aid picks four

By Joseph Marvilli

Eleven bands from the Archbishop Molloy student body performed in a "Battle of the Bands" audition on December 1 in the theater to earn one of four spots on the bill for Molloy's annual Rock Aid concert, said the event's organizer, Mr. Glenn DaGrossa.

Five judges, Mr. DaGrossa, Mr. Eric Stolze, Mr. Chris Dougherty, and seniors Jill Santos and Jackie Sino chose the four winners: Ponies For Strangers, who also played in last year's concert, Generica, Zespol, and 1, 2, Ehm.

Second Nature, The Hermaprodital Watermelons, and Red Note will compete in January to break the three-way tie between them for fifth place.

The 11 bands who performed two songs each in front of the judges in performances closed to the public to avoid making the bands nervous were: Red Note, Zespol, 1, 2, EHM, Penelope Pitstop, Generica, Ponies For Strangers, Churchill Downs, Second Nature, Cruise Control, The Hermaprodital Watermelons, and The Occasional Peaches. The

winning band will get 45 minutes of stage time at the Rock Aid concert in March, while the other three bands will get 30 minutes. The other six bands can work as part of the backstage crew and try again next year, said Mr. DaGrossa.

Rock Aid, a charity concert that will raise money for Hurricane Katrina victims that will be distributed through Molloy's Campus Ministry office, gives bands an opportunity to show to perform in public and show their personality, said Mr. DaGrossa.

Last year's concert raised around \$3,000 for the tsunami victims in Southeast Asia.

Ponies For Strangers features seniors Pierce Lydon as lead singer, Kevin McAuley on lead



Ponies for Strangers, Hunter Lydon, Lana Balasic, Pierce Lydon, Kevin McAuley, won Molloy's Battle of the Bands. (Photo by: Fernando Ortiz)

guitar, Lana Balasic on bass, Jaime Spataro on drums and sophomore Hunter Lydon on rhythm guitar.

The band, which has been together for 13

months, played at its audition "Cute Without the E" by Taking Back Sunday and "Bleed America" by Jimmy Eat World. Lydon said the band, which has played at

several music venues in New York City such as The Red Zone and The Barney Stone, has many musical influences including Taking Back Sunday and Green Day.

Band, choir perform at Christmas concert

By J. A. Dagandan

Molloy's band, led by Mr. Gregory Leonardo, and choir, led by Mr. Jim Sheehan, will perform in the annual Christmas Concert in the Jack Curran Gym for a student assembly on December 14 and for the general public the following

night at 7:30pm. "This concert will surely bring in the Christmas spirit to all," said Mr. Leonardo.

The band's clarinet section will receive special attention, playing the song, "Christmas For Clarinets."

The band also will play Christmas carols such as "The Most Wonderful Time Of The Year" and "Let It Snow."

Mr. Sheehan added to the choir's program a contemporary arrangement blending the

traditional carol "Silent Night" with the modern "Night of Silence."

The \$7 cost for a ticket marked the first time in 15 years the admission price for the Christmas Concert was raised, Mr. Sheehan said.

Molloy needs more dress down days

Dress down days are something that Molloy students crave. Who wouldn't relish the day they can wake up, pass the uncomfortable starched dress shirts and pull on a well worn and broken in t-shirt? The moment when you realize you won't have to freeze in your school skirt or worry about the possibility of doing a Marilyn Monroe impersonation over the subway grates at the train station is one of pure bliss.

But dress down days are more than just an excuse to stay warm. For every student that participates in the dress down day, one dollar is donated directly to the mission collection. A single dress down day donates close to \$1,600 to a worthy cause.

Dress down days have been proven to have

benefits in American society today. In an Advertising Specialty Industry (ASI) study on dress down days, 81% of those surveyed claimed they had higher morale, 51% found they did their best work while dressed down and 57% claimed that they had better relationships with their coworkers.

While Molloy prides itself on keeping a business atmosphere, 90% of all businesses in the United States have some form of dress down days, often called "Casual Fridays," and 33% of the businesses in our country do not have a dress code at all.

So why have dress down days become such a rarity at Stanner High?

Rumors have been

circulating that Assistant Principal Mr. James Lembo determines the number of dress down days depending on the number of dress code violations during the year but Mr. Lembo says that isn't true.

"Dress down days depend on student cooperation and on how closely they adhere to the published rules," Mr. Lembo said. "Student Council brings a proposal to me. I then bring it to the administration and it is decided from there."

So why only one dress down day last year?

Student Council President A.J. Magali said that last year Student Council and the Student Activities Committee (SAC) tried to organize a school spirit week where

there would be additional dress down days but plans fell through and school spirit week never materialized.

This year the outlook on dress down days is brighter. One is already scheduled for December 13th and Student Council is making plans for four more. But will these plans fall apart as they did last year?

It serves no purpose to pass the blame for a dearth

of dress down days from Mr. Lembo to Student Council to SAC. There needs to be increased cooperation between the various groups instrumental in facilitating dress down days for the benefit of not only the student morale, but the worthwhile causes these days support.

— *Kim Seiler*

The fate of Molloy dances is up to the Molloy student body

Archbishop Molloy has many events that most students look forward to such as the Walk-a-thon and Rock Aid. However, one important school event does not appear on the school calendar, leading students to ask, "Whatever happened to Molloy's school dances?"

Two years ago there were just two school dances and last year the total number of Molloy dances was a whopping zero because not enough tickets were sold to the one dance SAC tried to hold.

So some students asked that the school-sponsored dances return to Molloy this year, and their request has been granted. Mr. Ken Auer and SAC scheduled a Molloy dance for Friday Dec. 16.

In the past, many Stanners did not go to Molloy dances because the school forbids students from other schools to attend. Mr. Auer believes students from other schools could cause trouble at Molloy; therefore, he said, "I think that it is a good rule. Safety first."

Mr. Auer thinks many Stanners don't go to dances because, "students now have more places to go than school such as teen [night] clubs and the like. I am sure some students do not think it's cool to go to dances. They won't know until they do go."

So what could possibly make this dance appealing to the student body?

Mr. Auer says that at the Dec. 16 dance party, "there will be food, drink, and a rumor about having karaoke."



Illustration by Michael Zecca

Although this may be a different kind of Molloy dance, the dress code will remain intact. "The school is not a dance club," said Mr. Auer. "Of course have fun, but respect this school."

If this dance is a success, Mr. Auer hinted there may be more dances this year.

So will it be a success or just another step toward

the permanent non-existence of Molloy dances? We will find out Dec. 16.

Hopefully, it will succeed so we can redeem Molloy from its lack of dancing spirit.

— *Mary Perez*

Drama director named

By Julia Dobrowolski

Mr. Kevin Schwab, who as a Stanner frosh 10 years ago was too nervous to audition for the school play, has returned to Archbishop Molloy High School this year as the new Drama Club director.

Mr. Schwab, Class of 1999, met with 84 students at the first Drama Club meeting including some of the stars from last year's production of "Harvey": seniors Ed Harley, Alison Laird, Kevin McAuley, Sarah Tansey, and sophomore Mary Kate Schwerdt.

"It was a wonderful and exciting sight to see so many people interested in being in the Drama Club," said Mr. Schwab, who believes the veteran performers will be able to help the less experienced actors.

The Drama Club usually meets Fridays at 3:15 p.m. in the theater and new members are welcome. So far meetings have consisted of learning about drama and playing improvisational games based on a script.

The play to be staged in April or May has not been decided on yet, but Mr. Schwab is leaning toward selecting a musical. Auditions will be held in January in the theater.

Mr. Schwab said that as a Molloy freshman, "I was too nervous to audition for anything," but worked up the nerve

as a sophomore to join the technical backstage crew.

The Molloy Drama Club ceased to exist during his junior and senior years so he auditioned for roles at The Mary Louis Academy, playing a munchkin in "The Wizard of Oz" and Daddy Warbucks, one of the leading roles in "Annie."

Mr. Schwab shaved his head to look the part of Little Orphan Annie's father and, as a result, received a week's detention at Molloy for violating the school dress code.

"It was worth it," Mr. Schwab said, "because it helped me as an actor and it helped the whole show."

Mr. Schwab went on to major in drama at Queens College where he directed the musical "Godspell" along with several one-act and student-written plays.

Currently, Mr. Schwab, who is an English Teacher at Bryant High School in Long Island City, is directing "Sunshine Boys" by Neil Simon at a local community theater.

"It's great to be back at Molloy," said Mr. Schwab. "I absolutely love it."

"My goal is for everyone to have fun, get up on stage and find their voice. Being on stage can make you into a star."



Drama Club members Alison Laird, Angela Cerbone, Sarah Tansey, Kevin McAuley, and Ed Harley discuss plans for their next production. (Photo by Fernando Ortiz)

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The Stanner seeks additional student input for January issue

The editors of The Stanner are always looking for interesting facts about the Molloy student body. If you are involved in interesting activities inside or outside of school, The Stanner may be interested in you. If you are a CYO coach, or make movies on your spare time let us know what you're doing. The Stanner would also be interested in letters to the editor. All information can be submitted to Mr. McKenna in room 217.

Girls dominate Principal's List 60-18

By Christina Auriemma

Twenty-one seniors, 19 juniors, 14 sophomores and 24 frosh earned a place on the Principal's List for the first marking period of the 2005-06 school year.

The Principal's List is Molloy's highest academic honor reserved for students with a 99 or better vertical average.

Girls dominated the lists in all four classes as 19 of 21 seniors, 13 of 19 juniors, 10 of 14 sophomores, 18 of 24 frosh were female.

The 24 frosh were: Nicholas Chan; Sigrid DeGuzman; Angela Dumloa; Michelle Eichorst; Tara Gildea;

Julianne Keyes; Christopher Kosiewski; Stephanie Kotnik; Kristen Lasak; Christina Loccisano; Jonathan Mangar; Danielle Manzella; Karthik Nagalingam; Mary Napolitano; William Neubauer; Camilla Niedzwiedz; Angela Nolan; Nicholas Ponticelli; Nichole Ramirez; Adriana Rannazzisi; Darota Sawicki; Roxanne Torres; Audrey Tung; and Anastazja Wojnarowski.

The 14 sophomores were: Sean Crane; Gianninna Farkas; Laura Fontanills; Jenny Kochupurackal; Marcella Kocolatos; Dorina Lleshi; Stephen Maniscalco; Katherine Rodriguez; Megan Sattler; Ahana Sen; Jadwiga Stec; Patricia Urbanek; Sebastian Velez; and Melissa Wolf.

The 19 juniors were: Megan Boyle; Amanda



Seniors Michael Korczynski, Angeli Mae Lagasca, and Iwona Popkowski are three of the 21 seniors on the Principal's List. (Photo by Fernando Ortiz)

Brzozowski; Umer Hassan; Tina Kochupurackal; Stephen Kostel; Stephani Lopez; Sylwia Mackiewicz; Natalie Malikyan; Nicole Megale; Kelly Newton; Mary Perez; Monika Prokop; Daniel Rankel; Bryan Rodriguez; Ericka Rogawski;

Priam Saywack; Brittany Schieler; Patricia Sun.

The 21 seniors were: Dayana Azuaje; Brittany Bell; Victoria Chan; Kimberly Cirelli; Tori Dantonio; Josephine DeLuca; Kamini Doobay; Carmine Elvezio; Jaimie Fritz;

Fiona Jaramillo; Jennifer Jimenez; Michael Korczynski; Angeli Mae Lagasca; Christine Lewis; Kathlyn Gail Lugtu; Madlen Malinowski; Aliza Narine; Jacqueline Paulis; Olivia Perkowski; Iwona Popkowski; Christina Scelfo.

Senior class sets NHS record

By Kerry Hentrich

A record number of 133 Archbishop Molloy seniors were inducted into the National Honor Society in an evening ceremony in October in the Marsloe Gym.

Moderator Brian Kelly said the students from the Class of 2006, "embody scholarship, character, leadership and service" in addition to meeting the academic criteria of maintaining a 93 average for their first three years at Molloy.

Molloy President Mr. John Sherry began the ceremony by addressing the attending students and family members with Assistant Principal Mr. James Lembo serving as Master of Ceremonies. Assistant Principal Sr. Elizabeth Bickar read the names of the inductees

and the students received their NHS certificates.

Four different candles held by Molloy's elected NHS leaders were lit symbolizing the continuous torch of achievement passed on to the new members each year.

President Angeli Mae Lagasca lit the purple "leadership" candle, Vice President Edward Harley lit the gold "scholarship" candle, Secretary Jenna Gilligan lit the green "service" candle, and Susan Barnes, stepping in for Treasurer Christina Scelfo, lit the blue "character" candle.

Mr. Kelly said these inductees are the most challenging to supervise due to it being the largest group in Molloy history; however, it is most

enjoyable because of their spirit and service. He said NHS "fills in the gaps" for Molloy's service groups by aiding clubs in their endeavors and assisting at events such as the annual Coat Drive where NHS members helped out with advertising.

Lagasca urges Molloy underclassmen and women to aspire to NHS membership to continue the tradition of community service.

The following are the NHS members from the class of 2006:

Jocelyn Acosta; Loren Amor-Radovich; Alexis Andrei; Amanda Anselme; Salvatore Ascione; Nayla Atallah; John Attard; Daniel Auriemma; Dayana Azuaje; Cristina Balducci; Susan Barnes; Brittany Bell; Jenna Boggiano; Amanda Boggiano; Caterina Bondi; Thomas Burns; Inna Burshteyn; Lauren Calder; Victoria Chan; Kafi Charles;

Jennifer Chinchilla; Amy Choi; Kimberly Cirelli; Caitlin Clark; Kerri Conway; Kathleen Cooney; Tori Dantonio; Patrick Delargy; Josephine DeLuca; Kenya Desiste; Robert Diakun; Sharon Dindial; Jennifer Ditta; Julia Dobrowolski; Kamini Doobay; Elizabeth Dreyer;

Stephen Echeverri; Carmine Elvezio; Carina Falco; Travis Feretic; Monica Ferreira; Francis Finneran; Carolyn Flaherty; Theresa Flaherty; Jessica Galbo; Caroline Gallagher; Emilija Gaubaite; Nazeera Ghanie; Jenna Gilligan; Stephen Ginter; Valerie Gurzenda; Laura Hackimer; Bandara Hallawa; Jessica Hamel; Jessica Hanes; Edward Harley; Christina Heiser; Amanda Hubert; Lisa Iannotto; Fiona Jaramillo; Jennifer Jimenez; Simran Kaur; Aminta Kilawan; Elizabeth Koerber; Michael Korczynski; Matthew Kosiewska; Karen Koziorzebska; Gabrielle Kulesza; Eddie Kunkel;

Peter LaFranca; Angeli Mae Lagasca; Shanyna Lascano; Adam Lee; Alyson Lee; Oscar Leis; Christine Lewis; Matthew Linkus; Patricia Logar;

Kathlyn; Gail Lugtu; Monica Madalinski; Sebastian Malecki; Madlen Malinowski; Ellen Mansour; Emil Marquita; Krystian Masternak; Kristine Mazzo; Kevin McAuley; Christopher Miller; Tatiana Morales; Christine Morreale; Andrea Morscher; Mark Muchene; Aliza Narine;

Shannon O'Brien; Emily O'Kane; Natalia Olbinski;; Michael Ortiz; Mary Ann Osorio; Gina Pagano; Kimberly Pappas; Arth Patel; Jacqueline Paulis; Katy Peng; Olivia Perkowski; Jonathan Pflug; Frank Pizzo; Iwona Popkowski; Alex Rodriguez; Jonathan Rodriguez; Alexandria Russell;

Harjot Sandhu; Curt Sankar; Sara Scala; Joseph Scala, Jr.; Christina Scelfo; Julia Schramm; Neeti Sharma; Justin Shin; Joseph Silvestri; Dawn Slavinski; Christine Slusarski; Jamie Spataro; Marco Scrichareon; Robert Stefanski; Megan Sullivan; Kristin Suraci; Daniel Talmasov; Sarah Tansey; Rosemary Taveras; Lincy Thadathil; Joan Villacrucis; Christopher Weber; Shannon Winters; Danielle Zervos.

Dance team:

Dancers hope to repeat last year's success

By Christine Lewis

Hoping to repeat its successes of the past two years, which included first place finishes in various dance competitions, Moderator Ms. Liz Murdocca is looking for "hard work and consistency" from this year's Molloy Dance Team

Of the 48 girls who auditioned for a spot on this year's team, only 14 made the final cut: seniors Gabrielle Kulesza (Captain), Christian Scelfo, and Kerry Hentrech; juniors Alyssa Tallini, Marissa Nostramo, Alessandra Rannazzisi, Stephanie Riccardi, and Fran Cappitelli, sophomores Jennifer Locascio, Brittany Bieber, Angela Falco, and Justine Bello, and ninth grader Gabriella Scalzo.

Continuing to pave the way for dance at Molloy, the 2005-2006 Dance Team has a great deal to look forward to throughout this upcoming year.

The team finished first in both the jazz and lyrical dance categories at the Eastern Dance Association competition two years ago, and earned the first place trophy in jazz dancing and second place in lyrical at the Carmel High School competition last year.

The Dance Team also participated and performed at the C.W. Post Dance Convention last year.

"We will be doing lyrical, funk, modern, and some Broadway musical styles this year," said Ms. Murdocca.

Because Molloy has no official dance studio space, currently the team rehearses wherever it can, using the Bio Lab landing, hallways or classrooms — whatever is available that day.

Unfortunately, these surfaces were not created with dance in mind, and often prove slippery and dangerous to both the dancers and passersby.

"It's very, very difficult" Ms. Murdocca said.

The prospect of getting full-length rehearsal mirrors, supplied by dancer Riccardi's mother, will be a great asset to the team, providing them with a sense of unity that dancing together blindly cannot provide, Ms. Murdocca said.

The Dance Team, which for the first time will perform at varsity basketball games this year, will put on its second annual Christmas show in the Jack Curran Gym in December in collaboration with the Dance Club and other dancers from the ethnic clubs and the Step Squad.



Captain Gabrielle Kulesza, third from left, leads the dance team during a rehearsal on the second floor landing outside the biology lab. (Photo by Fernando Ortiz)

520 coats collected

By Denise Calma and Hendryx Silva

Archbishop Molloy's Campus Ministry recently completed its annual Coat Drive in November when a total of 520 coats were provided this year to the poor, which was the most coats donated in at least 10 years, said Campus Ministry Moderator Mr. Mike Germano.

The drive, which ran from October 27 through November 21, saw students both donate 410 used coats and contribute money to buy 110 new coats in order to help those in need of something warm to wear this winter.

The homeroom mission collections gathered an approximate total of \$1,900 with homerooms 1B, raising \$254.84, and 2F, raising \$199.70,

leading the fund-raising effort.

The 520 coats were donated to the Briarwood Shelter and a homeless shelter in Bushwick, Brooklyn.

"Compared to last year's coat drive," said Mr. Germano, "the efforts were slightly better, but there is still a lot of work that needs to be done bring our total higher."

Mr. Germano said the students who did the most to help make the coat drive a success included seniors Cristina Balducci, Stephen Echeverri, Samantha Jacobs, Michael Ortiz, and Kathleen Shevlin.

"Every year we do better with the results," said Mr. Germano, "but I think we can still do better."

Wen wins a place in a national competition

Junior Mary Catherine Wen became the first Stanner in history to qualify as a semifinalist in the prestigious Siemens-Westinghouse Science Competition in October thanks to her project on cell growth and proliferation on rubbery polymers.

Wen did her research for her study with Great Neck South High School senior Hilana Lewkowitz-Shpuntoff at SUNY-Stony Brook last summer.

The finals of the nation-wide competition were held Dec. 1-5.

Math League team is a calculated success

By Jillian Grogan

The Archbishop Molloy Math League began its four-meet competitive season last month against 30 schools by taking an exam in the theatre with a goal of becoming more successful in the league standings, said the team's moderator, and the results for the first meet were outstanding as the Varsity team reached a total of 347 points and the Junior Varsity team reached a total of 411 points.

Reaching the top 30 percentile in recent years,

Molloy's Math League team wants to improve on that performance, said Mrs. Adele Solari, the team's moderator.

The top five scorers in the first Varsity math meet of the year were seniors Jocelyn Acosta (80), Kevin McAuley (80), Christina Scelfo (67), Robert Treadwell (64) and Joseph Scala (56).

The top Junior Varsity performers were juniors Stephen Kostel (90), Elvin Ramos (90), Steve Montoni (80), sophomore

Keun Woo Kim (77), and juniors Christine McGrory (74) and Dan Edwards (74).

This year's team totals 50 seniors on Varsity, and 53 juniors, eight sophomores, and seven freshmen on Junior Varsity.

All types of math, including algebra, geometry, trigonometry, and pre-calculus are included on the tests. At each meet, ten multiple choice questions are answered in the working

time of 40 minutes with calculators permitted.

Just how hard are the tests taken by Math League?

Mrs. Solari said the tests are pretty difficult; however, she believes that they become easier as the Math League members become more experienced.

"The material isn't easier," said McAuley, a Varsity team member, "but after taking so many

tests and practice tests in the past, it becomes easier to answer the questions."

At the end of the meet, the five papers with the top scores are added together for the overall team school which is submitted to the League. When the results from all the competing schools are in, the team results are posted for the team members to see by Mrs. Solari.

Walk-a-thon pledges reach \$150,000 goal

By Emil Marquita

Archbishop Molloy High School raised about \$150,000 during its annual Walk-a-thon October 21 as Stanners walked 10 km (6.2 miles) through the neighborhood in shirts designed by sophomore Brianne Rosa in order to raise money to pay for school improvements that directly benefit the students, said Principal Bro. Roy George.

The Walk-a-thon has been a strong Molloy tradition and the money raised this year is approximately the same amount as previous years, Bro. Roy said, because the goal of obtaining \$70 per student has not changed.

The top student fundraiser was junior Michael Crane, who raised about

\$2,240. Crane's 3B homeroom ranked first in the school by raising about \$6,300.

The freshmen class raised the most money among the school's four grades, totaling \$47,000.

The money will be used to redo the sound systems in the Jack Curran Gym so it could be used by the Drama Club and for other

stage productions and to upgrade the library computers' research capabilities.

Because the school met its goal of \$70 per student, the Walk-a-thon holiday was scheduled for December 9.

"It has been a very successful Walk-a-thon," said Bro. Roy.

83 alums return to speak to Stanners at the first Career Day

By Kelly Ann Dolor

Archbishop Molloy High School added a new event, Career Day, to the school calendar in October when alumni, each with experience in a variety of careers, came to advise the juniors and seniors about possible career paths and college choices, said school president, Mr. John Sherry.

Career day was a half-day event as junior and seniors attended regular classes until 10:30 a.m. before meeting with alums after lunch. The day consisted of each student attending three lectures, each led by an alumnus with a different career, and concluded with an hour-long panel discussion in the gym.

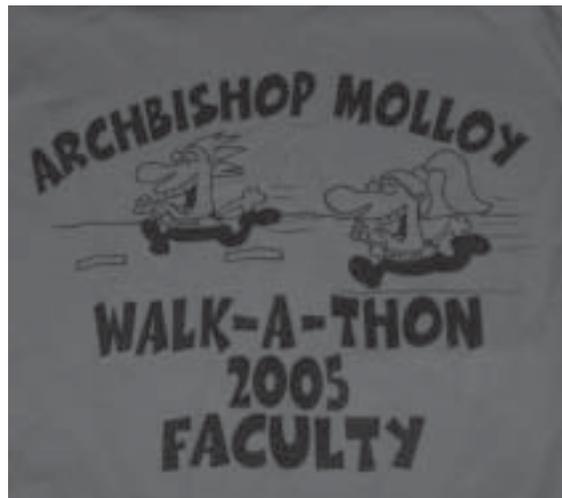
Mr. Sherry, who hopes that it will become an annual Molloy event, said Career Day, "allowed alumni to reestablish

their connection with the school."

Eighty-three Molloy alums, representing a total of thirty-one careers, helped make Career Day success, Mr. Sherry said, adding, "We received positive responses and are very pleased." Students had many positive responses, as well as some criticism.

"I feel that career day was helpful," says junior Stephanie Cavaliere, "but I wish we had more time to spend at the individual career lectures." This seemed to be a common complaint many students had about the day's proceedings.

Overall, students saw Career Day as successful opportunity for Molloy upperclassmen and women to explore different career paths prior to making decisions about college.



Bowlers are on a roll

By Nadine Rudolph

The Archbishop Molloy Varsity Bowling Team started the season with a perfect 14-0 record led by senior Anthony Silva (208 average), junior Richard Glinnen (197), senior Charles McMenemy (193), and sophomore Michael Romano (187), said Coach Vinny Leonardo.

In its 11-year history, Molloy's bowling

program has won seven varsity New York City championships and four junior varsity city titles and this year's undefeated team measures up to many of those great teams of the past.

"The teams have been close in talent in the last five years, except in 2002-2003 when we had our best team in our history," Coach Leonardo said.

"This year's team has a lot of potential. I'm hoping they will break out at playoff time."

The playoffs begin December 14 and Coach Leonardo said the competition is the best it has ever been in the last 11 years. Xaverian, Christ the King, McClancy, and St. Francis Prep are all around the same talent level and if the Stanners

are to win their eighth varsity city title, "they will have to focus, and not allow the little errors that can change momentum in a game to occur," Coach Leonardo said.

"When you make those errors, most teams go in for the kill. We have a lot of experience as a team in pressure situations. They will have to rise up to the occasion."

Boys Soccer

Overtime loss for JV

By Joseph Dujmovic

Molloy's Boys Junior Varsity Soccer Team came up just short of achieving its goal of the city title on November 5 when the Stanners lost 2-0 in overtime to Xaverian in a tight match that was scoreless at the end of regulation time.

Molloy's fans at Belson Stadium on the St. John's University campus donned AM gear, carried drums and cowbells and showed great support for the team.

Molloy had multiple chances to score during regulation time, but could not find the back of the net. However, in overtime, Molloy gave up two goals to lose the game.

Head Coach Adam Lipsky said, "We had a few unfortunate calls and

were still able to keep the game very close until the very end. Overall, the defense, starters and basically the entire team, gave 100%.

"It is very hard to clinch a City Championship and it is definitely a very tough game to approach," said Lipsky.

But as sophomore team member Pete Levantas, said, "It is a definite improvement from last season."

Molloy's Junior Varsity Soccer Team has only won two City Championships in history: 1981 and 1990. This year's team members, however, can still hold their heads up high because they are Brooklyn-Queens Champions with an overall record of 9-4-1.



Charles McMenemy and Anthony Silva led the bowling team to a 14-0 start. (Photo by F. Ortiz)

Boys varsity soccer loses to Holy Cross in city title match

By Marcos Baez

Molloy's Varsity Boys Soccer team tried to win its second straight city championship against Holy Cross at St. John's University in November but in a tough, well-played game Holy Cross defeated Molloy 1-0 by scoring on a shot that deflected off a Molloy defender.

"We worked hard to try to come back but we weren't able to capitalize on our opportunities,"

said senior midfielder Jorge Mora.

The team finished with a 11-2-1 record.

Senior goalie Chris Antonino said it was a difficult for the Stanners to defend their state championship because every game the Stanners received their opponent's best game.

"Everyone wants to go after the state champs to sort of measure themselves," Antonino said.

Perfect season falls 1 game short

By Caitlin Lawlor

Molloy's varsity volleyball team had its best season ever this year, going 17-0 in the regular season and then winning its first Diocesan Championship.

The Stanners defeated FontBonne Hall in the semi-finals and Bishop Kearney in the finals to advanced to the State Catholic Playoffs. That is where the Stanners super season came to an end as Molloy came in third place in the pool play after losing to St. Mary's of Buffalo and St. Anthony's of Long Island.

The top players for Molloy's first undefeated regular season team were outside hitters Angelina Waterman, a junior, and Kristin Dougherty, a senior, setter and outside hitter Moriah Kreppein, a junior, and setter Nicole Bagatta, a sophomore.

"Talented student athletes, a strong coaching staff and the dedication of both led to the success of this year's volleyball team," said Molloy Athletic Director Mr. Mike McCleary.

Girls finish third in x-country sectionals

Archbishop Molloy's girls varsity finished third in the Brooklyn/Queens Sectional Cross Country championship at Van Courtland Park in the Bronx October 30 due to the fact that three of its top five runners were injured and didn't compete, said Coach A.J. Power.

"But every girl that was not hurt ran her best time of the season," said Mr. Power.

Senior Christine Morreale led the way for Molloy over the 2.5 mile course, finishing in 17 minutes, 42 seconds, followed by junior Camille Ricciardi (17:51), junior Dominique Lawrence (18:25); sophomore Alison Brennan (18:36), and junior Christine McGrory (18:48).

Mr. Power said he was most impressed with Ricciardi's performance this season because she qualified for the state championships at the inter-sectional meet.

Saint Francis Prep was

first in the team competition with 36 points, followed by Bishop Kearney (63), and Molloy (65).

Molloy finished first in the girls junior varsity sectional competition by sweeping the top five places to earn a perfect score of 15 points. St. Francis Prep was a distant second with 49 points.

Senior Kim Pappas led the way for the JV with a time of 19:41 followed by sophomore Jessica Conter (19:42), senior Sabrina Fleming (19:43), junior Kelly Magee (19:52) and sophomore Heather Mitchell (19:58).

Meanwhile, Molloy's boys varsity finished third in the Brooklyn/Queens Sectional championships while the boys junior varsity finished first.

In the frosh competition, run over a 1.5 mile course, the girls finished first in Brooklyn/Queens while the boys finished second to Bishop Ford.

Additional reporting by Jennifer McCabe



Junior Camille Ricciardi was the Stanners only state qualifier. (Photo by Fernando Ortiz)

Girls tennis team goes 7-0 in inaugural varsity season

By Margaret Mrzyk and Natalie Malikyan

Archbishop Molloy's girls varsity tennis team went 7-0 in its first year of competition before losing in the city championship match to The Mary Louis Academy.

Junior Kelly Newton, first singles, frosh, Beatrice Izsak sophomore

Logan Vairo, at second and third singles juniors Nadine Rudolph and sophomore Jillian Grogan played first doubles, while senior Emilija Gaubaite and junior Kim Seiler played second doubles. Coach Hunter said the best improvement came from players like Newton and Rudolph.

Chess team prepares for opener

By Melissa Chien and Irene Tung

Archbishop Molloy's Chess Team will start its 2005-2006 season this month with a home match against Regis as the varsity, which last year finished third in league play, and the junior varsity, which came in fourth, both look to move up in the standings, said Coach Mike Harrison.

This year's varsity team will consist of senior Ryan Cammarata on first

board, junior Brian Schwab on second, sophomore Jonathan Rodriguez on third, and senior Mike Ortiz on fourth board with the fifth and final starting position still yet to be filled.

The junior varsity team only has two starting positions set with sophomores Eric Lee Paulo Talion on first and second boards respectively with the third, fourth and fifth board

positions still open with the probability that they will be filled by frosh or sophomores.

"This season will be a bit difficult, being that we lost four seniors [from last year's team], so everyone will have to step up," said Mr. Harrison, "but we are a good and hard working team."

The chess team's toughest opponent will be St. Francis Prep, who beat Molloy twice last year.