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SAC: Halloween won't be only event

By Mark Puglia '11

Molloy's annual Halloween Dance, sponsored by the Student Activities Committee, will be held on Friday Oct. 30 in the school cafeteria.

Tickets for the dance, which is open only to frosh and sophomores, are \$5 and can be bought during homeroom period from SAC representatives.

SAC Moderator Mr. Patrick Flynn said the dance will include a costume contest with prizes given for the best dressed individual in each class, as well as for the best group costume.

While the Halloween Dance is not open to juniors and seniors, upperclass students may still have something to look forward to.

Mr. Flynn said SAC has high hopes that there will be more school events which may include themed dances as well as student socials.

"We hope to have dances on a much



These witches at the 2008 Halloween Dance don't look too wicked.

more regular basis," said Mr. Flynn, who is more optimistic of doing so this year because of SAC's large membership of about 80 students, led

by seniors Samantha Hernandez and Mary O'Connell.

Last year, SAC sponsored only one dance — the Halloween Dance.

This year, Mr. Flynn is looking for ideas and ways to expand SAC's role in the school beyond just sponsoring dances and the Junior and Senior Proms.

He said that SAC hopes to work with the school's Athletic Dept. and Alumni Development Office in an effort to promote school spirit.

Mr. Flynn said he expects this year's Halloween Dance to be a great success because SAC started selling tickets a lot earlier than it did last year when, he said, the dance was, "thrown together quickly."

Junior Kirsten McCabe, a member of SAC, hopes to draw a big crowd for the Halloween Dance.

"Yes, we hope to have an enormous crowd," she said. "We have been working really hard to sell tickets and all the freshmen and sophomores seem very eager to come."



Last year's Halloween Dance in the Cafeteria featured a variety of individual and group costumes and characters. (Photos by Frank Gentile and Louis Lamia)

College Night draws a crowd

By Melanie Dostis '10

Upperclass students come back to Molloy in September with the happy thoughts of having upper lockers, free periods, and the admiration of the new frosh as part of their school status.

How quickly those thoughts evaporate for juniors once Molloy's College Guidance Dept. begins talking about Junior-Senior College Night.

For any seniors who have not yet given serious thought to college, the Oct. 1 event represented perhaps their last chance to get the information needed to pick a school as about 85 colleges and universities sent representatives to Molloy.

A bank representative was also present to provide financial aid information to students.

College guidance counselor Mr.

Kerry Hughes said that about 75 percent of students who attended

College Night were juniors.

Mr. Hughes said the event was most



Looking at the college guidebooks in the Guidance Office is great but actually speaking with a university's representative at Molloy's annual Junior-Senior College Night is better. (Staff photo)

helpful to students who don't have the time to travel to visit campuses.

Senior Patryk Perkowski finds the whole application process intimidating.

"It is a lot of work, but if you start early, then you can easily get it done," said Perkowski, who attended College Night with his sister, junior Jessica, in hopes of finding another safety school to which to apply.

Perkowski, who is considering applying to highly competitive schools such as the University of Pennsylvania, Cornell University, and the University of Rochester, asked questions about the scholarship requirements of certain schools at College Night.

However, most seniors who have already made their college choices opted out of attending College Night.

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Why don't folks act their age?

Riding home on the E train from Manhattan recently, I noticed what looked to be an 11-year old girl getting on the train at the 42nd St. station with her mother on their way to the 53rd St. and Lexington Ave. subway stop.

The girl, who was carrying her own Blackberry, was very nicely dressed, wearing a white blouse, shirt, grey leggings, dress shoes, and a bow in her hair. It also was evident that she was coming home from school because her mother was carrying her books for her.

The mother, meanwhile, was dressed very casually, sporting black sweatpants, a Hanes T-shirt, and Nikes.

This made me think:

Why are children so obsessed with looking or acting older than they really are?

And why are adults so obsessed with looking or acting younger than they really are?

Whenever kids see an opportunity to act older than we really are, we jump at the chance.

We act as if we cannot wait to own cell phones, wear makeup, have sex, drink alcohol, drive cars, go to clubs — in other words, be “mature.”

But is rushing to do all those things — even when we may not be ready to do any of them — really a sign of maturity?

What is maturity?

Does it mean taking responsibility for our actions, acting wisely, and acquiring knowledge of a complex world?

Or does it simply mean being able to enjoy all the freedoms and privileges that come with being a legal adult?

Is rushing through our childhood and teenage years in an effort to be seen as “mature” by our peers, when we know we aren't legal adults, really such a good thing to do?

Is it really acting maturely to want to be seen as being physically mature in our outward appearances and actions when in our heads we are always conscious of how immature and inexperienced we really are?

Is that really being mature when we're so uncomfortable trying to act older than we are?

Most teenagers want to be taken seriously like real adults and want independence. We see growing up as being about getting freedoms and breaking away from our parents.

We frequently must choose between what we want to do and what our parents say we should do. Most fights that occur between parents and children are caused by a child doing something he or she was told not to do because the child thought it was the better choice.

Parents are supposed to be the mature ones in the family.

But when many adults dress just like kids do, listen to the same music kids do, talk like kids do, and seem to want their kids' approval as a “cool dad” or a “cool mom,” is it any wonder it's easy for some kids to think they know better than adults do?

Exactly how much wisdom comes with age?

Many adults today seem to spend large amounts of money in an effort to make themselves look younger, buying anti-aging face creams, gym memberships, hair dyes, makeup, and younger style clothes.

Magazines and television shows make it seem like adults want to return to their more attractive “prime” of 15 or 20 years ago.

Adults also seem to want to do the things that they used to be able to do 15 or 20 years ago. A significant component of this mid-life-crisis is a desire to buy a Porsche, move to France, or go skydiving.

This role reversal of kids wanting to act like adults and adults wanting to act like kids is what I saw on the subway when the mother was dressed like a little kid in sweatpants and the child was dressed more like an adult.

I hope not many children find themselves in this position but at times this role reversal does seem ubiquitous.

It can be embarrassing to children to see their parents acting inappropriately like a 20-year-old.

In addition to being embarrassing, it sets a bad example.

If adults dress and act like kids, why should kids want to grow up at all?

When parents choose to artificially modify their appearance to make themselves look younger, what is the effect on the child?

Do children absorb the idea that “getting older is bad” when they see these things?

When parents' actions say, “I wish I were still a child,” it feeds kids the impression that all the good stuff ends when you become “old.”

When Oedipus solved the riddle of the sphinx, he said that man goes through three stages: a baby in the morning, a child/adolescent in the afternoon, and an elder at night.

Yet adults today seem to reject that final stage.

The baby and adolescent phase is spent looking forward but now it seems when people get older, they wonder why they were ever in such a rush to leave youth behind.

Is this what being “mature” really means?

- Isobel Williams '11



Illustration by Victoria Lane '10

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Walk to pay for Library renovations

By Joe DiRico '11

The Archbishop Molloy Walk-a-thon, the annual five kilometer fund-raising walk to be held on Friday, Oct. 23, will raise money to improve the school Library.

Molloy President Mr. John Sherry said it is too early for him to say exactly how the Library will be upgraded and what it will look like but the goal is to make it into more of a research center.

Librarian Ms. Dorothy DeNoto agreed that renovation plans have not been finalized but said that two changes she is sure will happen are:

* A glass partition will separate the west side of the Library into a classroom style space complete with 40 computers so teachers can bring their entire class there to do research while not disturbing the other students using the Library.

* Bookcases that currently block many of the Library windows will be removed to allow more light into the space. Many of the older books on those shelves will be put into storage.

Mr. Sherry and former principal Bro. Roy George decided last spring that Library improvements would be the most appropriate way to spend the 2009 Walk-a-thon money.

Mr. Sherry expects the Library renovations to be completed by



These Stanners, looking tired but happy, celebrate after completing the 2008 Walk-a-thon. (Photos by Ben Joson)

September of 2010.

"It may take two or three Walk-a-thons to cover the costs of the new research center," Mr. Sherry said.

The Walk-a-thon is conducted every fall to raise money for improvements to the school that directly help students.

All students in grades 9-12 are expected to raise an average of seventy dollars each.

If the goal is fulfilled, there will be a school holiday on Dec. 7.

Mr. Sherry said he has been "extremely pleased with the generosity

that students have shown over the years," and he expects everyone to continue the trend of successful Walk-a-thons this year.

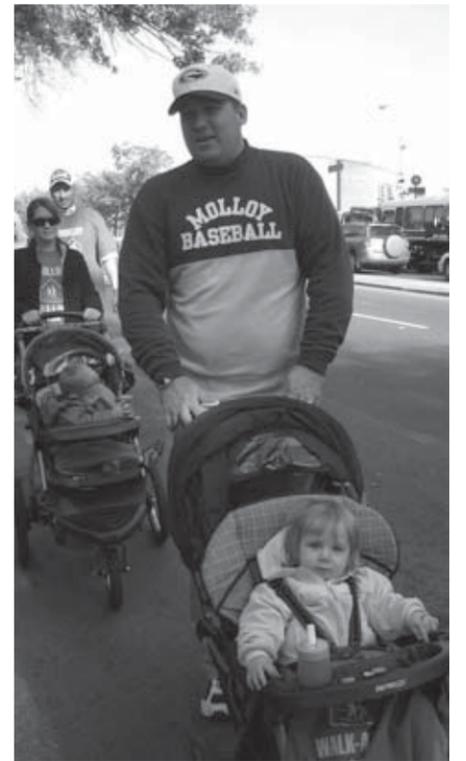
He feels that the Walk-a-thon is very important to Molloy because the money allows extra services and facilities to be created for the students and faculty of Molloy.

Junior James DiMaggio is happy that this year's Walk-a-thon will upgrade the Library because students will finally have a place where they can efficiently study after school.

Sophomore Kevin Cregan, who has set as his goal raising \$200, said, "The modernization of the Library will make our school a better place."

Cregan said he will use the Library improvements to make himself a better student.

He hoped that "more students look to raise more than the predictable \$70."



Will Mr Pat Flynn's daughter be able to walk the route this year or will she get another free ride?

Joson elected president of 2010 NHS

By Camille Dwyer '10

Molloy's Class of 2010 will have 106 of its members inducted into the National Honor Society on Oct. 22 in the Jack Curran Gym.

The NHS officers, who helped lead the induction ceremony, were President Benedict Joson, Vice President Patryk Perkowski, Secretary Grace Lisandrelli, and Treasurer Maria Akay.

Lisandrelli was shocked when she was elected secretary.

"My competitors were worthy and just as or more qualified [than I]," she said.

Perkowski said, "Being a member of NHS says a lot about a person. They have succeeded academically by attaining a 93.0 average and have shown dedication to service and leadership in their activities in and out of Molloy. Their personal discipline records have shown them to be of exemplary character."

Akay said, "I joined because I believe the NHS will give me a broader opportunity to give back and to work with fellow members. I do believe that colleges will get a better idea of who I am when I say I am a NHS member, since I believe it embraces my personality."

To qualify for NHS membership, seniors had to fulfill each of the four criteria: leadership, scholarship, service, and character.

The first requirement, leadership, is shown by leading by example and being part of "the pulse of the school," said

NHS Moderator Mr. Brian Kelly.

The scholarship requirement is achieved only by having at least a 93.0 overall academic average after three years at Molloy. Service is shown by students who help the school and other people by participating in Molloy's various service clubs and activities.

The last criteria, character displayed in the school setting, is determined by a senior's disciplinary record and is a judgment call made by the administration.

At Molloy, the most controversial criteria is the 93.0 academic average cutoff for admission.

The National Honor Society itself only requires a 90.0 average but Molloy's Louis E. Willet Chapter of NHS has always established its own cutoff at 93.0.

Mr. Kelly said he inherited the 93.0 when he took over as NHS moderator five years ago.

Molloy's higher standard has resulted in some complaints, especially from parents and students who have 92.5 to 92.9 averages.

Some students who have a 91 or 92 average have devoted much more time to service activities at Molloy than students who have 93 or higher averages and are accepted for membership.

Mr. Kelly said while it can be tempting to make exceptions to the rule for some outstanding seniors who fall just short of the required academic

average, he always has decided to stick to the 93 average to make the process more "objective."

Although 29 fewer seniors were inducted into NHS this year than last year, Mr. Kelly said this is caused by two factors.

The first is that the Class of 2010 is a smaller class than last year's graduating class.

The second is a change in policy from previous years.

In the past, students who had a 93 or above academic average would automatically be invited to apply to join the National Honor Society.

This year, students had to apply for membership on their own instead of having the invitation handed to them.

Another change to NHS policy at Molloy was the voting procedure for officers.

For the first time, teachers were allowed to cast a ballot.

"Mr. Sheehan got the ball rolling by asking me if the faculty were allowed to vote for the officers," Mr. Kelly said. "I thought it would be a good idea because they know the seniors. I also trust the faculty's opinions and they also serve as a check on the idea of it just being a popularity contest."

Here are the members of the 2009-2010 Louis E. Willet National Honor Society Chapter:

Courtney Aceste; Shawn Adam; Maria Akay; Gina-Maria Arena; Paula Baichoo; Paul Bakoyiannis; Kenneth Barretto;

Melanie Batista; Brandon Benincasa; Martha Bielonko; Erin Brady; Kristine Bulaklak; Michael Carraher; Gabrielle Cassese; Devin Chowske; Sean Collins; Sarah Conlon; Daniel Cosgrove; Mark Crimmins; Stephanie Czastkiewicz;

Karen Demarco; Amanda Demenescu; Justina Dinko; Sharon Dittus; Monica Dluzniewski; Joanna Dobrowolski; Kyle Doherty; Camille Dwyer; Kathryn Edwards; Catherine Esmilla; Stephen Finn; Rebecca Gagliardotto; Kristine Garcia; Rosie Garlan; Melissa Gazal; Frank Gentile; Nicholas Gliagias; Teresa Marie Governale; Sabina Grech;

Melissa Hannon; Jake Hernandez; Brianna Hines; Scott Hounsell; Abrue Hussain; Christopher Hwu; Augustin Joseph; Benedict Joson; Varun Jotwani; Dominique Kalpakidou; David Kane; Kamelia Kilawan; Raymond Kober; Christopher Krone; Louis Lamia; Victoria Lane; Grace Lisandrelli; Denisa Lleshi; Elise Lontos; Philip Loprete; Justin Ly;

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Natalie Paret; Rebecca Persaud; Grace Perrotta; Patryk Perkowski; Joseph Pinckney; Rovena Pjetergjoka; Matt Powers; Deirdre Quinlan; Christina Ramasami; Shakti Ramsamooj; Rocco Romeo; Gabrielle Rosato;

Florian Santos; Joanna Santos; Olivia Sell; Michael Sforza; Priyanka Shaam; Andy Singh; Marilyn Sofiste; Katherine Sommers; Christina Toscano; Samantha Traslavina; Eric Treffeisen; Emily Vairo; Jackeline Vargas; Priscilla Velazquez; Lawrence Viggiano; Jarrett Williams; Choong Leong Ye; Javed Yunus; Susan Zheng.

Frosh experience first retreat

By Nicholas Capitelli '13, Lexi D'Attili '13, Tatiana Requiño '13, and Cara Salvatore '13

Eighty-four frosh joined junior and senior retreat leaders and several faculty members at Esopus on the weekend of Oct. 2-4 for the first Freshman Retreat of the year.

Bro. John Raeihle, the coordinator of the retreat, was very pleased with the retreat, saying that the frosh who attended were, "enthusiastic and fun."

Molloy's first Freshman Retreat was originally scheduled for Halloween weekend from Oct. 30-Nov. 1 and the first Senior Encounter was planned to take place on the first weekend in October.

But Bro. John said the Freshman Retreat was rescheduled due to the fact that most seniors did not want to have their Encounter so soon in the school year.

Despite the fact that the Freshman Retreat wasn't held on Halloween weekend, activities such as pumpkin carving were incorporated into the retreat's activities.

Many of those pumpkins were put on display in the first floor lobby by the front entrance to the school and the posters made during the retreat decorated the first floor hallway.

The theme of the weekend was that frosh should learn to "accept yourself, accept God, and accept others."

Beautiful weather on Saturday Oct. 3 permitted the frosh to take a tour of the grounds of the Marist Brothers Retreat House, including a walk down to the Hudson River.

Most frosh going on their first Molloy retreat didn't know what they were getting into.

"I didn't know what to expect," said Kayla Achan. "I had no idea what anything was going to be like, so I was surprised."

They discovered that they wouldn't just be hanging around in the gym or playing ping-pong.

They also participated in group discussions and heard the life experiences of their fellow students.



Junior Christa Ciuffo, top left, leads her group of frosh in making its poster during the Freshmen Retreat at Esopus on the weekend of Oct. 2-4. (Photo by Bro. John Raeihle)

"I learned to appreciate myself more because now I know that once I accept myself for who I am, everyone else will start accepting me, too," said Jackie Lezamiz.

Krissy Weston said she decided to attend the retreat because she "thought it would be a great experience," as well as a way to "meet new friends."

Patrick Nowowiejski, who had attended Freshman Camp at Esopus during the summer, had similar reasons for going.

He said he was not only excited to spend more time with friends at Esopus but he enjoyed the group discussion sessions because he, "wanted to talk in groups about hard times."

Nowowiejski also liked learning to "think positive thoughts about yourself, even if people make fun of you."

Weston and Nowowiejski both said what they enjoyed most about the retreat was playing Molloy's very own game, Flag.

Many frosh found their weekend at Esopus to be inspiring as well as fun.

"There was nothing about it that I disliked," said Danielle Napolitano.

Daniel Marino said, "I had no complaints."

All the frosh interviewed said they would recommend their classmates go on the next Freshman Retreat which will

be held in the spring.

"If they don't go, they will regret it," Napolitano said.

But Marino added one condition to his recommendation.

"I would recommend it to some people, but not to everyone because I don't think that they would take it seriously," he said.



Frosh and their group leaders get their hands a little messy while carving a pumpkin. (Photo by Bro. John Raeihle)



Senior Stephen Tanico, third from right, leads his group in making posters. (Photo by Bro. John Raeihle)

2 seniors National Merit semifinalists

Two Molloy seniors, Paul Bakoyiannis and Louis Lamia, were named semifinalists last month in the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Competition based on their performance on the 2009 PSAT.

The list of the 16,000 semifinalists from across the nation will be cut down in the spring to a list of finalists who will be awarded scholarships.

Seven other Stanner seniors, while

failing to advance to the semifinals, did qualify as Commended Students in the 2010 National Merit Program: Christian Chandler; Scott Hounsell; Peter Kramer; Ryan Mann; Brent McDonnell; Eric Treffeisen; and Susan Zheng.

Meanwhile, two seniors, Natalie Paret and Jarrett Williams, were named semifinalists in the 2010 National Achievement Scholarship Competition.

1A edges 1L for Frosh Field Day title

By Amanda Paljevic '13, Leanne Vaccaro '13, Ololade Afolayan '13

Homeroom 1A defeated 1L by just two points on Sept. 25 in one of the most hotly contested competitions in the annual Frosh Field Day.

Champion 1A scored 49 points to runner-up 1L's 47.

1E was third with 40.5 points, with 1F fourth (35) and 1G fifth (33).

1B, despite having just 26 students in its homeroom, finished a surprising sixth, beating out six other much larger homerooms.

All frosh reported to the Jack Curran Gym with their homerooms to participate in different sports, games, and activities.

This helped them get to know their classmates and homeroom teachers better.

Frosh Field Day, which has been an annual tradition at Archbishop Molloy for years, featured Mr. Brian Klimas as master of ceremonies.

Some of the most popular activities were the high jump, basketball knockout and wheelbarrow race.

Many students took part in several different events.

"I had an awesome time because I met so many people," said Samantha Paez, of 1J. "I made new friends and it was fun watching people compete and play different games."

Joanna Pingol of 1J said, "I

participated in the 880 relay and won first place. I also won second place for the wheelbarrow relay, which was also one of the best events to watch."

Billy Millus of 1H said, "My favorite event to watch was the basketball knockout because it was unexpected."

The team competition was so close this year that the final team results weren't announced until Sept. 29.

After a four day wait, Mr. Mike DeMarco's homeroom 1A learned it had taken first place when the final results were announced over the school's public address system.

"I thought they might win because they seemed to be talented athletically and many kids were bringing in medals representing their wins," said Mr. DeMarco. "Although my homeroom has never won before in the previous years, we had taken second place four times."

Mr. DeMarco recalled his homeroom was incredibly excited when its name was announced and the students saw their first place plaque.

Many frosh said it was a great day.

"I got to spend time with my homeroom class and have fun with my other classmates," said Jackie Lezamiz of 1G. "What's not to like?"

Here are the individual prize winners from Frosh Field Day:

Chess: 1. Sho Miyazaki, 1H; 2. Olaf Jablonski, 1F; 3. John Anthony DiMaria, 1D;



4. Vincent D'Aquaro, 1C; 5. Nicholas Matuszewicz.

History: 1. Rashanna Seymour, Christine Stanolevich, Jillian Spataro, 1L; 2. Jaclyn Eng, Marian Dingco, 1D; 3. Joseph Ingrassia, Greer Kann, 1F; 4. Victoria Alvarenga, Derrick Adam, 1A; 5. Julian Lopez, Shubin Mathews, Shilpa Mathews, 1G

Potato sack race: 1. 1L (Jordan Smart, Angelina Sun); 2. 1G (Christopher Martinez, Elizza Marbella); 3. 1A (Roberto Bertolini, Gabriela Batres); 4. 1M (Lauren Velez, Jorge Velez); 5. 1K (Alyssa Plaia, Kristin Poptean).

Girls spoon relay: 1. 1E (Daniela Gordillo, Carolyn Gallagher); 2. 1L (Victoria Taibe, Marisa Taormina); 3. 1M (Leanne Vaccaro, Danissa Williams); 4. 1H (Aislinn Messina, Kelly Michalak).

Boys spoon relay: 1. 1B (Gregory Boyle, Nicholas Capitelli); 2. 1K (Dylan Powers, Billy Rabold); 3. 1M (Gene Zhao, Chris Vabrinskas); 4. 1L (Jordan Smart, Christian Silva); 5. 1A (Demetri Andriopoulos, Nicholas Anton).

Girls wheelbarrow race: 1. 1A; 2. 1J; 3. 1F (Alexa Iliou, Stephanie Jaipaul); 4. 1M (Leanne Vaccaro, Danissa Williams); 5. 1D (Melissa Foley, Gisella Dionio).

Boys wheelbarrow race: 1. 1L (Dillon Schibelli, Brian Sheehan); 2. 1C (Elijah Castillo, Anthony Catinella); 3. 1G (James Lee, Kelvin Li); 4. 1B (Dennis Bizios, Edwin Casimir); 5. 1M (Zachary Tuimil, Christopher Vabrinskas).

Softball throw: 1. Kristen Candelaria, 1B; 2. Alexa Dietrich, 1D; 3. Fallon McCarthy, 1H; 4. A. Garcia, 1E; 5. Chrysalis Terrado, 1L.

Football throw: 1. Brendan Kalaf, 1F; 2. Joseph Brandt, 1B; 3. Christian Giles, 1E; 4.

Terrence Grogan, 1E; 5. Scan Sanchez, 1K.

Girls basketball: 1. Amani Tatum, 1L; 2. Megan Desarno, 1D; 3. Alexandria D'Attila, 1C; 4. Daniela Arias; 5. Dallas Pralle, 1K.

Boys basketball: 1. Tyler Bennett, 1A; 2. Tyler Roberts, 1K; 3. Gerard Fraracci, 1E; 4. Darryl Carpen, 1B; 5. Marko Kozul, 1F.

Girls soccer: 1. Victoria Antonino, 1A; 2. Jessica Jamin, 1F; 3. Michaela Roller, 1K; 4. Giselle Guerra, 1E; 5. Hanna Ventura, 1M.

Boys soccer: 1. Gregory Boyle, 1B; 2. Giuseppe Barone, 1A; 3. Matthew D'Urso, 1D; 4. Marco Rima, 1K; 5. Danilo Markovic, 1G

Girls high jump: 1. Quinn Banks, 1A; 2. Aleksandra Jaroslawska, 1F; 3. Kathleen Gribbon, 1E; 4. Sachi Desse, 1D; 5. Maudrie Alexis, 1A.

Boys high jump: 1. Patrick Chung, 1C; 2. Jacob Lascano, 1F; 3. (tie) Vincent Caggiano, 1B, and Christian Hadjigeorgiou, 1E; 5. Dylan Foster, 1D.

Girls shot put: 1. Victoria Taibe, 1L; 2. Elizabeth Governale, 1E; 3. Chelsea Corinaldi, 1C; 4. Vanja Matkovic, 1G; 5. Anita Swider, 1L.

Boys shot put: 1. Michael Rogers, 1K; 2. Michael Szymeczek, 1L; 3. William Millus, 1H; 4. Christian Ponce, 1K; 5. Shaun Coribello, 1C.

Girls 800-meter run: 1. Joanna Pingol, 1J; 2. Jacqueline Perez, 1J; 3. Catalina Tapia, 1L; 4. Theresa Conway, 1C; 5. Steffi Shilly, 1L.

Boys 800-meter run: 1. Gabriele Maurello, 1H; 2. Steven Neocleous, 1H; 3. Thomas Culhane, 1C; 4. John McCabe, 1H; 5. Kevin Fernandes, 1D.

Girls two-lap run: 1. Barbara Goger, 1E; 2. Daniella Ortiz, 1J; 3. Danielle Valentine, 1M; 4. Shalini Zachariah, 1M; 5. Patricia Dorgler, 1D.

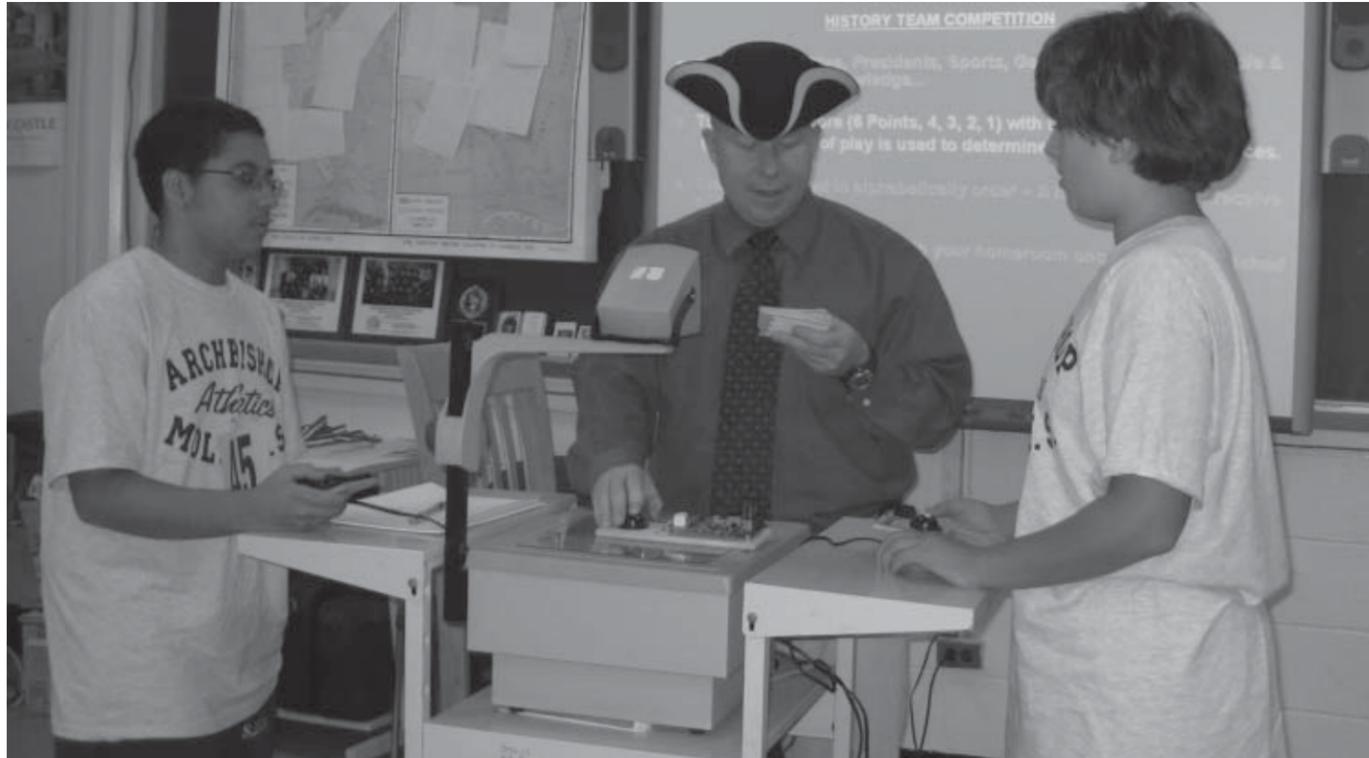
Boys two-lap run: 1. Carlos Balmaceda, 1A; 2. Jonathan Toneatto, 1M; 3. Gianca Mayor-Valencia, 1H; 4. Zakary Rios, 1K; 5. Frank Masi, 1G.

Girls one lap relay: 1. 1A (Ololade Afolayan, Motunrayo Agbaje); 2. 1M (Rebecca Verrone, Kelly Whelan); 3. 1F (Adrianna Kowalski, Kristen Lau); 4. 1E (Dana Galizia, Erin Gander); 5. 1B (Jessica Cardello, Annamarie Casano).

Boys one lap relay: 1. 1E (Michael Fuchs, Daniel Gaitan); 2. 1C (Davin Chaltu, Elijah Castillo); 3. 1F (Ryan Khan, Jason Jovic); 4. 1H (Michael Naccarelli, Justin Molina); 5. 1H (Zachary McCleary, John Maurer).

Team scores: 1. 1A, 49 points; 2. 1L, 47; 3. 1E, 40.5; 4. 1F, 35; 5. 1H, 33; 6. 1B, 28.5; 7. 1C, 27; 8. 1K, 26; 9. 1M, 25; 10. 1D, 23.5; 11. 1J, 18; 12. 1G, 12.

Frosh play chess, top, show off their medals, and display their knowledge of history during Frosh Field Day. (Photos by Jennifer Hwu and Chris Hwu)



I AM Green cleans Rockaway Beach

By Carolina Ortiz '11 and Stacey Nieves '11

Molloy's Environmental Club, "I AM Green," enjoyed a beautiful early fall day on Monday Oct. 5 while doing the dirty job of cleaning up Rockaway Beach.

Club Moderator Mr. Chris Dougherty drove about 21 club members and Mr. Ted McGuinness to the beach in Molloy's very own "cheese bus" to help clean up New York City's environment for about two hours.

This is Molloy's second consecutive beach clean-up effort.

It began last year when current club President Susan Zheng planned out Molloy's first beach clean-up with the help of Mr. Dougherty.

This year's beach cleanup project was part of a larger effort run by a non-profit organization called the American Littoral Society, which is devoted to helping keep the nation's coastlines clean. The Northeast Chapter of the society is located in Broad Channel.

Created in 1961, the American Littoral Society has over 5,000 members and invites everyone to join in the struggle to conserve the magnificence of our coastal areas by participating in twice a year beach cleanups.

In 2008, 9,917 volunteers cleaned and documented 168,856 pounds of debris along the 387 miles of New York

State shoreline.

Last year, the people working on the American Littoral Society Rockaway Beach cleanup project succeeded in picking up 3,317 cigarettes or cigarette filters, 186 plastic bags, 157 glass bottles, 30 beverage cans, and various other trash items at Rockaway Beach.

While the final numbers aren't yet in for this year's cleanup, three Stanners working as a group found on the beach about 700 cigarettes or cigarette filters alone.

"I think that the students learned that they can make a difference," Mr. Dougherty said. "But on the downside, they also learned how filthy and disrespectful some people can be."

Junior Christina Jarosch, who went with the club to the beach cleanup, said, "I learned that pollution can ruin the beauty of the beach."

The strangest things she found during the cleanup, she said, were, "three different buried bed sheets and three rosary necklaces."

Junior T.J. Darcy said, "I had an awesome time."

The oddest thing he found was chicken bones.

Club members said it's finds like that, not to mention last year's box of maggot-covered hamburgers, that remind them of how filthy our beaches can really be, and that cleanups like these really can make a difference.



Senior Rosie Garlan, above, etches the name of Molloy's Environment Club into the sand of Rockaway Beach on Oct. 5. After a hard day's work, Rebecca Gagliardotto and Rosie Garlan carry the last bit of trash off the beach. (Photos by Camille Dwyer and Mr. Ted McGuinness)



Juniors check out AM College Night

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Senior David Kane believes that with application deadlines quickly approaching, the Class of 2010 already should have a list of desired schools.

"I can't imagine starting to think of where to go now," Kane said.

"[College Night] is an event geared for juniors. I guess if I had a pressing question on the day of College Night, I would go. But otherwise, I could email the college with a question I had."

Seniors had to have their CUNY/SUNY applications handed in to Mr. Hughes by Oct. 13 and all other applications are due Nov. 2.

Seniors have flocked to Mr. Hughes's office to make guidance appointments and he is already two weeks backed up for personal appointments.

"I plan to see everybody by November," he said.

Perkowski, who also attended College Night last year, recommends it to all juniors.

"You gain very valuable information at

College Night that will help you with the college process," he said. "It helps get your feet wet."

Senior Camille Dwyer attended College Night for a second time this year but said, "Honestly, it wasn't very helpful [this year] but I did learn about the McCauley Honors process and that was very helpful since I didn't know a lot about it."

Juniors can look forward to a "juniors only" presentation about the college application process in February, which will consist of a 20-minute introductory speech by Mr. Hughes followed by a presentation by Bro. David Van Hollebeke, the former Director of Admissions at Manhattan College.

Mr. Hughes said about 800 juniors and parents attended this event last year.

Band Officers elected

Seniors Jarrett Williams and Eric Treiffeisen were elected president and vice president of Molloy's Band for the 2009-2010 school year.

Political Science Club debates the big issues

By Ada Rodamis '12 and Victoria Tan '12

Molloy's Political Science Club, which meets in Room 219 on Wednesdays, is open to all Stanners with strong political views who enjoy a good, heated debate.

Club members discuss and debate the merits of laws being proposed by federal and state legislators and other government issues.

The club was first started many years ago as the Government Club by Mr. John Diorio.

Last year, Mr. Mike Harrison and Mr. Ed Cameron decided to revamp the club and rename it the Political Science Club.

The club now has 31 members with four club officers: President Nick D'Angelo, a senior, Vice President Dan McGahan, a senior, Treasurer Annamaria Smeraldi, a senior, and Secretary Melissa Gabriel, a sophomore.

"A lot more has been done since last year," said Gabriel. "Most of us are looking forward to a possible trip to Washington D.C."

Club members also hope to visit Ellis Island and other important historical and political sites in New York City this year.

"During meetings, we usually have fist fights," said Mr. Cameron with a big laugh. "No, we actually have debates and open discussions. We also watch political and historical movies and we're hoping to get guest speakers."

Gabriel said, "I enjoy that even as a freshman last year I got to be heard. There's no superiority [on the part of the seniors] and you can say what you want. You also learn a lot. We all talk about our views on the economy and our views about different presidents."

The goal of the Political Science Club is to help broaden students' political and historical understanding but also to have fun debating the issues.

"It's a fun club and you never feel intimidated," Gabriel said. "We could use more freshmen and other people who have a love for history and politics to join."

Knitting Club is fashionable at AM

By Kara Nandin '11 and Frans Cuevas '11

When Molloy's Knitting Club first started last year, few predicted it would be tremendously popular but in its second year it now boasts 50 members.

Club Moderator Mrs. Dorothy Liebman said she definitely was surprised by the popularity of the club.

Playing a role in the club's popularity were senior Susan Zheng's funny Kanye West posters which were seen posted in the hallways last month to advertise the club.

The club, which meets every Friday in the Library, is open to all students, even those who don't know how to knit but would like to learn.

"The club consists of both advanced and moderate-ability knitters," said Mrs. Liebman.

Senior Samantha Traslavina founded the club because she loves to knit because it's both a relaxing and fun pastime.

The group knits hats and baby blankets for infants at local hospitals.

It takes about two weeks for the club to send a shipment of hats and scarves to local charity organizations, said junior Deborah DePinto.

Members of the club encourage students to come to a meeting.

"You may find knitting to be fun and relaxing," said Traslavina. "You don't know until you try it."



Senior Susan Zheng created this poster for Molloy's Knitting Club.

Career advice: journalism

In anticipation of "Career Day" at Molloy on March 11, *The Stanner* is running a series of articles featuring the career paths taken by alumni.

This is the first in that series.

By Karen Zhou '11

Ivan Pereira, 24, a member of Molloy's Class of 2003 and a graduate of NYU, works as a reporter for the weekly Queens newspaper, *The Times-Ledger*, covering the Jamaica and Laurelton neighborhoods.

He has written for several different newspapers, ranging from *The Stanner* as a student at Molloy, to *The New York Daily News*, while a student at NYU.

In a telephone interview, he answered our questions about his career in journalism.

The Stanner: On a scale of 1-10, how much do you like your job?

Pereira: Nine. It's a really fun job. You know you're helping people by enlightening them about what's going on in their neighborhood. Journalism is out

to inform people. You're always learning. I had to learn about the street vending subculture for a recent article I did.

The Stanner: What necessary skills/traits should a potential journalist have?

Pereira: You have to be a reader. You should be knowledgeable about what's going on in the world and have a desire to follow those events. You should be keen on what's going on around you. When you read something, don't just follow along with what the author says but think analytically.

The Stanner: How does someone pursue this career option?

Pereira: Take journalism courses in high school and college. Start writing a blog — a serious one, not something on Twitter — and be dedicated to it. Go work for your high school and college newspaper or volunteer to work for your local newspaper. Get a newspaper or magazine internship while in college as I did with the *Daily News*. Most importantly, have fun with it. At whatever job you do, you have to have fun doing it.

The Stanner: What papers do you recommend the budding Molloy journalist read?

Pereira: *The New York Daily News* and *The Times-Ledger*, since they cover local news, and *The New York Times* for national and international news and because of its writing style.

The Stanner: What was your favorite assignment?

Pereira: A woman had her uncle shoot her estranged husband in front of her daughter at a Forest Hills playground. I was the only New York reporter who covered it from the beginning to its end in the Queens Courthouse.

The Stanner: What about dire predictions that the newspaper industry will soon become extinct?

Pereira: Outside of the industry,

people think it's failing. I think it's just evolving and adjusting to changes in the marketplace.

Check out Ivan Pereira's articles at

the *Times-Ledger* website, www.yournabe.com, or at his website, www.ivanpereira.com. For more on journalism, check out hsj.org.

The Stanner wins ten Tablet HS Press Awards

Molloy's student newspaper, *The Stanner*, won 10 awards, including three first place awards, at the 2009 Tablet High School Press Awards at St. Francis College in Brooklyn in May.

The Stanner received the second place award in the General Excellence category. St. Francis Prep was first, Bishop Loughlin third and St. Joseph's received honorable mention.

Among the award winners were:

* Seniors David Kane and Dan Cosgrove, who won first place for Best New Story for their piece entitled "Weighted Grades Proposal Debated."

* Senior Rebecca Gagliardotto, who won second place for Best Feature Story for her personal account entitled "Attending Obama Inauguration is Unforgettable."

* Seniors Scott Hounsell and Eric

Treffeisen, who, along with Class of 2009 member Ray Ferreira, won second place for Best Community Related Editorial for "Arguing Merits of McCain and Obama."

* Senior Melanie Dostis, *The Stanner*'s Editor-in-Chief, who won third place for Best Sports Story for "JV Softball's Offseason Good Works."

Moderator Mr. Charley McKenna was very pleased with his staff's performance.

"Under the leadership of Melanie Dostis and [Managing Editor] Stephanie Almache, *The Stanner* finished first in 2008 and second in 2009," Mr. McKenna said. "I'm sure they will be aiming to finish their careers as our editors with another first place award in 2010."

Christmas card art contest announced

By Matthew Marvilli '12

It may be only October, but for Molloy's student artists, it's time to start thinking about Christmas.

An art contest, sponsored by Molloy President Mr. John Sherry, is being held this month to design the Christmas card that will be used as Molloy's official holiday greeting card this December.

The contest winner, in addition to having his or her design used on the cover of the Christmas card, will receive a \$100 gift certificate to use at the school bookstore.

The second place winner will receive a \$50 bookstore gift certificate and

third place will receive a \$25 certificate.

The Christmas card contest is open to all students and the deadline for entries is Thursday Oct. 29.

New Encounter leaders

The nine leaders have been selected for the first Senior Encounter of the year at Esopus on Oct. 30-Nov. 1.

Daniel Edward, Teresa Marie Governale, Jake Hernandez, Eric Johnson, Elise Lontos, Krystal Noel, Joseph Pinckney, Jillian Sheehan and Priscilla Velazquez will be the leaders of the 49 other seniors who are going on the Encounter.



Ivan Pereira

Sophomore Woods sets a B-Q X-C course record



Kathleen Woods leads Molloy to soph sectional title. (Staff photo)

By Dina Mangialino '13

Molloy's Girls Cross Country teams are off and running this season.

Sophomore Kathleen Woods led Molloy to the Girls Sophomore team Brooklyn-Queens title on Oct. 14 by winning the individual title in a course record time of 16:15 over the four-kilometer path at Van Cortlandt Park.

Molloy finished with 23 points, easily defeating second place St. Francis Prep (54 points) and third place Bishop Loughlin (100).

Coach Mr. Austin Power said his Varsity team is off to a great start because it has worked exceptionally hard in practice with the goal of winning the Brooklyn-Queens and City titles.

Woods and junior Agata Michalak have led the Varsity all season long.

On Sept. 26 at the five-kilometer Bowdoin Cross Country Classic, Woods ran Molloy's best time of

20:48.6, followed by Michalak, who ran 23:33.8.

They were Molloy's top two performers at four-kilometer St. Anthony's Invitational on Oct. 3, with Woods running a 16:30.63 and Michalak coming in at 17:36.78.

Woods was again the team leader at the four-kilometer All Hallows Meet, running a time of 16:12.

Mr. Power believes the Varsity will perform well at the Brooklyn-Queens meet Oct. 31 against Bishop Ford, St. Francis Prep and Bishop Kearney and then at the City meet on Nov. 14.

If Molloy can qualify for the State Championship meet, Mr. Power said Long Island's St. John the Baptist will be the team to beat.

"The team has been doing great, best ever at practices," said Mr. Power, "but now they have to do it when it matters [in the Sectional and City meets]."

Chowske's top student at Fun Run

By Francis N. Villamater '13

Senior Devin Chowske finished second to Molloy alum Matt Dispensa in a five-kilometer race through the Briarwood neighborhood at the 22nd annual Andrew Harvey Fun Run on Sunday, Oct. 4.

The event, which also featured a mile run on the track and short dashes for children, is a fundraiser open to all Molloy frosh, sophomores, juniors, seniors, alumni, and parents.

About 150 people participated in the various Fun Run races with the majority of the runners being members of Molloy's Boys and Girls Track teams.

"Although there was no single outstanding performance, our students did very well overall this year," said the Fun Run Coordinator and Molloy track coach Mr. Frank Gambino, who added that this year's event was more organized than previous ones.

Frosh Kelly Michalak, who finished fourth in the Girls One-Mile Race, said, "Like all the other runners, I was nervous in the beginning. And I was

feeling a little on the down side since I had a little bit of a cold."

Everything changed, she said, after the race started as the runners became energetic, excited, and very competitive.

"Everyone ended up having a great time," said Michalak, who was a little disappointed in her finishing time of 10 minutes. "I know I could have done better if I wasn't sick. I will definitely join the race next year and hopefully run a better race."

This year's Fun Run raised about \$1,000 to benefit Archbishop Molloy High School.

Here are the results from the 2009 Fun Run:

Men's 5 kilometer run: 1. Matt Dispensa (A), 17:07; 2. Devin Chowske, 17:13; 3. Sean Collins, 17:31; 4. Tyler Bay, 18:19; 5. Tom Harvey (A), 18:24; 6. Nicolas Tommaso, 18:49; 7. Anthony Cammarata (A), 19:00; 8. Joe Mansour (A), 19:25; 9. Robert Rossi, 19:25; 10. Peter Kramer, 19:31.

Women's 5 kilometer run: 1. Gabrielle Rosato, 23:14; 2. Melissa Fesler, 23:45; 3. Samantha Traslavina, 24:38; 4. Ellen Mansour (A), 25:20; 5. Tiana Salas-Ali, 25:56; 6. Ashley Blossom (A), 27:18; 7. Kerri

Ann Doyle (A), 27:18; 8. Katie Quinn (A), 27:49; 9. Jeannett Llave, 28:07; 10. Ashley Mayer, 28:10.

Boys 1 mile run: 1. Giancarlo Mayor-Valencia, 6:52; 2. Patrick Goldberg, 6:56; 3. Jonathan Toneatto, 7:32; 4. Tom Mercer,

7:38; 5. Kevin Fernandes, 7:53.

Girls 1 mile run: 1. Daniella Ortiz, 7:56; 2. Samaria Filosa, 8:24; 3. Vanja Matkovic, 9:47; 4. (tie) Kelly Michalak and Katarzyna Krol, 10:00.

A = Adult



Chris Guevarra and Jeanett Llave roll up their sleeves to fun run.



Runners line up for the start of the annual five-kilometer Andrew Harvey Fun Run on Oct. 4. (Photos by Veronica Sukati)