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1H is victorious over 1G by 2 points



Field Day Fun!

Andres Lezcano, top, leads Nicholas Calandrillo and Jordi Escorcia around the turn in a one lap relay race. Randolph Herbert, Melissa Fesler, Mark Parisi, and George Davis, above, line up to practice foul shots. Monika Nowak, left, was part of 1G's fourth place relay team. Victoria Goldbach, right, puts the shot in the Jack Curran Gym. (Photos by Derek Sokolowski)

By Melissa Beale '11 and Natalie Kurzyna, '11

Although this year's Frosh Field Day was held on Friday Sept. 26, the results were not announced to the school until Tuesday Sept. 30 due to the closeness of the competition.

Homeroom 1H was declared the winner with 48 points, just two points ahead of 1G, and 1A was third with 42 points. Both 1H and 1G were awarded plaques for their team efforts.

When Principal Bro. Roy George announced over the PA during homeroom period that 1H had won, "we started jumping up and down," said 1H team member Maegen Reed.

"Yeah," said 1H teammate James Reen, "it was pretty crazy."

Perhaps it should be no surprise that Mrs. Anne Lonergan's homeroom won the 2008 Frosh Field Day title, as her homeroom has won the competition seven out of the last nine years.

Yet Mrs. Lonergan said she was "kind of" surprised that her homeroom won this year.

The key to 1H's victory was, "the fact that we chose our students for each event wisely and that we entered everything," she said.

Bro. James Maher, who oversees the competition, allowed some athletes to

participate in two events to fill in for teammates who were absent and some of 1H's athletes were allowed to do this.

Homeroom 1G complained about this policy but Mrs. Lonergan thought the decision was fair.

"Yes," she said, "it was always the rule. I hope it doesn't change for next year."

Reen was surprised that "some kids took it so harshly" when 1H was announced as the winner.

Reed, who finished second in the high jump for 1H, was surprised that "people accused us of cheating."

Field Day is an event frosh will remember throughout their years at Molloy because it gave them a chance to meet other ninth graders and participate in an event of their choice.

Members of 1H enjoyed the day as much as their victory.

"It was amazing," said Reen.

Reed said, "I had tons of fun."

James Rogers said his favorite part of the day was "winning and Mrs. Lonergan's attitude."

Mrs. Lonergan said what she enjoyed most of all was "watching the kids have such a great time."

For complete results of Frosh Field Day, see page 7.



Molloy's Open House changes its look for 2008

By Melanie Dostis '10

Fall is the time for eighth graders to begin looking at high schools and prospective members of the Class of 2013 visited Molloy's Annual Open House on Sunday Oct. 19.

This year's Open House was not like the event that Molloy's current students saw when they visited Molloy in previous years.

"The major change is we will have both guided and unguided tours [for visitors], allowing for more flexibility," said Molloy President Mr. John Sherry.

Molloy's Open House was set up similar to a college fair.

Tables were arranged in the Jack Curran Gym for each academic department with teachers answering visitors' questions on various subjects.

"It's much more efficient and effective," said Mr. Sherry.

Mr. Sherry said that despite the changes made to Open House, the role of student guides is still extremely important.

"There would be no Open House without the students," he said.

The role of students working as guides changed slightly this year as they provided shorter tours that were more focused.

Things that remained the same for the Open House were the performances and the athletic presentations.

The Athletic Dept. presentations still took place in the Marsloe Gym but the venue for the Concert Band and Chorus changed.

"Band will now be performing in the Music Room instead of playing in the gym like we did last year," said junior

Camille Dwyer, who plays bass clarinet in band.

Mr. Sherry explained that Molloy's Open House presentation is reviewed every year and these changes were brought about due to suggestions made by teachers on modifications that could be done.

"We'll test the changes and see the effects," said Mr. Sherry. "We'll take a look at it and see if more modifications are needed, or else we'll continue it the same way for another year."

Arguing merits of McCain & Obama

McCain has experience to be president

John McCain has led a life of public service starting as a Navy pilot who spent time in the prison camps of North Vietnam to now as a U.S. senator in the halls of Washington.

Now in his fourth term representing Arizona, he is the Republican Party's candidate for president.

His opponent, Barack Obama of Illinois, served a mere 143 days while the U.S. Senate was in session before announcing his bid for the Democratic Party's nomination.

McCain's experience in Vietnam makes him the clear-cut choice to direct America's foreign policy because he has the skills to take over as Commander-in-Chief.

The war in Iraq is a major topic of dispute in this election. McCain understands that immediate withdrawal from Iraq would leave a power vacuum there for Al Qaeda to fill.

Furthermore, when Democrats wanted to cut and run in Iraq, McCain voiced support for a troop surge, which he argued would shift the balance of power away from terrorists.

Dems, GOP show that U.S. needs a third party candidate

Before you start to complain about Ralph Nader running for president again, realize that he represents the Green Party, which supports taking care of the environment, negotiating rather than waging war in foreign policy, and strictly regulating big business.

He's been around since the 1960s, campaigning for more government regulations to make us safe. He led the movement to require that all cars be equipped with airbags and seatbelts and fought for the establishment of the Clean Water Act and the Environmental Protection Agency.

Many people recall that Nader was blamed for causing Al Gore to fall five Electoral College votes short of beating George W. Bush in the 2000 presidential election.

Yet only 51.2% of eligible voters turned out for the 2000 election. Is it fair to say it's Nader's fault that Gore lost when 49.8% of registered voters didn't even bother to vote?

So now in 2008, Ralph Nader is back because we still need to hear some different approaches to the worsening

problems of the United States than what the Democrats and Republicans are offering us.

Nader wants to find new ways to free America from its oil addiction via wind and solar energy but not nuclear energy as proposed by Barack Obama and John McCain.

Nader would like to open up the presidential debates to third party candidates because now only the ideas of the two major parties can be heard. This would allow voters to hear more ideas for solutions to our problems.

You may not completely agree with Nader, but why be afraid to listen to him?

Even though he will never win an election, people should still give him credit for debating the issues and for having some new ideas.

Instead of just listening to the two parties who are responsible for many of America's problems, isn't it time for us to start listening to Nader and other third party candidates?

— Camille Dwyer '10

Obama is leader needed for difficult times



Illustration by Manuel Cordero

Some people say that Barack Obama lacks enough political experience to be president.

But does anyone running in this election have the right type of experience to be president?

No, because the only experience that can make someone a better president can only be obtained once he is in the Oval Office.

The only thing that we can look for in a candidate to judge whether or not he will make a good president is the ability to lead.

investment bankers on Wall St.

As we have seen in recent weeks, John McCain is no pawn of Wall St. He recognizes that the financial sector behaved in an irresponsible way, and that government action is needed to protect people's homes and pensions.

Obama's views on the economy, however, are misguided.

In the second presidential debate, Obama claimed that his spending cuts would more than offset the cost of his new programs. Many economists are skeptical of his claims.

Under an Obama administration, people making over \$250,000 a year who have worked hard and invested their savings would face higher taxes.

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Obama was a community organizer, a civil rights attorney and an Illinois State Senator before he was sworn in as a U.S. Senator on Jan. 4, 2005.

Some people are still going to say that Obama needs more experience in Washington but this is not true. Abraham Lincoln had no more experience before he became president than Obama has.

Lincoln was a lawyer, an Illinois State Senator and served one year in the U.S. Senate before he ran for president.

Some would call that a lack of experience but Lincoln was a great leader and became a great president.

Republicans say that Obama has the Senate's most liberal voting record but that is a subjective judgment because most liberals consider Obama a moderate.

Obama's voting record only seems liberal compared to John McCain, who voted with the Bush Administration 90% of the time.

Now that the country is entering "tough economic times," better known as a recession, whom are we going to elect?

Should we want four more years of a failed Republican leadership?

Or should we start trying to make the economy work for the average American to make her prosper?

McCain supports giving more tax breaks to the rich and has always

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Corrections:

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

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The date of Molloy's Junior-Senior College Night was incorrect in the story's headline. It was held Oct. 2.

Mr. Mark Lipset is the head of Molloy's Intramural Program. His name was omitted from the list of moderators.

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31 are installed as EM's

By Leslie Corona '09 and Staceyann Ramlochan '09

Thirty-one seniors were installed as Eucharistic Ministers at Molloy's Senior Liturgy in the Jack Curran Gym on Sept. 23, culminating a process that began last January.

Besides distributing the Eucharist at Molloy liturgies, ministers may choose

to set aside two hours a week to visit and distribute Holy Communion to the sick and elderly at five different area hospitals.

Senior Christina Damore joined because, "I just felt it was a really good experience to get more involved in school masses and to volunteer at the hospital."

She said she loved giving Holy Communion to her classmates at the liturgy and looks forward to her first hospital visitation and other duties.

For some ministers, this is their first Campus Ministry activity, while others have been active members working at the Briarwood Shelter, on mission collections and the annual Toy Drive.

Campus Ministry Director Mr. Mike Germano begins his recruitment process when students are juniors. He said the only requirement is that a student be a baptized Catholic.

In January, a personal note is sent to juniors who have expressed an interest in becoming Eucharistic Ministers.

Students who commit to the ministry must attend a workshop in May at The Mary Louis Academy where they learn how to perform their duties, such as visiting hospital patients.

"We practiced how to give the Eucharist and wine and what to read to them," said senior Nicole Velez. "There was a lot of praying and singing. It's three hours, but they go by fast."

After attending the workshop and being installed at the liturgy, seniors officially become Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, said Mr. Germano, and they can opt to continue as a minister even after high school through their local parish or hospitals.

Mr. Germano said that 31 is a very good number of ministers as there were only 20 in 2007-08. The best year for ministers was 2006-07 when there were 47.

Mr. Germano said he is, "very, very pleased with this year's class of Eucharistic Ministers. They seem very eager and willing to be a model of Christ."



Senior Katrinne Mariano carries the crucifix at the start of Molloy's Senior Liturgy in the Jack Curran Gym on Sept. 23. Mariano was one of 31 seniors to be installed as Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. (Photo by Bro. Roy George)

Obama is the winner in online poll of Stanners

By Alyssa Marin '10 and Thomas Wengler '09

If you were eligible to vote in November's Presidential election whom would you chose?

Forty-four Stanners responded to an online poll to register their choices.

The final results were: 26 for Democratic candidate Barack Obama; 15 for Republican John McCain; three for a third party candidate.

The 25 European-American Stanners polled were split in their preferences, with 11 supporting the African-American candidate Obama and 11 supporting the European-American candidate McCain and three choosing a third party candidate.

These students said they supported Obama because he would bring change to this country and they didn't want to see another Republican like George W. Bush in office for another four years.

"If we elect another candidate with the same or similar policies as the

current administration, we're just letting history repeat itself," said senior Travis Kessel. "I'd refuse to vote for a candidate who thinks there is a way to win in Iraq. There isn't [a way to win], just like there was no way to win in Vietnam."

Of the 19 non-European American voters polled, 15 were for Obama and four were for McCain.

Girls showed strong support for the Democratic candidate, with 13 for Obama, six for McCain and one for a third party candidate.

Boys were also for Obama but the margin was smaller with 13 for Obama, nine for McCain and two for a third party candidate.

Some students who supported Obama said they did so because they didn't think the Republican Vice Presidential nominee, Sarah Palin, would be qualified to take over running the country if McCain passed away while in office but said they felt Democrat Joe Biden is a qualified Vice Presidential nominee.

Halloween first of many SAC dances

By Julianne Broderick '11 and Karolina Dzieniszewski '11

Last year, frosh and sophomores had the opportunity to attend a Halloween Dance where prizes were given for the best costumes and everyone seemed

to have a great time.

Seeing how well this dance went, Molloy's Student Activities Committee decided to organize another Halloween Dance, which SAC hopes will be one of many this year.



Louis Lamia, Kimberley Mahadeo, and Camile Dwyer attended last year's Halloween Dance in the cafeteria. (Photo by Benedict Joson)

This year's dance was held on Friday Oct. 17 in the Cafeteria.

Before the dance, SAC Moderator Mr. Pat Flynn said, "Depending on how many people come, we could move. If there is a large number of people, it will be held in the Jack Curran Gym."

Doors opened at 7 p.m. and closed for admission at about 8:30 p.m. The dance ended at 11 p.m.

The Student Activities Committee began selling the \$5 tickets on Oct. 8 but tickets were also available for purchase at the door.

"We encouraged everyone to buy in advance so we can get a general number of how many students are going," said Mr. Flynn.

The dance was open only to frosh and sophomores like last year and a DJ provided the music.

Mr. Flynn and the members of SAC encouraged students to wear costumes at the dance.

Prizes were awarded to the best frosh, sophomore and group costumes,

as judged by the members of SAC.

Last year's Halloween Dance turned out to be the only school dance of the year.

Mr. Flynn, who took over for Mr. Ken Auer as SAC moderator in September, said he hoped SAC would be able to organize more dances for students this year.

"We're trying to average one for each major holiday, like Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Valentine's Day," said Mr. Flynn, who added that his first year of running SAC is going extremely well thanks to "all the help from Mr. Auer and the students on the committee from last year."

Mr. Flynn said he is open to taking suggestions from students about organizing more student activities.

SAC, which is led by seniors Kaitlin Motley and Emily Hanczyk, currently is made up of only juniors and seniors, so Mr. Flynn is looking to add some sophomores to the committee this year.

College applications haunt seniors

By Nicole Bonilla '09

As Halloween approaches, Molloy seniors find themselves more concerned with college applications and essays than with costume parties and pumpkins.

Seniors say being confronted with the daunting task of applying to several different colleges, each with its own demands, is stressful enough.

Tension increases even more when these students are confronted with early

application deadlines established by Molloy's College Guidance Dept.

The department requires that students applying to SUNY and CUNY schools, or for early admission to any schools, submit their applications by Oct. 14.

Students applying for regular decision at private or out of state schools must hand in their applications by Nov. 3.

"We set those dates because we're going to get between four and five thousand applications and scholarship

forms," says College Advisor Mr. Kerry Hughes. "So if we don't get them in early, we'll never finish."

Many seniors seem to be under the misconception that their entire application, including essays and letters of recommendation, is due by those deadlines.

But Mr. Hughes said, "The only thing we need in by those two dates is the secondary school report from the Common Application, with your personal data filled in."

Essays and recommendations can be submitted later.

Nevertheless, students continue to stress over the application process.

Both those who began the process long ago and those who have yet to begin feel the pressure building up.

"I didn't even start," said Samantha Carcione. "I spend a lot of hours thinking about starting, but haven't gotten to it yet. I don't even know where to begin."

Other seniors who have started the process feel concerned as well.

"I can really only say I started in the beginning of this year," said Rebecca Fiore. "It's really hard to juggle Molloy work with writing college essays but I'll do it somehow."

Jade Johnson, who began the application process at the beginning of her junior year, said, "Writing college essays is definitely the hardest part."

Ivan Collado is amazed at how much work it is applying to colleges.

"It's almost like a job," he said. "You have to work certain hours and put a lot into it."

Mr. Hughes warns seniors against applying to too many schools because students doing so will spend even more hours on the process.

Sarina Chao, who is applying to at least six schools, said, "The number of colleges I'm applying to has definitely added to my stress. It's hard to write the essays and try to meet the demands of the colleges."

Michelle Bravo, who is applying to 10 schools, shares similar anxieties.

"I worry because I feel unsure if I'll get in or not, and I'm trying my best to meet with all the schools' criteria," she said.

Mr. Hughes said the average Molloy student applies to between seven and 10 colleges.

"We're expecting a lot more applications this year because of the greater number of students in this graduating class," he said. "But many students have brought in their stuff already."

He also recommended that seniors not apply to a school just days before its application deadline.

"If you apply early, you can find out if the school you applied to is missing anything, so you can get stuff in by the deadline," he said.

Katy Mariano took Mr. Hughes' advice.

"My application was mailed out quickly," she said. "I handed it in yesterday and it was sent out this morning."

Clubs elect new leaders

Fall is the time for Molloy's various clubs and activities to elect their leaders for the new school year.

The following six organizations elected their officers this month:

Anime Club: President Naaila Hassan, senior; Vice President T.J. Darcy, sophomore; First Secretary Nicole Bonilla, senior; Second Secretary Earl Ignes, junior; Treasurer Kevin Hong, sophomore.

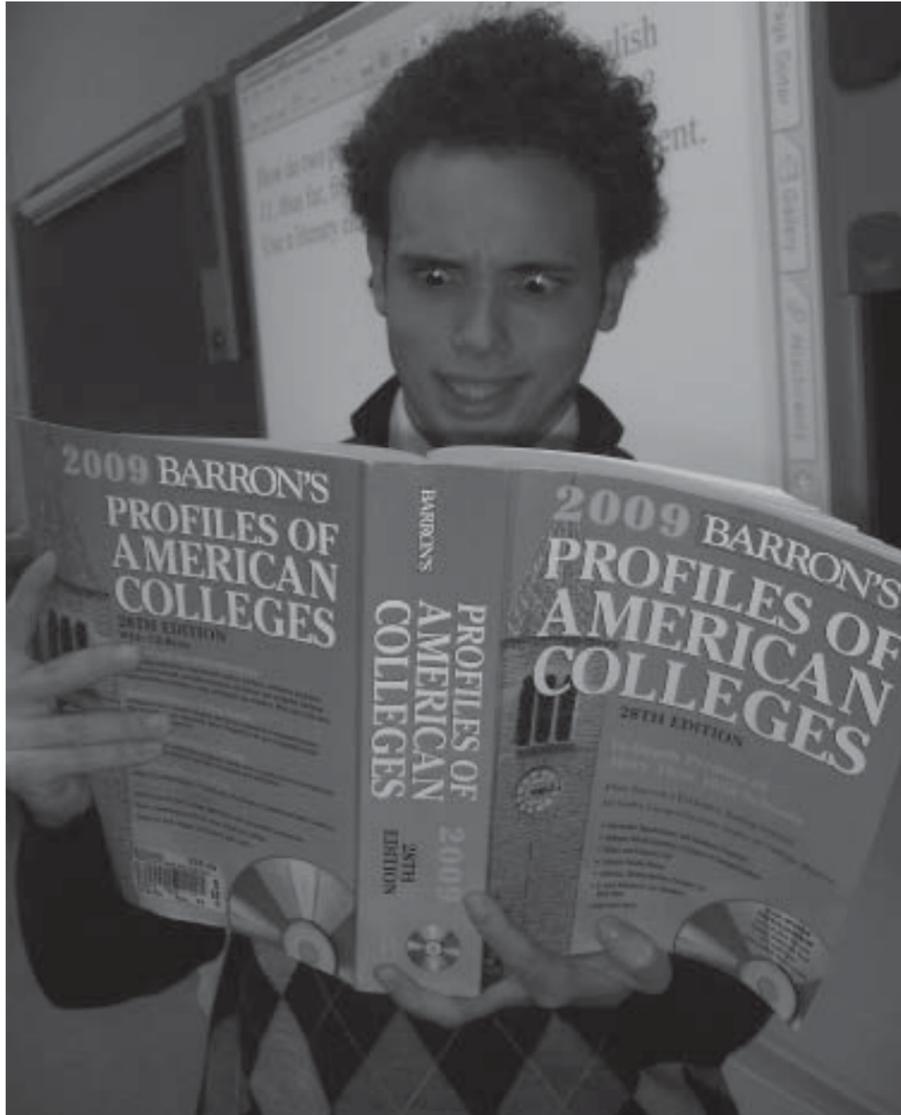
Concert Band: President Andrew Christ, senior; Vice President Sarah Mauro, senior.

Environment Club: President Alex Gobright, senior; Vice President Adriana Rannazzisi, senior; Secretary Camile Dwyer, junior; Treasurer Elise Lontos, junior; Press Secretary Emily Tansey, senior.

Sci Fi & Fantasy Club: President Vito Prainito, senior; Vice President Ryan Mosca, junior; Secretary Eric Dorcean, sophomore; Treasurer Louis Lamia, junior.

S.M.I.L.E.: Secretary of the Interior Vito Prainito, senior; Speaker of the House Travis Kessel, senior; Secretary of Health & Human Services Shannon McLoughlin, senior; Secretary of Keepin' It Real Naaila Hassan, senior.

The Stanner Players: President Joann Syrek, senior; Vice Presidents Angela Dumlao, senior, and Erin Brady, junior; Secretary Claudia Goncalves, senior.



Senior Manuel Cordera seems shocked at all the decisions he has to make to apply to college. (Photo by Emily Balkan)

Bro. Birmingham arrives just in time to help one of largest senior classes

By Tara Gildea '09

Bro. Eugene Birmingham, who has worked at four other Marist high schools including Mt. St. Michael's in the Bronx, has arrived in Briarwood just in time to assist one of Archbishop Molloy's largest graduating classes in recent years through the college application process.

He believes that the size of the Class of 2009 - 414 students - is not daunting.

"Most senior classes have 300-400 students," he said. "The number of students in this senior class shows the students' satisfaction with Molloy."

Students were happy to hear that Bro. Eugene will be assisting Molloy's College Guidance Counselor Mr. Kerry Hughes this fall.

"I'm glad Bro. Eugene is here to take some stress off [the office] from the amount of college applications and scholarships that have to be filed,"

said senior Kaitlin Carr.

Bro. Eugene, who has already met with many seniors this year, hopes to enhance the college guidance program by giving more personal attention to students.

He approaches the process by first finding out a student's career interests.

He then suggests colleges or universities that he feels will meet a senior's needs.

Popular questions this year are about the CUNY Honors College, Sophie Davis College, and the BS/MD Program at Brooklyn College.

Bro. Eugene suggests seniors narrow down their list of colleges to between six and 10 because of the excessively high application fees most colleges charge.

He also recommends students talk to English teacher Ms. Mary Pat Gannon regarding how to write good college essays.

Students who do not know what they want to major in at college yet should not worry.

"Schools want you to take a certain amount of general education classes such as a writing class, history or psychology class," he said. "They expect around 45-51 credits, but you do not have to declare your major until the end of sophomore year."

Senior Raymond Ferreira is paying attention to Bro. Eugene's advice.

"I'm only applying to six or seven colleges," he said.

Bro. Eugene hopes students who are unsure about the college process will make an appointment with either him or Mr. Hughes.

Bro. Eugene praised Mr. Hughes for his caliber of advice and is happy to be working with him.

"He's been guiding students to colleges for 20 years. He knows his stuff."

Walking for Chem Lab again

By Jacqueline Cosse '10

For the second year in a row, Stanners will walk five kilometers through Briarwood to raise money to pay for Molloy's new Chemistry Lab in this year's Walk-a-thon on Oct. 24.

Last year, Stanners raised over \$150,000, which was invested in building the new lab where the school's Computer Lab used to be.

This year, the money raised will go to "Part Two of the Chemistry Lab," said Principal Bro. Roy George.

"At first, we had thought about just making renovations to the old Chem Lab [with the 2007 Walk-a-thon money]," said Bro. Roy. "But since we had already gotten brand new laptops, we decided to use the old Computer Lab to build a brand new Chemistry Lab."

Therefore, Stanners will again be walking to pay off the higher than expected bill for the new lab.

The old Chemistry Lab will most likely be turned into a classroom for next year, but will be left as is for now, said Bro. Roy.

The 2008 Walk-a-thon shirts will be green.

Bro. Roy designed the shirt by placing on the front a traffic light walk sign, "that you see on the crosswalks on the streets."



Seniors Samantha Parrinello, Jill Cavuto, Emily Hanczyk pose with Mr. Dennis Vellucci at last year's walkathon. (Photo by Benedict Joson)

Many students are excited about participating in this year's Walk-a-thon. "I liked it last year," said sophomore Nicole Maniscalco. "I got to hang out with my friends while I walked, and it was for a good cause, too."

Stanners are asked to raise \$70 dollars each for the cause. "I hope that we can raise \$150,000 like last year, or, if possible, even more," Bro. Roy said. "The students here, especially the classes of 2008,

2009, and 2010, can claim this lab as their legacy. When they return to the school in 10 or 15 years, they can come back and say, 'That lab is here because of us.'"

Greeks join Eastern European Club

By Eleni Kavvadias '11

Molloy's Eastern European Club has a new moderator and a new group of members this year.

One of Mr. Mark Sweeney's first actions as moderator was to invite Greek-American Stanners to become members of the club.

As a result, members of the Eastern European and Greek Club will be visiting some new restaurants this year. "I know Astoria is Greece," said Mr.

Sweeney, who has many things planned for this year including a trip to that Queens neighborhood which has the largest Greek-American population in New York City.

Many more people turned out for the club's first meeting of the year than were in the club at the end of last year.

At the first meeting, Mr. Sweeney announced plans for club members to go on at least one field trip per month, eat tons of delicious food, attend as many ethnic festivals as possible, participate in International Day, and watch some plays or movies in theaters.

Mr. Sweeney decided to add Greek-Americans to the club because several of his students had asked him to do so.

He saw their request as an opportunity to expand the club.

"I wanted to give students knowledge of [Greek] culture for them to experience something new," he said.

Sophomore Chris Mosco, a club member who isn't of either Eastern European or Greek heritage, is looking forward to this year's club activities and thinks everyone will get along.

"They're all going to chill because Mr. Sweeney is going to bring them together Sweeney style," he said.

Greek-American students say they are very excited to finally be a part of a club at Molloy.

"It's cool to meet people that have the same background as you" said sophomore Chris Koulouris.

Molloy Movie Madness

By Claudia Goncalves '09 and Dana Giuntini '09

Use the clues to solve for movie names. Hint: All these movies were either seen by the Sci-Fi/Anime Club or the Stanner Film Society.

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Metamorphers or Changers	<input type="text"/>
An inconceivable mass	<input type="text"/>

Which actor appeared in multiple movies listed above?

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Answers in next month's issue.

Molloy to upgrade recycling efforts

By Emily Tansey '09

Students at Valley View High School in California recycle empty plastic, metal, and glass bottles for a cause; the school raises money for Uganda, an impoverished country in Africa, with profits made from the recyclables.

The school has raised \$4,050 to date.

Molloy, too, runs many charitable events every year but, unlike its California counterpart, the Environmental Awareness Club does not try to raise money via recycling bottles and cans.

Seniors Sarah Mauro and David Olusoga both believe more readily available recycling bins would be a change for the better because right now it is very difficult for Stanners to recycle cans and bottles.

"I'm not going to go out of my way to do it, especially with a bottle," said Mauro. "There's a risk of getting yelled at for not throwing it away before re-entering school at lunch. And I'm not carrying it home."

Stanners throw out each week an estimated 5,000 recyclable bottles and cans, which end up in landfills.

Why so wasteful?

Mr. Chris Dougherty, moderator of the Environment Club, said Molloy does not have the option of recycling students' bottles and cans.

The New York City Sanitation Dept. comes once a week on Saturdays to collect paper from the two large recycling dumpsters in the school parking lot.

However, the school has no dumpster to store any recyclable bottles and cans during the week until the Saturday pickup and therefore can not run a recycling program in the cafeteria.

Mr. Dougherty said recycled bottles and cans could potentially attract bugs if stored somewhere in the school.

If Molloy tried to store the bottles and cans in plastic bags in the school parking lot, Mr. Dougherty said people on the street might tear through bags looking for deposit cans and bottles, leaving the school grounds littered with trash.

So for now, students looking to reduce their impact on our planet can bring bottles to Mr. Dougherty in Room 304 or Mr. Germano in Room 334 after lunch as both have recycling bins in their offices.

Despite the problem with bottle recycling at lunchtime, the Environmental Club remains optimistic about the school's effort to create less waste paper.

Mr. Dougherty said that teachers taking attendance via computer and using the Smartboard to screen homeroom announcements have reduced Molloy's paper waste significantly.

He said the club is organizing a new



Joann Syrek encourages Stanners to recycle. (Photo by Emily Balkan)

program to place recycling bins for waste paper in each classroom by January.

The program's focus will be to integrate students into the recycling process since the majority of the faculty and staff already recycles paper.

Mauro said she believes students would react enthusiastically to classroom bins.

Olusoga agreed but only if the paper recycling bins are easy to find.

"People aren't going to seek them out," he said. "They're lazy."

Mr. Dougherty has not given up hope that someday Molloy might have a bottle and can recycling program but getting it done won't be easy.

"One thing that slows down everything is the amount of people that must be on board [for it to get done]," said Mr. Dougherty.

Time to choose: McCain Obama

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McCain, on the other hand, believes that tax cuts are necessary for all the American people and to stimulate the economy.

Obama says that the people earning the most money in this country are not paying enough taxes, but in reality the top fifth of earners currently pay 67% of all federal taxes. The top 1% of earners pay 26% of federal taxes.

The goal of economic policy is to create prosperity and opportunity for everyone, not punish people for making money.

McCain has worked both sides of the aisle during his time in Washington, while Obama has the most liberal voting record according to the conservative newspaper, The National Journal. McCain has worked with leading Democrats on an immigration reform bill, despite criticism from some members of his own party.

McCain has also disagreed with them on global warming when he said it is a real danger to our environment.

McCain has a better energy policy than Obama. McCain understands that off-shore drilling is a temporary solution before alternative fuel sources are developed fully enough to take on the requirements of this great nation.

He is a strong supporter of nuclear power, which does not give off green house gas emissions and would create thousands of new American jobs.

In a year in which the Republican Party's image has been severely tarnished, McCain, the original maverick, provides a real alternative to the inexperience of Obama.

-- Scott Hounsell '10 and Eric Treffeisen '10

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supported deregulation until recently, when he flip-flopped along with the rest of his party when the Stock Market crashed.

Obama, meanwhile, wants to raise the taxes on people making over \$250,000 so he can decrease the tax burden on the middle and lower class.

Obama will provide health care for more Americans by not renewing the Bush tax cuts on people making over \$250,000, making corporations pay their fair share of taxes, and cutting back on wasteful government spending.

The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan are still an important issue and McCain is attempting to portray Obama as someone who will recklessly pull troops out of Iraq.

Obama has said that after 16 months in office, he will remove one or two brigades from Iraq and send more troops to Afghanistan where they are needed as Al-Qaeda and the Taliban are regaining power there.

It is time for America to choose.

Do we want another four years of George Bush style policies?

Do we trust the party who is responsible for our failing economy and mounting national debt to get us out of this mess?

Do we want McCain to tax our healthcare benefits, or do we want affordable healthcare?

Do we want to fail in Afghanistan because we are bogged down in Iraq?

The choice is McSame or Change.

People need to elect someone who can fix the problems facing our country. Vote for Obama.

--Ray Ferreira '09



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AM hockey team's disbanded

By Christina Di Lorenzo '09

Last year, the Archbishop Molloy Hockey Team won the Brooklyn-Queens B Division Championship.

This year, the team no longer exists.

Molloy's championship performance required it to move up into the CHSAA A Division this year.

Considering that Molloy struggled last year playing with a small squad, the idea of playing against bigger A Division schools with an even smaller roster this year didn't make sense.

"The decision was made in May," said Coach Mr. James Sheldon. "There simply weren't enough people."

Most of the players on the hockey team also pay large sums of money to play for area traveling teams such as Applecore, Metro Moose and the Gulls, which makes it very difficult to have a full roster for every game due to scheduling conflicts.

"If every player showed up every night to our games, we'd be fine with our present players and the frosh coming in this year," said Mr. Sheldon.

However, most players put their traveling team commitments ahead of

their commitment to Molloy.

"If we're having only six to seven players showing up to every game, the team gets thin," said Mr. Sheldon.

Mr. Sheldon was not surprised by Molloy's decision to eliminate the team because the number of students trying out went down every year.

"I saw it coming," said Mr. Sheldon. "I knew if we did not replace at least the six graduating seniors from last year, we were in trouble. We had four returning seniors, two returning juniors, three returning sophomores and, as far as I know, four incoming freshmen. If we tried to move up to the top division with fewer players [than last year], we'd be in big trouble."

The returning players were not disappointed in the decision either, due to the fact that most of them play for other teams.

"I'm busy every weekend with my traveling team," said senior Matt Zay.

"I wouldn't have been able to play in many games [for Molloy]."

Nevertheless, Molloy's hockey team may not be gone forever.

"It does have a shot at coming back,"



Molloy won't be sending a hockey team out onto the ice this year due to a lack of players. (Photo by Ms. Kathy Loughran)

said Mr. Sheldon. "However, for it to come back, I think we need to have at least 25-30 kids who are interested in playing, who have their own equipment and have some degree of experience

coming in because you cannot simply learn how to play hockey when you are 14 years old. It is not like track where you do not have to know much about the sport to join."

Big three lead Girls Varsity Cross Country team

By Megan Wenzler '11 and Mia Polizzotto '11.

The Girl's Varsity Cross Country season has shown great improvement this year despite the loss of many seniors from last year's team, said Coach Mr. Austin Power.

The team's top runners, senior Katie Morreale, junior Gabrielle Rosato, and

sophomore Ilsen Hernandez, really improved their times over the two and a half mile course at Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx from their first meet of the season to the second.

Morreale was Molloy's top performer on Sept. 30 in the Xavier Invitational, running a time of 19 minutes 28 seconds, followed by Rosato in

19:57, and Hernandez in 20:00.5.

Mr. Power was pleased with the team's performance Oct. 3 at the Fordham Prep Development Meet, where Morreale once again led the team with a time of 19:04.

Hernandez showed the biggest improvement, running a 19:18, while Rosato completed the course in 19:24.

The team's overall goal for this year is to win the CHSAA Brooklyn-Queens Sectional Championship, Mr. Power said.

However, Molloy will face some tough competition in the sectional race from the likes of Saint Francis Prep, Bishop Kearney, and Bishop Ford.

Team scores & medal winners at 2008 Frosh Field Day

Team Scores: 1. 1H 48 points; 2. 1G 46; 3. 1A 42; 4. 1D 39.5; 5. 1J 33.5; 6. 1F 30.5; 7. (tie) 1E and 1K 28; 9. 1B 18; 10. 1C 17.

Chess: 1. Jason Lumokso, 1F; 2. Stefan Bozic, 1A; 3. Andres Caamal, 1B; 4. Alexandra Balan, 1A; 5. Lukasz Kunicki, 1E.

History: 1. 1A (Melisa Adiram, Rebecca Albergo, Maricelanne Alcantara); 2. 1D (Melissa Sue Gomez, Justyna Gawrys, Jennifer Hwu); 3. 1G (Eleni Mutaforopulos, Rosemarie Mulligan, Nicole Partridge); 4. 1J (Margaret Rooney, Christa Sankar, Kevin Singh); 5. 1K (Sandy Zaw, Niles Uy, Vinh Tran).

Basketball Knockout: 1. Mark Parisi, 1G; 2. Randolph Herbert, 1D; 3. Paige Whelan, 1K; 4. Melissa Fesler, 1C; 5. Maria Palmeri, 1G

Football Throw: 1. Roman Pirozek, 1H; 2. Thomas Murawski, 1G; 3. Michael O'Dwyer, 1G; 4. Raymond Sukhdeo, 1J; 5. Messay Kassi, 1E.

Potato Sack Relay: 1. 1J (Thomas Seubert, Paulina Stefanowski); 2. 1G (Dana Moss, Juan Daniel Nunez); 3. 1C (Jackelyne Diaz, Kayla Figetakis); 4. 1A (Kristina Atienza, Ibrahim Akay); 5. 1B (Elizabeth Camardella, Katelyn Dial).

Boys Soccer Shootout: 1. Jae-kang Lee, 1E; 2. Ryan Vesey, 1K; 3. Billy Hannigan, 1D; 4. Jack Moravek, 1G; 5. Ryan Winters, 1K.

Girls Soccer Shootout: 1. Suzanna Petot 1H; 2. Lauren Halian, 1D; 3. Casey Collins, 1B; 4. Maria Macchiarulo, 1F; 5. Anna Oldakowski, 1G

Softball Throw: 1. Sanda Burburan 1A; 2. Kaitlin Mitacek, 1F; 3. Ariana Romeo, 1H; 4. Mareena Thottam, 1K; 5. Lauren Alessandro, 1A.

Spoon Relay: 1. 1B (Justin Chandrashekhar, Elizabeth Chien); 2. 1G (Chandni Patel, Priya Patel); 3. 1C (Joseph Estevez, Claudia Fernandes); 4. 1H (Mario Prainito, Pamela Ramirez); 5. 1K (Victoria Tan, Arthur Tansey).

Boys Wheelbarrow Race: 1. 1H (Erik Petschauer, Edward Pizzo); 2. 1G (Brian Mollin, Kyle Pareja); 3. 1D (Christopher Guevara, Erik Gustafsson); 4. 1C (John Esposito, Brando Fermin); 5. 1K (Amol

Vadhan, Vincent Vasaturo).

Girls Wheelbarrow Race: 1. 1E (Bridget Klein, Kathleen Loftus); 2. 1G (Annamarie Neubauer, Stephanie Olcese); 3. 1H (Jenna Rohrsen, Melanie Pylarinos); 4. 1B (Emily Caracci, Sarada Chen); 5. 1A (Alexandra Bieber, Kaitlyn Biscotti).

Boys 800 Meter Run: 1. Chris Gilligan, 1D; 2. Robert Rossi, 1J; 3. Nathaniel Leon, 1E; 4. (tie) Delson Goldberg, 1D and Michael Siconolfi, 1J.

Girls 800 Meter Run: 1. Victoria Halvax, 1D; 2. Laura Banker, 1A; 3. Christina Martinez, 1F; 4. Kristen Loyer, 1F; 5. Ivonne Caceres, 1B.

Boys One-Lap Relay: 1K (Jamal Waire, Steven Truong); 2. 1H (Steven Persad, Frank Peperone); 3. 1K (John Varsam, Nicholas Yurisak); 4. 1E (Andres Lezcano, Ashutosh Kumbhat); 5. 1A (Kirk Bissoon, William Burkart).

Girls One-Lap Relay: 1. 1K (Julianne Tracy, Magdalena Zabiega); 2. 1J (Stephanie Rupe, Julia Rosa); 3. 1F (Victoria Lugo, Lauren Miller); 4. 1G (Danielle Nola, Monika Nowak); 5. 1H (Joanne Raptis, Angela Peluso).

Boys Two-Lap Relay: 1. 1J (Robert Rossi, Pawel Sawicki); 2. 1H (Paul Persaud, Walter Rodriguez); 3. 1A (Joel Antolijao, Maverick Alzate); 4. 1B (Wilfrido Castillo, Francesco Catarisano); 5. 1C (Thomas Dougherty, Ethan Friedland)

Girls Two-Lap Relay: 1. 1E (Lauren Kelly, Nicole Kelly); 1J (Paulina Stefanowski, Tiana Salas-Ali); 1F (Kristen Loyer, Ashley Mayer); 4. 1H (Bianca Quiceno, Nicole Pineda); 5. 1D (Jamie Giuntini, Julia Giuntini.)

Boys High Jump: 1. Marc Ochs, 1G; 2. Morrell Gaskins, 1D; 3. Thomas Hackimer, 1D; 4. Pawel Sawicki, 1J; 5. Rosario DiLorenzo, 1C.

Girls High Jump: 1. Kamille Ejerta, 1C; 2. Maegen Reed, 1H; 3. Ashley Mayer, 1F; 4. Teresa Papia, 1G; 5. (tie) Tiffany McCue, 1F and Katherine Georgios, 1D.

Boys Shot Put: 1. Jonathan Ramon 1H; 2. Daniel Buckley, 1A; 3. Alexander Alli, 1A; 4. Michael Fanizza, 1C; 5. Edwin Ramos, 1H.

Girls Shot Put: 1. Meghan Anderson, 1A; 2. Melissa Mahon 1F; 3. Rachel Ipsen-Riegger, 1E; 4. Marissa Sblendorio, 1J; 5. Caitriona Fox, 1C.



Michelle Miller, Lauren Miller, Anastasia Limogiannis, Kathryn Licciardello line up for a relay race. (Photo by Derek Sokolowski)

Girls Varsity Soccer coming together after a shakey start

By Emily Tansey '09

The Archbishop Molloy Girls Varsity Soccer team had an unsteady start to the season due to injuries but has improved during the second half of the season, said Athletic Director Mr. Mike McCleary.

After reaching the CHSAA B Division championship game against The Mary Louis Academy in last year's playoffs, Molloy was stunned when it started off 2008 with a 2-7-1 record.

As a result, the Stanners became especially dependent on their senior leaders, midfielder Valerie Sarnataro and 2007 all-league forward Brittany Dombrowski, to help keep the team together through difficult times.

The toughest loss for Molloy so far this season was to a St. Mary's team

that the Stanners had predicted they would easily beat.

Senior midfielder Nicole Gorga said despite the bad start, the team is playing better now down the stretch.

"The best victory so far was against Holy Trinity because they're in the A-Division," said Gorga. "It gave us confidence."

Both Mr. McCleary and Gorga said that despite this year's losing record, the team's goal remains to return to the championship game.

"We're coming together as a team now," said Gorga.

One of the bright spots of the season has been the play of sophomore forward Kyra Meli, who leads the team in scoring with seven goals and four assists.



Val Sarnataro sends a pass upfield. (Photo by Blue & White Staff)

Boys Varsity Cross Country off to a good start

By Stephanie Almache '10

The Boys Varsity Cross Country season has just started and Coach Bro. Bob Andrews said the team is off to a good start.

Bro. Bob was encouraged by junior Devin Chowske's time of 14 minutes, 14 seconds and junior Sean Collins' time of 14:28 at the Fordham Prep Developmental Meet at Van Cortlandt Park Oct. 3.

Bro. Bob said this year's team is younger than usual so it will need to rely on the senior leadership of captain Joe Mayer as Molloy looks to repeat as Brooklyn-Queens Sectional Champions on Oct. 27.

"Last year's performance was not that great," said Bro. Bob. "They won sectionals but did not run as well as I would have liked."

Mayer said, "I worked out a lot

during the summer to improve and this season I'd like to drop 30 seconds off my best time."

Chowske and Collins said Bro. Bob has emphasized running hills faster, so during the summer they worked out by sprinting up and down stairs and running 15 miles a day.

At the City Championship meet on Nov. 17, Bro. Bob said the teams to beat will be St. Anthony's, Kellenberg,

Fordham Prep and Chaminade.

Mayer's goals for the team are to win the Brooklyn-Queens title and then to run well enough in the city meet to qualify for the state championships on Nov. 17.

Said Bro. Bob of his team, "They have a wonderful spirit. They work very hard and I couldn't ask for anything more. They are a unit and enjoy what they are doing."

Molloy's Varsity Volleyball movin' on up into third place

By Kristen Lasak '09

After reaching the CHSAA Brooklyn-Queens Championship game last year, Molloy's Varsity Girls Volleyball Team got off to a bit of a rough start with an 0-3 record, matching its loss total from all of last year in its first three games.

The team had lost many key players from last year's team and finding the right fit for the lineup proved difficult in the early going.

"The biggest challenge for the team this year was trying to find a lineup with good chemistry," said senior outside hitter Erica McElligott. "Two of our best players had graduated so we were constantly trying to find replacements for them. This held us back at the start of the season. But I think we've finally found a lineup that works."

Molloy has followed those three



Senior Karolina Kaluza prepares to spike the ball over the net in the Marsloe Gym. (Photo by Mr. James Sheldon)

opening losses with three straight wins to move up into a third place tie with St. John's Prep in the standings with

the top three teams advancing to the playoffs.

Part of the 0-3 start included a loss

to St. John's Prep that really stung the Stanners, which is why winning the rematch seemed so sweet.

"We lost to them, which was unexpected, and so [we] needed to beat them if we wanted to make the playoffs," said senior middle blocker Maggie Bolan.

The three losses now seem like a thing of the past and the players have high hopes of making the playoffs. But they have to face Mary Louis and St. Francis Prep again and two losses could dim their hopes for the playoffs.

"My ultimate goal is to win the city championship and go to states, but we have to take it one game at a time with that in mind," said Bolan.

Athletic Director Mr. Mike McCleary said, "The team struggled early, but I hope that they peak soon and make the playoffs."

Sean Collins wins Fun Run

Over 140 students, alumni and friends of Molloy participated in the 21st Annual Andrew Harvey Memorial Fun Run in Briarwood on Oct. 4.

Junior Sean Collins won the 5-kilometer run and frosh Walter Rodriguez won the mile run.

Track Coach Mr. Frank Gambino said the purpose of the event was to bring "some alumni back to school and, together with some parents and friends, have them run with our track team."

The event included the unveiling of

the Bro. Bob Andrews Trophy, donated by alumnus Christian Limberg, that will be given every year to the track team's most improved athlete.

— Jennifer Mongiat '10

Here are the day's results:

Men's 5K: 1. Sean Collins, 17:36; 2. Devon Chowske, 17:45; 3. Joe Mayer, 18:39; 4. Anthony Cammarata (alum), 19:13; 5. Daniel Acosta, 19:13; 6. Chris Dorgler, 19:20; 7. Ed Harvey (alum) 19:28; 8. Tyler Bay, 19:26; 9. Eric Johnson, 19:28; 10. Ernie D'Ambrose, 19:28.

Women's 5K: 1. Cassidy Powers (friend),



21:39; 2. Lauren Diffendale (alum); 3. E.J. Dreyer (alum); 4. Gabrielle Rosato, 23:03; 5. Ilse Hernandez, 23:03; 6. Allison Breenan (alum) 24:30; 7. Lauren Conter, 24:53; 8. Caitlin Burns, 25:39; 9. Alexia Sanchez, 25:40; 10. Samantha Traslavina, 26:10.

One Mile Run: 1. Walter Rodriguez, 6:51; 2. Thomas Dreyer, 6:57; 3. Robert Pasqual, 7:05; 4. Robert Rossi, 7:13; 5. Roiman Torres, 7:27; 6. Steven Eng, 7:37; 8. Kathleen Woods, 7:43; 9. Andres Lezkano, 7:48; 10. Jarrett Sledge, 7:49.