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Saints Grab Top Seed in GNAC Tourney; Chasing Third-Straight Title

As the women's basketball team prepares to host Johnson & Wales University on Friday, February 27th in the Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC) tournament semifinals, Head Coach Andy Yosinoff and his Saints can look back on yet another successful season on the court thus far.

One of the youngest squads in Yosinoff's 32-year career at Emmanuel, this year's team has fought hard for its overall record of 19-7, including a 12-1 GNAC mark. As the No. 1 seed in the tournament once again, the Saints have proven that even in a rebuilding year, their mixture of experience and talent still makes them the team to beat.

So far this season, captain Iman Davis '10 has been named the GNAC's Player of the Week and has become a member of Emmanuel's 1,000-point club, achieving the milestone on January 3rd. She has continued to be the team's go-to player, leading all scorers in the opening round of the tournament with 20 points, six rebounds and five assists.

Yosinoff is excited about Davis's accomplishments and looks forward to what she will do next.

"In our game against St. Joseph's College her 39 points tied the record for most points scored in a game," he



Katasi Kulubya '12 and the Saints remain focused on another GNAC championship.

said. "She has around 1,120 points right now and has a very good chance of breaking Emmanuel's all-time scoring record of 1,630 points."

Yosinoff has also been excited about the Saints' running game this season. The team has been scoring most of its points by fast breaking and constantly pushing the ball up the court. The impressive outside shooting of Kristen Lebel '11 has also given the Saints an offensive boost. During the quarterfinal round, Lebel finished with 13 points, shooting three of six from behind the arc.

Overall, the young team has continued improving throughout the season and Yosinoff looks forward to watching his players gain experience throughout the postseason.

"You can really see the girls getting more confident," he said.

During the week of January 17th Emmanuel took part in the GNAC's "Passionate Purple" week. The GNAC partnered with the Lupus Foundation of America (LFA) to sponsor this event, which was initiated to raise awareness about lupus and raise funds for the Lupus Foundation of America, Inc. and their efforts to provide research, education and support for all people affected by lupus. The Saint's 79-35 win over Saint Joseph College (CT) was Emmanuel's designated

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Men's Volleyball Taking Steps in Right Direction for 2009

The Emmanuel College men's volleyball team has an overall record of 8-8 so far this season. The Saints are looking strong in the Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC) with a record of 5-2.

The team opened the season with a 4th-place finish in the highly competitive Hawks Invitational, hosted by SUNY New Paltz. The Saints kicked off the tournament with a 3-1 win over Elms College, but fell to Eastern Mennonite University in a five-set thriller. The Saints wrapped up the tournament with another exciting five-set match, falling to host New Paltz, 3-2.

Head Coach Christopher Wright is confident in this year's team and is impressed by the leadership and hard work.

"This year's team has really taken the necessary steps to put this program in a position to do well," said Wright.

"We were disappointed after not making the playoffs last season, but the co-captains, Michael Townsend '10 and Jacob Deluise '11, have taken on this leadership role to set the example

for the rest of the team. I think the program is taking a step in the right direction."

Also taking on a leadership role this season is Alex Petty '12, also known as "Steady Petty." A top recruit joining the team this year, Wright is impressed by how Petty has stepped up so far this season.

"Alex fits in well with my offense," he said. "He is not flashy, but his IQ for the game is truly remarkable. He makes great decisions on the court and he's always competing in practices and matches."

Emmanuel's outside hitter Curtis Abram '11 was named the GNAC Co-Player of the Week on January 19th. Abram received this honor after leading the Saints in the Hawks Invitational. The California native slammed down 53 kills and hit .264 for the tournament, while also averaging 1.71 digs and .43 blocks per set.

Also named the GNAC's Player of the Week for the week ending on

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Jordan Coulombe '12 competes in the 60m hurdles at the Harvard Open.

Records Falling Fast Throughout Saints' Indoor Track Season

Emmanuel's indoor track team has had an impressive first half of the season, with runners already qualifying for the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference (ECAC) Championship and the New England Division III Championships, in addition to breaking many previous records.

On December 8th, the men's and women's teams ran their season opener at the Wesleyan University Invitational. A number of strong and promising performances graced the track with the help of several newcomers.

In his opening race, Christopher Conway '12 placed fourth in the 55-meter hurdles and qualified for the ECAC Championships with a time of 8.12 seconds. He then led a young 4x200-meter relay team to a third-place effort with a time of 1:39.11, breaking a program record set nearly a year ago. Stephen Armstrong '12 placed fourth in the 5,000-meter run, setting a new record of 16:49.85.

In the second meet of the season at the Harvard University Open on

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College, Center for Mission and Spirituality Celebrate Founders' Week

During the first week of February, Emmanuel College celebrated Founders' Week, sponsored by the Center for Mission and Spirituality. The theme of the weeklong celebration was "Educating for Life" and included prayer services, speakers and films emphasizing the mission and vision of the College.

On February 5th the College community gathered in the Janet M. Daley Library Lecture Hall to celebrate Founders' Day with special guest speaker Sister Margaret Mullholland, SND, Education Liaison for the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur. As education liaison, Sister Margaret provides a link between all



Director of Academic Advising Sr. Susan Thornell, SND, Education Liaison for the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur Sr. Margaret Mullholland, SND, College President Sr. Janet Eisner, SND, Sr. Mary Farren, SND, Professor of Sociology and Religious Studies and Director of the Center for Mission and Spirituality Sr. Mary Johnson, SND.

SND learning communities in nearly 20 countries. She taught for 29 years

in inner-city London and was the head teacher in a school where 22 different

languages were spoken in her last year before retiring.

This was the College's 17th Annual Founders' Day celebration, a day to recognize both the founding of the Sisters of Notre Dame De Namur and the opening of Emmanuel College by the Sisters of Notre Dame. This coming September will mark the beginning of the College's 90th anniversary year.

Emmanuel College President Sister Janet Eisner, SND presented the opening remarks for the celebration. She discussed the economic hardships that the country is facing and reminded

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Faculty/Student Research Examines Students' Use of Technology on Campus

Associate Professor of Information Technology Gouri Banerjee and two student research assistants, Meaghan Duval '09 and Haley Byrnes '09, recently conducted a study inspired by the seemingly natural abilities of students to quickly learn new technologies. With freshman students arriving extremely well-informed about the intricacies of the iPhone, GPS systems, digital cameras, mp3 players and social networking web sites, the research team explored whether such skills could be replicated towards academic learning.

"I've seen students show so much enthusiasm about iPhones, mp3 players and new technologies, but less about learning computer programs and science," said Banerjee. "I was interested in transferring that enthusiasm."

The research was modeled after Educause's applied research department, an organization that studies the use of information technology in teaching and learning and conducts national surveys of several thousand students each year to document the use of digital technology. Banerjee, Duval and Byrnes investigated students' use of computers, communication devices and Web tools to enhance learning and communication. The findings

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A rendering of the renovation to Clemente Field, which will be completed by the start of the 2009 academic year.

A Field Restored

Emmanuel, City of Boston to Renovate Clemente Field

Emmanuel College has established a partnership with the city of Boston to upgrade Roberto Clemente Field, a city-owned field located across the street from the Emmanuel College campus. This comprehensive restoration will result in a brand-new facility that will benefit the Fenway neighborhood and Boston Public Schools, as well as serve as the new home field location for Emmanuel College and Boston Latin School athletic teams.

"The partnership is particularly important in these difficult economic times and we appreciate Emmanuel's willingness to assist. This will provide a terrific state-of-the-art field for Boston Public School children, the neighborhood and Emmanuel," said Boston Parks Commissioner Antonia Pollak.

The renovation will include an upgraded 120,000 sq. ft. NCAA-regulation synthetic turf field, a three-

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Completion of Academic Science Center, Renovations Draw Closer

In just a few more months the College will begin preparations to move into the new Academic Science Center in time for its official fall opening. Construction continues to progress inside the Center, along with renovations to the Administration Building and Alumnae Hall.

Work within the east wing of the Administration Building will be completed on floors 1-4 in early summer. The entire fifth floor, which will house a new art department, will be completed in late summer.

Throughout this renovation, the

Faculty News

Assistant Professor of Chemistry Christine Jaworek-Lopes has been appointed to the Committee on Community Activities (CCA). The CCA is an American Chemical Society Committee. Her appointment will last for three years.

Assistant Professor of Sociology Katrin Kriz has been awarded a Leiv Eiriksson Mobility Fellowship by the Norwegian Research Council for two summer months in 2009 and 2010. The fellowship will allow Kriz and her colleague at the University of Bergen to continue their comparative research on child welfare work with

Staff News

Walter T. Carlson III joins the Campus Safety Office as a Campus Safety Lieutenant/Shift Commander. Carlson previously served as a reserve deputy sheriff in Plymouth County as well as a sub-contract investigator for Decision Strategies. In March 2005 he was honorably discharged from the Massachusetts State Police Department. Carlson holds a B.S. in criminal justice from the University of Massachusetts as well as a Master of Science in criminal justice administration from Western New England College.



A view of Boston from inside the Academic Science Center.

College is using Alumnae Hall for academic and meeting space. The

minority children in England and Norway.

Professor of Political Science Marie D. Natoli has a forthcoming publication due out in May entitled, "Ogunquit: Then and Now." Her work will be published by Arcadia Press.

Instructor of Foreign Languages Cheryl Tano has recently written her newest French textbook, *Promenades: A Travers le Monde Francophone*. The book has been published by Vista Higher Learning of Boston.

Scott C. Jennings is a new Lieutenant/Shift Commander with the Campus Safety Office. Jennings previously served as a Massachusetts State Police sergeant. Jennings has earned a B.S. in criminal justice from the University of Massachusetts as well as a Master of Science in criminal justice from Anna Maria College.

Brian X. Lilly comes to Emmanuel as a Campus Safety Lieutenant/Shift

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education, psychology and art departments have moved temporarily to

Ellen Madden Scholarship Awarded for Spring Semester

Emmanuel College has chosen Martha Safien '09 as the spring 2009 recipient of the Ellen Madden Scholarship.

Madden served as Emmanuel College's Payroll Manager for 18 years and sadly passed away from a sudden heart attack in June 2005. Through the generous contributions of faculty, staff, family and friends, the scholarship in her name honors her life and love of Emmanuel by supporting the education of a deserving senior each semester.

As a means of determining the scholarship recipient, prior to the start of the semester faculty from the Department of Management and Economics invited five seniors who have unmet financial need to submit a one-page essay on the importance of managing responsibly in the constantly changing business world. Safien was approached by Associate Professor of Management Diana Stork about the scholarship opportunity and excitedly accepted the invite.

"I was very surprised when I was invited to apply for the scholarship. I did not expect it at all," said Safien. "I thought the essay was a great chance to actually think about how I should manage responsibly in the continuously changing world of business."

The essay included an overview of how the student, as a future manager,

Alumnae Hall, which is located on Avenue Louis Pasteur. Emmanuel is using the second and third floors of Alumnae Hall. The basement and first floor remain under construction and will not be used by the Emmanuel community.

Students and faculty can use the rear door closest to the library parking lot to enter and exit during day-time hours. Signage will clearly direct visitors to this entrance. Faculty will have access to the front door of the building at all times using their College ID.

would make ethical decisions in the face of uncertainty and difficult times.

In memory of Madden, her family and friends created the scholarship and have raised money by doing a relay walk around the Fenway, the route that Madden would walk during lunch everyday. The scholarship encourages students to emulate the work ethic that Madden exuded while serving Emmanuel College. Madden is remembered by all who had the pleasure of working with her as an exceptional role model through her dedication and kindness. Director of Human Resources Erin Farmer Noonan was among those who had formed a great friendship with Madden.

"She was very kind-hearted, funny, wise and a great friend and co-worker," she said.

Madden's influence lives on with the Emmanuel staff today, with memories of her great personality and strong work ethic surfacing in the everyday lives of her co-workers.

"Ellen was a great person to work with. She is never far from my thoughts," said Human Resources Representative/Benefits Coordinator Leah Kendall. "I often find myself thinking, how would Ellen handle this situation? If I handle it the way I think she would have, 99% of the time, it's right!"

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Lawless Scholarship Awarded

Allison Hurney '09 has been awarded the first Grace E. Lawless Performing Arts Scholarship for vocal studies this semester. The scholarship, which is awarded based on merit as determined by audition, is granted to a deserving student who shows

exceptional promise in vocal or piano performance and will cover the costs of that student's private lesson fees. Hurney will also be featured as a soloist in various Emmanuel College events throughout the semester.

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Left, Education Liaison for the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur Sister Margaret Mullholland, SND speaks during Founders' Day. Right, students Ryan Rivard '09, Jennifer Marin '09 and Meaghan Mingo '10 join Professor of Sociology and Religious Studies and Director of the Center for Mission and Spirituality Sister Mary Johnson, SND as part of a panel discussion on service opportunities at the College.

College, Center for Mission and Spirituality Celebrate Founders' Week

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those present that we are being called to return to the "American foundation."

"President Obama is calling us forth as a people to remember that we have come through difficult times before and that we can come together now to solve today's challenges and continue living the American story," she said.

Just as America and each individual family have a story of where they come from, and who they are, Emmanuel too has its own story. Sister Janet reminded the community that the vision of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, their desire to share with the world God's goodness and their passion for education serves as Emmanuel's foundation.

"You and I continue that mission today; make real that vision for our world. This Emmanuel mission belongs to all of us – students, faculty, staff and administrators," she said. "It is our mission to embrace, foster and live. We are writing the current chapter of this story. That is why Founders' Day is so important, for it is in our hands to continue this legacy for today and future generations."

Sister Margaret addressed the community with her presentation entitled, "Standing Again at Compeigne." She noted that the Emmanuel community is a vital part of the growing Notre Dame community. The Sisters currently serve in nearly 20 countries as teachers and nurses. They are hoping to create a base in Haiti and contributions from all SND communities make such feats possible. Sister Margaret has traveled the world sharing her service with those in need.

"I believe I am privileged because I am in a position to touch the lives of so many amazing people," she said. "Men, women and children, all inspired by St. Julie and her mission."

Sister Margaret shared three examples

of service that are most memorable to her. The first example was a story of sisters serving in the Congo who help children to grow crops for food and offer porridge as a means for extra nourishment for the hungry. Her second example was of an independent Catholic middle school for 6th-8th grade girls, mainly from underprivileged backgrounds, in Baltimore. She was inspired by the goodness displayed throughout the school.

"The school would be my description of an incarnation, a school which is in the image and likeness of God in a truly holistic manner," she said. "Let it be known that if I am ever missing in the States, this is where you might find me."

Sister Margaret's final example was of the Global Youth Conference held at Hope University in Liverpool, England. Fourteen Notre Dame connections attended the conference, including nine Sisters; three from Nigeria, three local, two from Brazil and one from Kenya.

To conclude her address to the community Sister Margaret explained the relevance of the title "Standing Again at Compeigne." Compeigne is a city in France where Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur founder, St. Julie Billiart, once took refuge. While sick and unable to walk, St. Julie had a religious vision that called her to serve, leading her into her life of active ministry. Sister Margaret called upon the community to share in her mission.

"It is possible that you and I are called today to what St. Julie called the greatest work on earth," she said.

The Founders' Day celebration continued with a panel discussion featuring three Emmanuel students. Meaghan Mingo '10 volunteers with the Sunday Service Group and spoke of its services. Jennifer Marin '09 discussed her service trip to New Orleans. Ryan Rivard '09 also spoke of his experience

on the Ecuador service trip. After the student panel, Maria Grieci '09, who participated in a college-wide art competition, was chosen to have a piece of her artwork blessed by College Chaplain Father Stephen Boyle. The SND cross she created will hang in the Campus Ministry Office.

Founders' Day is celebrated as a means of appreciating the College's roots. The community gathers to remember the foundations of Emmanuel and the importance of remaining dedicated to the school's mission through the past, present and future.

"I believe that just as each of us has a graced history – our own story of God's intervening in our lives – so to does this College have a graced history of Emmanuel, our God with us, breaking into our story, our lives," said Sr. Janet. "And that did not happen just 90 years ago, or 20 years ago, but now today. The Emmanuel story is still unfolding."

Another notable event during Founders' Week was the "Follow Your Heart Dinner, From CPA to SND: A Conversation with Sister Patricia Shea, SND." The event was held on February 4th in the Jean Yawkey Center for Community Leadership. The dinner and intimate roundtable discussion chronicled Sister Patricia's journey from the professional world into religious life.

"I really like this theme of 'follow your heart' because that is exactly what I did," said Sister Patricia. "I feel that God is always pulling us towards things that are attractive to us and we should follow."

Sister Patricia was inspired to serve through her experience with the Peace Corps on the Fiji Islands. She joined the corps and was sent to the island to teach high school math using her degree in accounting from The College of the Holy Cross. Being placed in a Catholic home for her cultural training, the faith of the

family helped cure her homesickness. It also ignited a yearning for that type of a relationship with religion in her own life.

"There was a noticeable joy about praising God," she said. "The Church was a huge part of their society."

Upon Sister Patricia's return home she entered the personal accounting business, however, she felt a calling to serve and starting attending various retreats. Finally, she decided to follow her heart and begin her theological career. She became the business manager at a Sisters of Notre Dame retreat house and helped coordinate retreats.

Sister Patricia began her mission as an SND in October, when she took her first vows at Emmanuel College. She has followed her desire to serve and now works to help others find their own calling in life.

"I try to use the gifts that God has given to me to help others realize their potential," she said.

Also a part of Founders' Week, Emmanuel College hosted the only Boston-area showing of the film "They Killed Sister Dorothy" in the Janet M. Daley Library Lecture Hall on February 3rd.

Directed by Daniel Junge and narrated by Martin Sheen, the film chronicles the life and murder of Sister Dorothy Stang, SND, who worked on behalf of the indigenous people of Brazil for nearly 40 years. This true courtroom drama follows the trial of Dorothy's killers and examines her life's work in the Amazon rainforest. It was among 15 documentaries in consideration for an Academy Award nomination.

Sister Dorothy Stang, SND was posthumously awarded the 2008 United Nations Prize in the Field of Human Rights for her work "defending the human rights of the poor, landless and indigenous populations" in Brazil.

Orientation Leaders: Sources of Support for New Students in Transition

For incoming first-year students, there is more to the transition to college than just a schedule change and more advanced studies. On their own for the first time and in an unfamiliar environment, new students experience a whole new lifestyle. For these reasons, Emmanuel College comprises a group of students to serve as Orientation Leaders, acting as sources of information and support for all first-year students.

Originally inspired by the Orientation team in her first year, Administrative Orientation Leader Caitlin Kelly '10 remembers feeling right at home at Emmanuel College due to her leaders' friendly, helpful attitudes.

"They were the first ones who made me believe that I could be someone at Emmanuel," she said.

Orientation Leaders help ease the transition for new students at Emmanuel. They assist in all aspects of summer Orientation sessions, lead new students through the "Welcome Week" activities in the fall and serve as a friendly face for students adapting to their new environment.

"When I first came to Emmanuel, I was a nervous wreck. I was worried about meeting people and getting used to a new environment in two days," said Administrative Orientation Leader Joe Dawkins '10. "The nerves easily passed once I met with my leader. From that moment on, I knew that I wanted to be an Orientation Leader as well, to ease the nerves of students like myself."

The team of leaders represents Emmanuel College with both accepted and incoming students. In June, groups of students are assigned to specific Orientation Leaders, who meet with these new students and answer any of their questions. Then, in the fall, those same groups meet once again during "Welcome Week." Associate Director for First-Year Programs, Leadership Development and Student Activities Catherine DesRoche believes that keeping the same leaders helps new students to feel a sense of consistency throughout their transition.

"From my perspective, Orientation Leaders are the front line for any incoming student's transition," she said. "These leaders are the first student faces our incoming class sees since deciding where to go to school. Starting with their initial meeting, the leaders e-mail with students, provide examples of a successful transition and make the process fun."

The Orientation Leaders themselves also recognize the role that they play in the new students' transition. As leaders, the Orientation team members take their jobs seriously and want to



As the first student faces incoming classes see at Emmanuel, Orientation Leaders are key to helping new students adapt to college.

represent Emmanuel accurately for the new students.

"The new students look to the Orientation Leaders to see how we interact with each other as well as with faculty and staff," said Kelly. "We play a huge role in how new students start adapting to college life."

When assembling the Orientation team, DesRoche looks for a diverse group of students that stay involved in the College's programs and clubs, allowing them to promote such involvement to the unfamiliar students. Her goal is to put together a group of students representative of the College's entire student body. A diverse cross-section of students allows for new students to see themselves in their leaders; students from various classes, majors, backgrounds, hometowns, involvement areas and personalities.

The process of enlisting new Orientation Leaders has been recently updated, now occurring in the fall semester each year rather than the spring. According to DesRoche, this new process is helpful in two ways. First, hiring students prior to Thanksgiving allows them to make suitable summer employment plans, as their training will begin before the normal move-in date. Secondly, it allows staff members the chance to observe returning leaders during the January Orientation. Settling staff members in early gives them the opportunity to begin training in the spring semester as well.

Any interested full-time undergraduate student who meets the GPA requirements qualifies to apply for an Orientation Leader position in October. The applicants are then invited to participate in a group process

involving problem-solving activities. Applicants then sign up for an interview with DesRoche and another member of the Student Affairs staff to discuss the student's interest in the position, experiences they could bring to the program, as well as what they hope to get out of the opportunity. After all possible candidates are reviewed, those selected receive a letter informing them of their acceptance as members of the Orientation team.

During training, the Orientation Leaders engage in team-building activities such as a ropes course in order to get comfortable with one another. Trainees also meet with various Emmanuel offices to familiarize themselves with the College's faculty and staff members so they can better direct new students throughout their first year. Having such answers helps leaders explain to new students how to best approach their questions and concerns. The staff also prepares and practices skits that will be performed at Orientation throughout the training week.

The Administrative Orientation Leaders, Kelly and Dawkins, have the added responsibilities of helping to plan and implement Orientation Leader training. Administrative leaders also prepare the team with the logistics of leading a student group. They work closely with the administrators as well as the student staff in preparation for Orientation.

Once training is complete, the team of Orientation Leaders has a huge impact on the Emmanuel community. Each Orientation Leader is highly involved around campus and has the ability to inspire incoming students. Jonathan Ahern '11, one of the College's Orientation Leaders, enjoys

the ability to help new students feel comfortable within the community.

"One of my most memorable success stories involves an incoming freshman who was planning on being a commuter student," said Ahern. "He was in my group at Orientation and after the first day, he decided that he wanted to become a resident, so we helped him register for campus housing. I thought it spoke volumes about the Emmanuel College community that after only one day the student felt that he could live here."

The leaders also experience a great sense of pride in making a difference for incoming students.

"When students from your group notice you around campus in the fall and use you as a resource, it's a great thing. That is what you are here for and when a student takes advantage of that it is a great feeling," said Dawkins. "Also, when students that were in your group apply to be an Orientation Leader and become your co-workers, it makes you feel like you have made an impact in the community."

The gratification of knowing that they have made an impact in another student's life is what inspires the Orientation Leaders year-round.

"The most rewarding thing about being an Orientation Leader is coming back to school in the fall and having a student thank you for making the transition so easy and fun," said Kelly. "Those are the things that tell me that we have done a good job as a staff; the excitement of the new class as they enter the school for the first time."

Graduate and Professional Programs News

MSM Program Alum Returns to Emmanuel to Share Story of Success

Paul DeFazio's message is simple: Without the confidence and skills he gained from his Emmanuel education, he would never have had the courage to accomplish what he has today.

Returning to campus on January 29th as the keynote speaker for the Graduate and Professional Programs' dinner and reception for December graduates, DeFazio had an opportunity to reflect upon his achievements over the last few years. A 2002 graduate with a Master of Science in Management, he has made great leaps in his career in law enforcement and as a newly published author. He attributes the personal strength he gained from his Emmanuel experience to have fueled his desire to face professional challenges – both familiar and new.

DeFazio accepted the position of assistant deputy superintendent with the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department in 2001 while pursuing his Emmanuel degree. Sought out by the department for both his "experience and education," he was handed the responsibility of reorganizing the divisions within the facility, New England's largest county correctional system, as well as rewriting policies and procedures and reshaping the culture within.

The tasks could have proven overwhelming had it not been for the assurance he felt from pursuing an advanced degree.

"Emmanuel provided me with the courage to take on the challenge of going from a smaller department to one nearly triple in size," he said. "With the skills I acquired at Emmanuel, I felt ready and able to take on this challenge and show my abilities and leadership."

It was with that same confidence that DeFazio pursued and recently



Paul DeFazio speaks in the Chapel during the Graduate and Professional Programs' dinner and reception for December graduates.

accomplished another professional mark, this time in the field of fiction writing. Using his nearly three decades experience in law enforcement as inspiration, DeFazio teamed up with his older brother Michael as co-author of the suspense novel "Pros & Cons," which was published in early December. The first novel for the sibling pair, the idea arose from casual conversations they have shared over the years. It is based loosely on things they have observed and witnessed during their careers in the military, law enforcement, business and international travel.

"There had been a lot of experiences and story lines that have run through our heads over the years," said DeFazio. "Like typical brothers,

we would get together and kick ideas around. Finally one day I said 'why don't we stop talking about these stories and actually put something together.'"

With Michael living in Florida and Paul residing in the Boston area, the greatest challenge for the brothers came in the logistics of writing a novel "together." E-mailing documents back and forth and hashing out questions and issues via telephone became the norm, with both taking their turns writing about subjects of their respective expertise. With two authors, maintaining a consistent voice was also a common concern.

"We have night and day personalities," said DeFazio. "But

I think this was also a good thing because it added to the complexities within the book."

To help promote and market the novel, the DeFazios started up their own publishing company, faze2publishing. So far the response they have received for "Pros & Cons" has been very positive. As a Christmas gift to the U.S. troops stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan, the brothers – who have nine years of Air Force and Army military service between them – shipped the first 1,000 copies of the book overseas. They have been humbled by the e-mails they have received from soldiers expressing how much they have enjoyed the novel.

"The goal was to see if we could write something and get it to people that would appreciate it," said DeFazio. "It's gone beyond what we originally shot for.

"If you asked me in 2002 if I thought I would ever write a book, I would have told you that I had thought about it but would never do it," he added. "I wouldn't have attempted it without first coming to Emmanuel and improving my writing skills through a graduate degree."

Addressing the recent graduates during the Graduate and Professional Programs' dinner and reception, DeFazio ended his address with words of encouragement for those ready to begin the next chapter of their lives.

"Believe in yourself and have the confidence to pursue your dreams," he said. "You have improved yourself for career advancement and have the talent to start something new. By choosing Emmanuel as your partner in this endeavor, you are achieving your goals and you are a part of an institution that will stand by you, support you and remain part of your life."

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Commander with the Campus Safety Office. Lilly is a retired detective captain with the Massachusetts State Police. Lilly holds a B.S. in criminal justice from the University of Massachusetts as well as a Master of Science in criminal justice from Anna Maria College.

Justin T. McCormick joins Emmanuel College as the new Associate Director of Student Financial Services. He previously served as the director of student finance for the Mid-Atlantic Region, DeVry University. McCormick holds a B.A. in psychology with a minor in economics from the University of Vermont.

Kay Moriarty O'Dwyer has joined Emmanuel as the new Director of the Annual Fund. O'Dwyer previously served as the development officer for Boston University's Metropolitan College.

Debra A. Rafson has joined Emmanuel as the Operations Coordinator for the Office of Graduate and Professional Programs. Rafson previously served as a management associate for the New Repertory Theatre. She holds a B.A. in Spanish with a minor in theatre arts from Brandeis University as well as a Master of Science in arts administration from Boston University.

College's Benton to Publish Book

Emmanuel College Counselor Sarah Allen Benton's new book *Understanding the High-Functioning Alcoholic: Professional Views and Personal Insights* is to be published by Praeger Publishers as part of its "Contemporary Health and Living" series.

The purpose of this book is to lift the veil on a hidden class of alcoholics who are able to succeed personally and professionally while drinking.

Benton hopes to help change the stereotype of the "typical" alcoholic and to increase awareness that being successful and being alcoholic are not mutually exclusive. This book explores the topic of high-functioning alcoholics (HFAs) through different phases of life and recovery, and includes an entire chapter dedicated to HFAs in college. The book is available on Amazon.com, BarnesandNoble.com and Borders.com.

For a more information on Benton and her work, please visit: www.highfunctioningalcoholic.com.

Research Investigates Students' Use of Technology on Campus

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of technology and use technology as much as students in far larger institutions. With students utilizing exceptional technological skills for communication and recreation, the findings suggest that such skills could also prove useful in a classroom setting.

The research looked at technology used both academically as well as recreationally. The survey results indicated that students are impressive consumers of music and video; they collect and download text, photos, video and music with great ease. Emmanuel students spend 11-20 hours on the Internet each week, about two to three hours social networking to stay in touch with friends and family. Many students have two profiles on social networking web sites, with female students having more profiles, and generally using much greater caution in social networking sites than males.

Freshman and sophomore students were shown throughout the surveys to be enthusiastic about learning with technology, and said they were more engaged in courses that used information technologies. Students felt that online learning enhanced their education and online courses were a nice option for them to have, although they preferred learning in class slightly more. With expertise in technology, students look to put it to greater academic use.

"As a student, I can see that a gap exists between what [technology] is available and what is actually used in the classroom," said Byrnes. "I think that this research will be useful in understanding how students like to learn today and will help professors more effectively use technology in the classroom and better serve their students."

The research team also explored the concept of "self-efficacy," described by Banerjee as "the idea that to be successful learners students need to be able to perceive themselves as being capable of achieving specific goals, being able to set actionable goals and having the cognitive abilities and skills to achieve them." Results varied significantly between males and females, with female students appearing to have very high self-efficacy.

The overall results of the study, proving Emmanuel students to be extremely knowledgeable of new technologies, impressed Banerjee.

"I was surprised by how technologically savvy Emmanuel students are," she said. "Especially

when they work in groups, they can discuss consumer gadgets in such a skillful way.

Differences in self-efficacy between male and female students were quite clear. Female students believed that they were very capable in mental calculations, and could also make estimates and calculations with pen and paper quite easily. They said they could interpret graphs and charts, and analyze statistical reports with accuracy. Male students, on the other hand, observed that they could estimate probability with confidence but had greater difficulties with charts and statistical reports. All students were honest in that they had trouble using statistical models to predict change, compute rates of change and had trouble in metric measurements and calculations.

Duval, majoring in psychology, and Byrnes, a sociology and communication major, each earned weekly stipends for the hours of work contributed, which varied based on their academic demands. With funding from Emmanuel's faculty-student research development grants, the students each worked with Banerjee for a full semester, Duval in the spring and Byrnes in the fall of 2008. After receiving the grant, Banerjee chose the two student assistants based on their outstanding work in her "Problem Solving with Computers" course and both were eager to participate.

"Once I figured out that I would be able to fit the work into my schedule, I accepted Professor Banerjee's offer right away," said Byrnes. "Sociology is one of my majors, so I knew that working on this type of research would be a very good learning opportunity for me."

"I enjoyed the experience very much," said Duval. "It was great to actually have the opportunity to work with a professor throughout the whole experimental process."

Banerjee believes the team's research will be advantageous to the College's entire faculty, especially those looking to advance their own style of teaching with technology.

"I think that the research I am doing is important for faculty who are thinking about teaching with the newer technologies such as social networking and Web 2.0 tools," said Banerjee. "Students are very curious about how their peers use technology and compare their uses with others. Faculty who do research about teaching and learning are interested to find out what the relationships are between self-efficacy and successful adaptation to new consumer and learning technologies."

A Milestone Celebration



On January 21st, Emmanuel College President Sister Janet Eisner, SND, Vice President of Student Affairs Patricia Rissmeyer and Director of Athletics and Recreation Pamela Roecker made a special presentation in honor of Head Women's Basketball Coach Andy Yosinoff and his recent 600th career milestone victory. During the pre-game ceremony, Yosinoff was presented with the game ball, a contribution to his mother's scholarship fund and a proclamation from Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino.

Emmanuel, City of Boston to Renovate Clemente Field

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lane rubberized all-weather track, practice facilities for expanded track and field events, new MUSCO lighting, scoreboard, spectator stands and benches for handicapped seating. With the planned removal of the southern spectator stands and planting of new trees, community members will be able to enjoy additional green space for picnicking and quiet relief, in addition to an enhanced view of the winding Muddy River. The renovation project is supported in part by a grant from the Yawkey Foundations.

"Emmanuel College is pleased to partner with the city on the renovation of Roberto Clemente Field," said President Sister Janet Eisner, SND. "Emmanuel has a long tradition of giving service to the wider community, and we hope that this renovation will enable more members of the Boston community, including our students and our neighbors, to appreciate and use this historic treasure."

"The Trustees of the Yawkey Foundations are pleased to be involved with this worthwhile project. Renovating Clemente Field is consistent with the Yawkey legacy of supporting and celebrating quality youth and amateur baseball and softball programs throughout the region," said James P. Healey, President and Trustee of the Yawkey Foundations.

Clemente Field is located in the Back Bay Fens area of Boston and is part of the city's 1,100-acre chain of parks and waterways known as the Emerald Necklace. Designed in the late 19th century by Frederick Law Olmsted,

the Emerald Necklace was meant to serve the city as a place for both relaxation and recreation. At the foundation of his plan to develop the Back Bay Fens was a desire to eradicate the pollution plaguing the area, all the while remaining true to "both the character of the land and the needs of the growing population."

Although over time the area has undergone change, most notably through the damming of the Charles River in 1910 and the addition of new features designed by landscape architect Arthur Shurcliff, Olmsted's vision of creating a park that meets the needs of its owners, the people of Boston, remains strong. It is hoped that through this new partnership between Emmanuel College and the city of Boston that the current renovation will preserve the park to be utilized by generations of city residents to come.

For the past 20 years, meanwhile, the Emmanuel College softball team has called Clemente Field home. The Saints' soccer and track and field teams also use the field for daily practice. For many team members through the years, Clemente Field has not only had a significant impact on their development as athletes, but on their experience as Emmanuel College students as a whole. The College community looks forward to the restoration of the facility and its enhancement to the neighborhood of The Fenway.

Construction will begin in mid-March and is to be completed this summer. Residents of The Fenway may obtain a copy of the construction schedule through the Boston Parks and Recreation Department.

Men's Basketball Ready to Make Run at Conference Title

Emmanuel's men's basketball team rides into its Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC) tournament semifinal game against top-seeded Lasell College on February 26th hoping to capitalize on its late-season momentum.

After a 90-86 quarterfinal victory over Johnson & Wales University on February 24th, the fourth-seeded Saints have now won seven of their last eight contests, including an 85-77 win over Lasell on February 7th, a key victory that has since remained in the minds of players and coaches.

While the game served as proof that the Saints can compete with any team in the league, it was also a day of disappointment for the program as well. During the contest, team captain Mack Spellman '09 suffered a ruptured achilles tendon, abruptly ending his season and ultimately his Emmanuel playing career.

A three-time All-Conference selection and team captain since his sophomore year, Spellman was the team's second-leading scorer at the time of the injury. He had been named the GNAC's Player of the Week for his performance during the team's winter break trip to Florida. Competing in the Northwood University Classic in West Palm Beach, Spellman poured in 24 points in a loss to host Northwood on January 2nd and followed up the performance with a double-double (19 points, 13 rebounds) the following day in a win



Rob Williams-Hinton '09 heads to the basket during a game against Endicott.

over Palm Beach Atlantic. For his efforts, he was named to the Northwood Classic All-Tournament team.

As a team captain for three years, Spellman proved worthy of the rank due to his play on the court and dedication to the team. He ends his career as the program's all-time lead-

ing rebounder (837) and is No. 2 all-time in scoring with 1,496 points.

"He definitely led by example because of how hard he always played," said Head Coach Jamahl Jackson. "In the four years he has been here I never saw him take a play off, at practice or in a game, he always gave 100%. It's a

terrible misfortune the way his career ended, but what he has accomplished is forever etched in Emmanuel history."

Since losing Spellman, the Saints have depended on strong team play to get the job done. Leading the charge has been Rob Williams-Hinton '09, who this season became the program's all-time leading scorer. In the team's regular season finale against Suffolk University, he led all scorers with 20 points, in addition to six rebounds and six assists. He followed up the performance with another team-high 20 points in the opening round of the tournament.

Chris Puzacke '11 has played well down the stretch, knocking down 11 points and grabbing eight boards against Suffolk. Mike Jackson '10 (26 points, 10 rebounds, 10 assists) and Tyrone Buchanan '11 (19 points, 16 rebounds) have also been key players during the past two contests. Isiah Duke '12 played great in his first post-season game, adding 18 points and eight rebounds.

Despite some setbacks, the Saints remain a team with vast potential. They feel they have a good chance to bring home the championship.

"I believe we have what it takes," said Jackson. "The league has gotten a lot better and a lot of teams could potentially win, but I think we have a really good shot at it."

Men's Volleyball Taking Steps in Right Direction for 2009

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January 31st was Keoni Rabaino '11. He led the Saints with a 3-0 conference win over Johnson & Wales University on January 28th. Playing in just two sets for the week, Rabaino hit an incredible .833, slamming down 10 kills in 12 swings. Rabaino played an error-free match and also picked up two blocks in the win. He is currently hitting a team-best .439 this season.

"Curtis and Keoni are both sophomores and they are both still developing their games," said Wright. "I recruited Curtis for his ability to swing hit. Keoni is a beast when he is on. They were both hot the weeks they were chosen and I am very impressed that two second-year players have done so well so far."

With the addition of new talent, an improved in-game focus and approach to pre-season, Wright felt confident the Saints were going to be very competitive this season. With the MIT Invite up next, the team hopes to build momentum, qualify for the playoffs and



Abram '11

continue its successful season.

"My goal is to take it one game at a time and try to get the guys to play to their potential," said Wright. "Volleyball is 90% mental and 10% physical. Our mental game is improving as a unit and physically the guys are in great shape. If we come out and compete in every game then I am satisfied with the result."

Women's Basketball in the Hunt for Third-Straight GNAC Title

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"purple" game.

"With the continued support and partnership of organizations like the GNAC and its coaches, players and fans, together we will raise awareness of this unpredictable and potentially fatal disease and provide services, support, and hope all individuals affected by lupus," said Sandra C. Raymond, LFA President and CEO.

With a decisive opening round victory, the Saints look poised for another GNAC title run. Although the players will be taking it one game at a time, they are also looking ahead with high hopes. Yosinoff has faith that with a little bit of fight, this team could have what it takes to win it all.

"I think we can definitely win it, but it will be the toughest struggle we have had in years," he said.

Records Falling Fast Throughout Saints' Indoor Track Season

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December 13th, Cathryn Lariviere '09 became the second Emmanuel athlete to qualify for the ECAC Championship so far this season, leading the Emmanuel women with a time of 18:40.88 in the 5K. On the men's side, Ben Cleveland '11 broke the 500-meter record with a time of 1:08.67.

While competing in the Tufts University Invitational on January

17th, Megan Reichel '10 cleared 4-11 in the high jump, which qualified her for the New England Division III Championships. Lariviere also set a new Emmanuel record in the 3,000-meter run with a time of 10:59.82.

The Saints will round out their season with the New England Division III Men's and Women's Championship on February 24th as well as the ECAC Championship on March 7th.