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Women's Soccer Season Marked by GNAC Title, NCAA Tourney Berth

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in the New England region, the NCAA tournament berth represented the culmination of an impressive season. After claiming the GNAC title with a come-from-behind win against Emerson College in the championship game, they strung together an unprecedented 16-game unbeaten streak – a timeframe that extended nearly two months without a mark in the loss column. Additionally, their 17 wins set a new program record – shattering the previous mark of 12 set by the 2003 squad – and their 12-0-1 conference record represented the first time in program history the team finished undefeated in GNAC play.

“I am extremely proud of them,” said Director of Athletics and Recreation Pam Roecker. “This is truly an example of a team that from the day they reported to preseason on August 20th had a really clear vision and goal. From the first day I saw them play, I witnessed how committed they were to winning a title. I could not be happier for them.”

After suffering an upset in the quarterfinal round of last year's GNAC tournament, the Saints entered the 2007 season with a strong desire to see their efforts pay off in the form of a conference crown. With captains Erin Kelly '08, Caitlin Egan '08 and Lauren Buffone '09 leading the way, plus a strong contingent of newcomers entering the fray, it didn't take long for Head Coach Wayne Currie to see just how committed his group of players were to their goal.

“They came in wanting this to be a very good year,” he said. “We have had great leadership from the captains, who have worked on building a sense of togetherness with this team. They have done a really good job of that.”

For Kelly and Egan, who joined the team as freshmen a year after the program's first GNAC title in 2003, the championship and subsequent tournament appearance represented goals four years in the making. As starters during their entire tenure in the blue and gold, both Kelly and Egan played vital roles in the development of the team and its accomplishments this fall.

“I told them after the GNAC Championship that this is what they have been working for,” said Currie of his two seniors. “This is what they have earned. They built this program into what it is now.”

“Every year we just progressed and got so much better,” said Egan. “We worked really hard the last four years to get to this point.”

The Saints' inaugural conference title in 2003 featured a squad quite differ-



ent from this year's group of women. The 5th seed in the GNAC tournament that year, the Saints' season better fit the description of a Cinderella-type story, and the team, according to Currie, was more a “lunch pail” group of players who earned their accomplishments through their commitment to hard work.

“This year's team [was] far and away better than that 2003 team, there is no comparison,” he said. “They are just a much more skilled group of players.”

Offensively, this year's Saints put together a stellar collection of statistics, which included a total of 72 goals and 193 points. In all, 15 players contributed to the scoring this fall, with six of the top 10 scorers being members of the freshmen class.

Leading the charge was rookie Di Nucci, who was the top threat in all offensive categories. Her 18 goals, 11 assists and 47 points on the season placed her among the elite in the conference and she finished the season earning GNAC Rookie of the Year and tournament Most Valuable Player distinctions.

“She's awesome,” said Currie. “She's very intelligent and very quick. Not too many people can slow her down. She's also a great team player. I tell her she doesn't score enough because she's always looking to get everyone involved.”

Earning selections to the All-Tournament team along with Di Nucci were Stephanie Levesque '11, Hillary Mota '10 and Kate McKenna '10. Di Nucci, McKenna and Kelly also earned all-conference honors for their play during the regular season as well.



As a team, the Saints put together an impressive offensive showing this fall, with 15 members of the team contributing to the scoring. Six of the top 10 scorers were members of the Class of 2011, including Kellie Scalora (pictured) who finished fifth on the team with seven goals and 17 total points.

Much to the dismay of Roecker, one person who missed out on postseason accolades was the Saints' six-year head coach, who she feels was overlooked in the voting for Coach of the Year.

“I don't know what else he could have done,” she said of Currie. “In our minds he is certainly the Coach of the Year.”

With the record-setting 2007 season now officially in the books, Currie and crew can begin setting their sights on next year's goals. With many key players returning for another go-around next fall, another exciting season could be on its way.

“We have set the bar high for ourselves,” said Buffone. “But there is nowhere we can go but up.”



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Pulitzer Prize-Winning Author Wood Speaks at Wyant Lecture Series

Gordon Wood, Alva O. Way University Professor and Professor of History at Brown University, brought his knowledge of the Founding Fathers to the most recent installment of the Wyant Lecture Series on November 1st. The 1993 Pulitzer Prize winner for history for his book, *The Radicalism of the American Revolution*, Wood explained his thoughts regarding "What Made the Founders Different?" to an audience in the Janet M. Daley Library Lecture Hall.

In his discussion, which was influenced by his most recent work, *Revolutionary Characters: What Made the*



Gordon Wood discussed the question "What Made the Founders Different?" during his lecture on November 1st.

Founding Fathers Different, Wood investigated the imposing awe and veneration that surrounds the political figures still to this day, describing how Americans, compared to their counterparts around the world, tend to hold their Forefathers in higher regard.

"No other major nation honors its past historical characters in quite the way we do," he said. "People have a special need for these men in the here and now and I wonder why this is so."

Wood believes interest in the Fathers has much to do with their political

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Students Provide Computer Aid to Senior Citizens

As part of her First Year Seminar (FYS) course this semester, Assistant Professor of Education Sister Karen Hokanson, SND has instituted a unique opportunity for Emmanuel students to provide service to the local community.

Through a partnership with Saint Katharine Drexel Parish in Roxbury, Sister Karen and students from her "Courses in Society: Global Connections" class provide assistance to the parish's Cyber Café Program, an Internet and computer education program for senior citizens.

For two hours every other Friday throughout the fall semester, students travel to the parish center's computer room to tutor senior citizens on basic computer and Internet operations. The idea, which was originally generated by Senior Associate Dean of Academic Advising Carolyn Caveny, has been in the works since last spring, when Sister Karen and two students piloted the program and gauged interest from members of Saint Katharine's community.

"We worked with senior citizens to determine what they felt their needs were and from there we developed a computer skills workbook over the summer," said Sister Karen. "I put it into my First Year Seminar because I

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Members of the women's soccer team had much to celebrate after a record-breaking run this fall.

One for the Books

2007 Season Marked by GNAC Title, NCAA Tourney Berth

The women's soccer team capped off a remarkable fall season with its second Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC) Championship in five years and a berth in the 2007 NCAA Division III tournament. The Saints' season officially came to a close November 10th with a 3-1 loss to Tufts University in the opening round.

Despite a 1-0 advantage heading into the half after a goal by freshman standout Amber Di Nucci, Emmanuel (17-3-1) was unable to topple the Jumbos, who just two seasons ago earned a spot in the tournament's Final Four.

For the Saints, who entered the game ranked No. 7

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Assistant Professor of Foreign Languages **José Alvarez-Fernandez** had his book *Memoria y Trauma en los Testimonios de la Represión Franquista* published by Anthropos Editorial, a publishing house in Barcelona. Additionally, he recently presented a paper titled, "La Casa de Bernarda Alba: Un Retrato Cultural de la España de los Años Treinta," at the Massachusetts Foreign Language Association Conference in late October.

Assistant Professor of Performance Arts **Tom Schnauber** had arias from his comic opera *With Such Friends...* performed in New York by the opera troupe, Opera On Tap, as part of its Oktoberfest fundraiser on October 26th. The performance was a preview of the work, which is due to be performed in its entirety next year. Additionally, Schnauber has been commissioned to write a song for soprano and string orchestra by The Chamber Orchestra Kremlin (Moscow), setting a poem entitled "The Rain Has Flown" by Vladimir Nabokov as part of its Nabokov Song Project. In mid-December, the Chamber Orchestra Kremlin will also perform his work for string orchestra called *Night of the Transfigured Dead*, which they commissioned last year, as part of its "Christmas at the Kremlin" festival series.

Assistant Professor of Mathematics Education **Kimberly Santucci Sofronas** and a group of approximately 30 students and faculty formed a team to participate in the 2007 Light the Night fundraiser walk for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society on October 4th, raising \$3,596 towards the fight against cancer. This was the third consecutive year a team from Emmanuel has participated in the walk, with Professor Santucci Sofronas planning to continue the tradition next year as well.

Theatre Guild Presents Fall Production, "Dracula"



The Emmanuel College Theatre Guild presented its fall production of "Dracula" from October 26th-31st in the Auditorium. Nominated for "Outstanding Overall College Theatre Production of 2007" in the New England region last April for its production of "Company," the troupe will receive the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival's decision on December 9th regarding whether it will be invited to stage an encore performance at Fitchburg State College in January.

Shadid Brings Middle East Knowledge to Emmanuel

Anthony Shadid, winner of the 2004 Pulitzer Prize for international reporting, was a special guest speaker at the College on November 14th.

Speaking to a crowd of students, faculty, staff and alumni in the Library Lecture Hall, Shadid addressed "The

Long War: Loss and Nostalgia in the Middle East." Currently a reporter with *The Washington Post*, Shadid formerly wrote for *The Associated Press* and *The Boston Globe* and is the author of *Night Draws Near: Iraq's People in the Shadow of America's War*.



Anthony Shadid

Pulitzer Prize Winner Invited Speaker at Wyant Series

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capacity, as their efforts so many centuries ago established what he referred to as "a gold standard for politics." In addition, because Americans can connect their national identity so clearly to these men, there tends to be more buildup surrounding them, much more in comparison to other countries in which origins are either "taken for granted" or less defined.

"We became a nation in 1776 and thus in order to know who we are, we need to know who the founders are," said Wood. "They were an incomparable generation. The greatest in our history."

Humble origins played a significant

role in differentiating the Forefathers in Wood's eyes as well, an attribute among the men that he felt afforded them exceptional liberty in their formation of a new nation. Their eagerness to prove themselves and their standing was a common feeling throughout the group, with the lone exception being Aaron Burr, the third Vice President of the United States. The son of Aaron Burr, Sr., the second President of Princeton University, Burr was the only leader linked by blood to a "respectable" family, a quality Wood believed amplified the figure's diminished reverence in American history.

"Aaron Burr had all the characteristics of being great, but something set his character apart from his fellow Founders," he said. "Unlike the other revolutionary figures, he never felt he

had to earn his aristocratic status. He took his status for granted and [because of this] his behavior is different from the others, his correspondence is different as well. ...Burr is the exception to the rule."

For Wood, the Founding Fathers represent a generation of leaders that will never be replicated. Although far from perfect in his mind ("as great as they were, they were not demigods, or democrats either, certainly not in a contemporary view"), reproducing their level of insight used in the development of the United States is a quality he expects history to only witness once.

"The Founders succeeded too well in creating democracy," he said. "We will not see their like again."

Staff News

Lucy M. Borgheiinck has joined the Emmanuel community as a new Library Assistant. A 2007 graduate of the College with a double major in English literature and sociology, Borgheiinck previously worked as a student assistant at the Cardinal Cushing Library, starting in February 2006.

Rachel Chernick joins the Office of Marketing Communications as an Assistant Graphic Designer. A recent graduate of Northeastern University, Chernick's past training includes time with EF Education in Cambridge as well as working as an illustrations intern/administrative assistant for Advanced Practice Strategies.

Jonathon Como is the new Assistant Director of Customer Service for Student Financial Services. A 2004 Emmanuel graduate with a B.A. in education and history, Como returns to the College after serving as a financial aid advisor at Boston University.

Andrea Dempsey is the new Administrative Assistant in the Office of Marketing Communications. Prior to arriving at Emmanuel, Dempsey worked as a sales manager for the Nashua Pride and as an independent researcher for the Boston Red Sox. She holds a B.S. in marketing communications: advertising and public relations from Emerson College.



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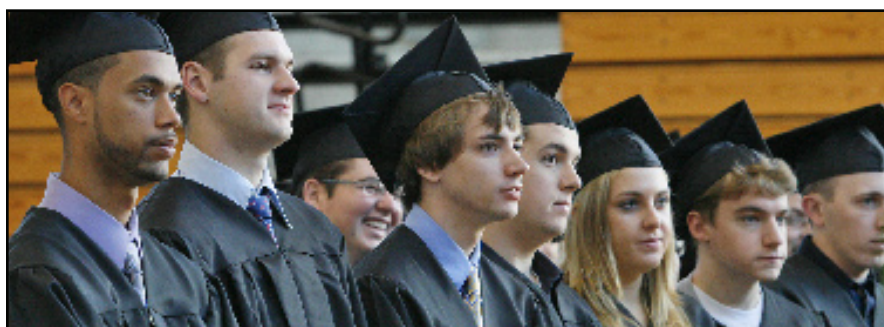
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Family Weekend '07



From October 12th-15th, the College welcomed family and friends to campus for its annual Family Weekend. During the weekend, members of the Class of 2008 had an opportunity to don their graduation robes as part of the Senior Cap and Gown Ceremony. Maria Grieci '09, pictured here with Vice President of Student Affairs Patricia Rissmeyer, was this year's recipient of the Saint Catherine Medal, given annually to a sophomore or junior who has received special recognition or served the College in an extraordinary manner. Andrew Marrone '08 was awarded the Saint Julie Billiard Medal, given annually to an upperclassman whose life exemplifies the mission of the College and the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur.

Student-Athletes Attend NCAA Leadership Conference in Boston

Emmanuel participated in its first-ever NCAA Division III Student-Athlete Leadership Conference last month, sending three student-athlete representatives to the Boston convention during the weekend of October 19th.

Men's volleyball player Brian Anderson '09, women's basketball tri-captain Jacquelyn Pannell '08 and softball's Stephanie Rege '08 joined Director of Athletics and Recreation Pam Roecker in representing the College and the Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC) at the Northeast regional meeting held at the

Hilton Boston. The student-athletes had the opportunity to meet and work with fellow collegiate athletes from nine other local conferences during the event, which is designed to encourage student-athletes to become change agents on their campuses and in their communities.

"It was a great weekend all around," said Rege. "Not only did we have the opportunity to learn a lot about leadership, but we were also able to meet fellow student-athletes in a relaxed and fun environment."

Throughout the weekend, Anderson, Pannell and Rege participated in educational sessions that furthered their understanding of the NCAA, Division III, and Student-Athlete Advisory Committees (SAAC). They also took part in group discussions that explored ways to improve their own personal leadership skills and developed plans for projects that could influence positive change within the GNAC, on Emmanuel's campus and in the community.

According to Roecker, each of the three Emmanuel athletes was chosen

to participate in the conference due to the "leadership abilities they have shown throughout their first years with their teams and through SAAC," which is a committee made up of student-athletes assembled to provide insight on NCAA activities, policies and athletic experiences. NCAA legislation requires all member institutions to have SAACs on their respective campuses, with all member conferences and each NCAA division having separate committees as well.

For Pannell, who serves as President of

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Students Provide Computer Aid to Senior Citizens at Cyber Café

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thought it was a beautiful way to help educate senior citizens in the use of the Internet so they could stay in touch with grandchildren and great-grandchildren."

During registration, which is free for all seniors citizens, those interested are asked to fill out an information sheet, which asks whether or not they have use of a personal computer at home and what knowledge they would like to gain from the program. From there, Emmanuel students help guide them through a variety of lessons included in the workbook, beginning with basic topics such as "Anatomy of a Computer" and "Intro to the Internet" and developing into more advanced training in Powerpoint and various Windows features.

So far, the program has proven very helpful for the elders involved.

"Most of these folks are between the ages of 70 and 90 years old, so the Internet came out after they had retired," said Sister Karen. "What they



Megan Clary '11 helps a senior citizen use the Internet at the Cyber Café.

wanted was to learn computer skills in order to be able to keep up."

For many of the students, the program has also turned out to be beneficial in a number of ways. For instance, Rachel Peritore '09, who serves as the Instructional Assistant (IA) for Sister Karen's FYS course, has learned much about patience when it comes to teaching, a lesson she plans to utilize

after graduation when she looks to teach English at the middle school or high school level.

"It is easy to forget how much technology we take for granted," she said. "Many of the senior citizens did not even know how to turn a computer on, let alone send an email. I have learned a new patience for teaching and explaining things which

will definitely help me in the long run."

Luis Diaz '11, meanwhile, has enjoyed the interaction with his two tutees, Francis, who shares his strong interest in sports, and Sister Mary, who like him, grew up in Lawrence, MA.

"Helping senior citizens is the best feeling in the world," he said. "You not only become a mentor, but a friend. And for them to have a college student as a friend is special to them."

With the fall semester coming to a close, Sister Karen hopes to continue the program through the spring on a volunteer basis. For students looking for another way to make the city of Boston their extended classroom, the Cyber Café Program can prove educational for all involved. As Jordan Dunne '11 has discovered, there is much wisdom to attain from spending some time with elders.

"I've learned that people never out-grow their desire to learn new things and that it's never wrong to seek help," she said.



SPOTLIGHT

Campus Transformation Makes Great Strides During Fall Semester

Construction Progressing as Scheduled; Center's Structure to Take Shape in Spring

As the fall 2007 semester draws to a close, so too do a number of significant phases in the College's transformation and construction endeavors.

In the last few months, members of the Emmanuel community have witnessed immense progress in campus construction. In just the last few weeks alone, three noteworthy projects have reached completion, marking considerable steps towards the revitalization of the College's grounds.

Firstly, thanks to a few days of rain this month, the grass on the College's quad was able to root properly, ultimately allowing for the area to be re-opened in mid-November. Drainage work was done on the area over the summer, with the re-sodding process taking a bit longer than expected due to a lack of precipitation throughout the autumn months. A popular location for students to meet, play and relax, the rejuvenated quad remains a focal point in Emmanuel's commitment to maintaining a green and beautiful campus. With the recent improvements, along with additional careful treatment throughout the remainder of the fall, community members can expect the area to be in great condition upon the arrival of the warmer spring months.

Secondly, the modular meeting space on the library quad has officially opened, fully equipped with media and restrooms to accommodate up to 90 people. Prior to the space's arrival, extensive work was performed on a drainage system in the area, with the hole being filled in during late September and eventually paved over. The modular meeting room will serve as a secondary assembly area in place of the Administration Meeting Room (AMR) during the remainder of the College's construction process, due to emergency exit requirements that have limited the room's capacity. Landscape work will be completed in the next few weeks around the library, with its quad eventually being restored to its previous green form upon overall project completion.

Nearly all of the scaffolding that has surrounded the College's historic Administration Building since the spring has been removed, revealing an invigorated look to the nearly 90-year-old structure. Throughout the exterior restoration process, work was done to the masonry, roof and stairways of the landmark building, with every brick and piece of slate being refurbished. Replacement of the limestone capstones at the top of the building resulted in a more time-consuming undertaking than expected, as each

stone had to be individually prepared by a craftsman in Rhode Island. Currently, new veneer stones at the base of the building are continuing to be added over the next few weeks, a supplementary project not originally anticipated as part of the restoration project.

According to Vice President of Operations and Information Technology John Aversa, construction on the new Academic Science Center is in "good shape," with members of the Walsh Brothers construction team continuing to work on pouring the concrete foundation for the underground parking garage. Construction has continued on Saturdays over the last few weeks to ensure adherence to the project's schedule, and the foundation should be set before the cold winter temperatures swing through. The excavation process is expected to continue through the winter months, with the bulk of the work occurring below ground.

With everything running smoothly, community members can expect to finally see the beginnings of a structure taking shape as the spring months start to roll around. Starting in April, steel will begin to be put in place, representing the skeleton of the eventual Academic Science Center.

With winter recess shortly approaching, the College would like to thank students, faculty, staff and friends for their continued support throughout its transformation process. With every day that passes, the opening of the Academic Science Center continues to draw even closer.

"This is truly an exciting time to be a member of the Emmanuel College community," said Sr. Anne Donovan, SND, Treasurer and Vice President of Development and Alumni Relations. "We have made remarkable progress since the summer, and the patience of our students, faculty and staff has been greatly appreciated. The results of this construction will be a facility which will not only increase and upgrade our classroom space, but will provide more opportunities for collaborative teaching and learning, faculty/student research, community building, and more."

For updates on the project, please watch your e-mail and visit the College's Web site.



In the last few months, Emmanuel College's campus has undergone a number of significant changes. With construction of the new Academic Science Center progressing as scheduled, members of the College's community will begin to see the structure take shape during the spring 2008 semester.

BSN Program's Darcy Proving It Is Never Too Late to Get Degree

With more than 40 years experience as a nurse, Kathy Darcy chose just last year to enroll in Emmanuel College's accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program. Why? Well perhaps her daughter Jennifer Taddeo can explain it best.

"She's fearless," she said.

During the summer of 2006, Darcy decided to explore the College's program after a discussion with two St. Elizabeth Hospital co-workers who were also enrolled. Designed for registered nurses who are graduates of National League for Nursing (NLN)-accredited diploma associate degree programs, the BSN degree represented a wonderful opportunity to strengthen what Darcy felt was the next step in her career.

"My goal was to get my bachelor's degree so that I could teach, specifically in the clinical setting," she said. "I think I just have so much experience that I would love to pass it on. So far, the program has been phenomenal and the professors have been so supportive throughout."

Her drive towards a college degree would alone seem story enough for this proud grandmother of two. Yet, recognizing her commitment to furthering her education barely scratches the surface of understanding the fearless manner in which Darcy approaches life.

Her story is one of a woman of incredible character: a single mother who raised two adopted children; a trauma and emergency room nurse who has seen just about everything in her four decades of service; a person with such desire and lack of trepidation that she has made any decision in life appear not only possible, but seemingly effortless.

As a youth, Taddeo remembers how omnipresent her mother was in her and her brother Bill's life. Although she says they may not have had a lot growing up in Randolph, MA, it always seemed to the two of them as if they had everything. Their home was the one always filled with friends just hanging out. And Darcy was the neighborhood mom everyone came to see when they had questions.

"I look back on it now and I don't know how she was able to do the great job that she did," said Taddeo. "We have such amazing memories and she was always so open and understanding. She took difficult circumstances and made sure we never felt it. I have always felt so grateful."

Perhaps the easiest way to define Darcy's character is through the respect and appreciation shown to her by others. She has been invited to



Kathy Darcy, seen here outside St. Elizabeth's Hospital, enrolled in Emmanuel's BSN program with hopes of eventually teaching fellow nurses in a clinical setting.

countless weddings of Taddeo's friends due to the impact she has had on them throughout their lives. Prior to enrolling at Emmanuel, she was awarded a scholarship through the Women's Success Network, which provides support for women desiring to advance their careers through education. Most significantly, a few years ago, she was inducted into her daughter's sorority, Chi Omega, after sisters petitioned the national board to bestow membership upon her because they felt she so strongly represented the type of person their members should strive to emulate. The day of her induction at the Tufts University chapter, Darcy was handed a big box filled with letters written by women she had met through the years who wanted to share how much of an impression she had left upon them.

"It had only been done once or twice before," Darcy said of the special induction. "And to think it happened to me was just one of the proudest moments of my life."

Taddeo remembers fondly a day nearly 15 years ago in which her mother's steadfast determination and ability to make life's challenging decisions seem fleeting were especially clear. During the summer before her freshman year at American University, she and her mother were driving through Quincy's town center when they got lost around the intersection and pulled into Quincy College's parking lot. A licensed practical nurse at the time, Darcy had been considering going back to school to become a registered nurse. An event now considered by the family to be more an intervention of fate than a driving gaffe, Jennifer remembers her mother telling her to wait in the car while she quickly ran inside.

"I didn't think anything of it," Taddeo said of that day. "She just pulled in and told me she would be back in a few minutes. When she came out she looked a little pale and told me she

had just registered to go back to college."

"I had no intention of signing up for classes that day, I just kept driving around Quincy center," said Darcy. "I knew I wanted to go back but not in a million years did I think it would be that day."

After graduating from the program in 1995, Darcy's next daring decision came a year later when she moved to Washington, D.C. to work as a traveling nurse throughout some of the city's biggest hospitals. With Jennifer starting her first year at Georgetown University's law school and Bill enrolled at the University of Maryland, she figured there was little need for her to stay up north. So she packed up her things, sold the house, bought a few maps, and drove out of town to be closer to her two children.

During the five years she lived in the nation's capitol, Darcy had the chance to work in some of the toughest trauma and emergency rooms around. When Jennifer eventually got engaged and relocated back to the Boston area, she too followed behind, but returned with an expanded portfolio of nursing knowledge and experience that was truly unparalleled.

"I loved every minute of it, from the day I drove in to the day I left. It's the best place in the world," she said of Washington, D.C. "I loved working with inner city people, that's my type of nursing. There's a lot of trauma, but it makes you very humble. I returned to Boston as a traveling nurse to St. Elizabeth's and eventually accepted a full-time position there. But if [Jennifer and her husband, Russell] had gone anywhere but Boston I probably would have stayed down [in D.C.]."

With her grandchildren Alice Rose, who will turn four years old in March, and Ryan John, turning two this

February, keeping her busy, one would think Darcy would be content to simply live up the role of grandmother. But for those who know her best, there was little surprise when she announced last year that she was plunging into another challenge.

"What really got her was that if she got her bachelor's degree she could teach, and that's thrilling to her," said Taddeo. "She's committed to doing this. She has made a lot of changes so that she could go back to school. She sold her condo in Bellingham and moved to Watertown just to make her commute easier between school and work."

"I knew it was something I always wanted, whether to prove to myself or other people," said Darcy. "People tell me I would make a phenomenal teacher. Even if one person could take something from my experiences I would be happy."

"I have learned so much from my time at Emmanuel, especially about diversity," she added. "I'm out there meeting new people and learning about their different jobs and experiences, some of which I didn't even know existed in my profession. It opens a lot of doors and opportunities. It's something I wish I had done 20 years ago."

If everything goes as planned, ultimately, when Darcy graduates in December 2008, her Emmanuel education will open a whole new world. For someone who has never been afraid of any challenge, the future looks to be filled with excitement.

"She just does things with such passion and jumps into things with both feet," said Taddeo of her mother. "She sets her mind to something and just does it. It never occurs to her to fail."



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Students Celebrate World Series Championship as Part of Sox' Family

It's safe to say that Mary Sheehan '09 had a view for this year's Boston Red Sox' World Series celebration rally that could not have been much better.

As a member of the team's ticket office at Fenway Park, Sheehan was one of the Sox' employees who participated in the rolling rally, parading through Boston on October 30th aboard one of the Boston Duck Tours' amphibious vehicles.

Employed by the Sox since March, Sheehan started hearing word of her department's inclusion in the parade shortly after the team clinched its second title in four years with a sweep against the Colorado Rockies.

"At first I wasn't sure if I could be in it, I thought maybe it was only for full-time employees," she said. "But eventually we got an email saying that it was for everyone."

The day of the parade, Sheehan got a chance to meet and greet players and coaches as they eagerly boarded the duck boats in preparation for the parade. She recalls all the players being "really friendly," with manager Terry Francona being especially talkative and sociable with members of the extended Sox' family.

"It was pretty exciting," she said with a smile.

Sheehan represents one of a few Emmanuel students who celebrated the Red Sox title as a part-time employee at Fenway Park. Kayra Contreras '08, who works as a hostess at the State Street Pavilion Club (formerly the .406 Club), has been with the team since 2005, and was on hand for the home games during the playoff run. A New Jersey native originally from the Dominican Republic, Contreras says being a baseball fan is in her blood, and she has loved every part of her time with the Sox.

"It's the best job I have ever had," she said. "The whole season doesn't even feel like you're working. You can watch the game on the television screens or through the glass windows. It doesn't feel like a job at all."

Tyler Norton '09 has spent the last two seasons as a photographer for Fanfoto, snapping pictures of the Sox



Ashley McGonagle '10 and Kayra Contreras '08 had the special privilege of sharing in the Red Sox' World Series Championship as employees at Fenway Park.

faithful during games. A transfer from Champlain College, Norton landed the position through a former high school baseball coach who started the business. According to Norton, the atmosphere during the playoffs was completely different compared to the regular season.

"Even if people weren't going to the game they were just excited to be around Fenway," he said.

One of the things Norton has enjoyed most about his job has been the behind-the-scenes moments he has been able to be a part of. Reporting for duty a few hours before the start of each game, he was able to watch and even meet some of his favorite players as they warmed up on the field.

"Getting to be there during batting practice, I got to know some of the players," he said. "Having that personal connection with the team made it feel so much nicer to see them have such success."

Watching batting practice before the gates opened was one component Lauren Rocha '09, who worked as an usher in the bleacher section, especially enjoyed as well. Overall though, for

her, it was the little things the Boston brass did for their employees that added up to a truly agreeable work environment.

"They promote us being fans, so it's great that we get to enjoy the games as we do our jobs," she said.

Among the list of special events she enjoyed live this season was the American League East title celebration, which occurred about an hour after game time thanks to a New York Yankees' defeat. Sharing the moment with what felt like just a handful of fans left in the park that night was a moment she will not soon forget.

"There was only about 1,000 people who hung around the extra hour to wait for the Yankees' game to end," she said. "It was cool to be a part of it."

Due to the excitement surrounding the playoffs, Rocha admits she was OK with the Red Sox clinching the World Series away in Colorado. With fans showing up earlier throughout the playoffs and the must-win nature of the games adding to the already intense adrenaline rush, she didn't mind being able to celebrate the

championship simply as a fan.

"It was nice to be able to watch it on TV and just enjoy it," she said.

Ashley McGonagle '10, who spent the season working at one of the park's concession stands, on the other hand, wanted nothing more than one more game at home.

"A lot of us were hoping it would go to six games so we could be back at Fenway," she said of her fellow Aramark Concessions co-workers. "We thought it would be more exciting to win at home and be there to see it."

While unfortunately none of the students met the criteria to receive a championship ring (employees must work a minimum of 1,000 hours during the year to qualify), all agreed that the memories of their contribution to the 2007 Red Sox season have certainly proven award enough.

"I don't think people expected [the Red Sox] to win another championship so quickly after 2004," said Rocha. "For me to see two World Series championships – and actually work for one – is awesome."

Staff News

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Sheila Kelly joins Counseling Services as the new Administrative Assistant. Kelly recently graduated from the University of Rhode Island where she received her bachelor's degree in psychology.

Brian Kreizinger comes to Emmanuel as a new Mechanic. He holds a bachelor's degree in fine arts from Bridgewater State College. Most recently, Kreizinger worked as a mover for Edward's Movers and as a customer service representative/trainer for Vault Liquors.

Rebecca Mathews is the new Director of Institutional Research. Mathews previously served as a data resource specialist for institutional research at Harvard University. She holds an M.Ed. in higher education administration from Suffolk University and a B.A. in sociology/anthropology from Carleton College.

Robert P. O'Dwyer is a new Enrollment Counselor with Graduate and Professional Programs. He holds a B.A. in history from SUNY Potsdam as well as an A.A. in social science from SUNY Rockland. Since 2005, he has served as the producer, director and editor of O'Dwyer Productions.



SPORTS NEWS

DaRocha Earns GNAC Honors; XC Finishes Season at NCAA Regionals

At the GNAC Championship, held at St. Joseph's College (ME) on October 26th, Cross Country Head Coach Tony DaRocha, in his seventh year at the helm of the Saints' program, was recognized as the GNAC Coach of the Year.

"It was nice to be honored by my fellow coaches," said DaRocha. "[Assistant coach] Alice [Kramer] and I have worked hard over the last seven years to develop a program that we

can be proud of. Our focus has always been to make sure that our athletes represent Emmanuel in a positive manner. Sportsmanship is stressed and we are thankful that the other coaches in the league feel the same way."

"We have always believed that we have one of the best cross country and track coaches in the Northeast, if not in the nation," said Director of Athletics and Recreation Pam Roecker of DaRocha. "We are proud his peers

in the GNAC recognized the fantastic job he does with our student-athletes at Emmanuel College."

Members of the men's and women's cross country teams closed out the 2007 season by competing in the NCAA Division III Regional Championship on November 10th at Connecticut College. All-Conference performers Christine Gaspar '09 and Emily McCaffrey '08 led the charge for the women, covering the 6K course

in personal bests times of 24:09 and 24:18, respectively. Anna Merrow '09, Amanda Strout '10 and Maureen Kellett '11 rounded out the scoring for the Saints, who finished 37th overall in the 53-team field.

T.J. Griffis '08 led the men in his final race, crossing the line in the 8K race in a time of 30:05. Tim Flaherty '10 was second with a personal best of 31:46, followed by Ben Cleveland '11, Pat Welton '10 and Doug Gillum '10.

Women's Tennis Runs into Tough Suffolk Team in GNAC Semifinals

The Saints fell just short of earning a return trip to the conference finals this season, losing 8-1 to top-ranked and eventual champion Suffolk University in the semifinal round of the GNAC tournament on October 27th.

The Saints upended Emerson College 5-4 in an exciting quarterfinal round contest just two days before in which the teams were tied 4-4 heading into the final match. Emmanuel pulled away with the victory thanks to the efforts of co-captain Jamie Kenyon

'08 and Nory Hayes '10, who battled back from a 7-2 deficit at No. 2 doubles to keep the team's season alive.

Emmanuel closed out its 2007 campaign with an overall record of 9-6. Co-captain Anna Marie Podnecky '08 earned All-Conference honors for her performance this season, closing the book on an impressive collegiate career that include four All-Conference nods and a Rookie of the Year selection.

Saints Add Two Wins in Final Week

The Emmanuel College men's soccer team finished its regular season with two wins in the final week of play, improving its overall record for the 2007 season to 5-10.

In a 3-1 victory against Daniel Webster on October 17th, Gavin Molta '11 and Chris Clark '08 provided the offensive

firepower for the Saints, with Molta finding the back of the net twice in the first ten minutes of play and Clark adding one of his own just before the end of the first half. Three days later, Molta's offense would prove enough for a second-straight win, as Emmanuel squeaked by Albertus Magnus by a score of 1-0.

Volleyball Season Marked by Players' Milestone Performances

Lindsey Parker '09 and Amanda Machado '09 achieved impressive personal milestones during the 2007 women's volleyball season, placing them among elite company in the Saints' history books.

During a match against Daniel Webster on October 22nd, Parker became just the second player in program history to record 1,000 kills, while Machado became the second to reach 1,000 digs later in the season against St. Joseph's College. With both players completing their junior seasons, they will look to build upon their accomplishments next fall.

The Saints' season came to a close on October 30th with a 3-0 loss to Rivier College in the quarterfinal round of the GNAC tournament. Emmanuel finished with a 10-22 overall mark and a 7-6 conference record.



Lindsey Parker '09



Amanda Machado '09

Student-Athletes Attend NCAA Leadership Conference in Boston

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the GNAC SAAC, the weekend proved to be a particularly educational experience.

"It was remarkable," she said. "The weekend was jam-packed with information about what it means to be a student-athlete and how to improve that image...we learned how to enhance our leadership skills to be more effective as student leaders."

As part of the action plan they developed during the weekend, the three Emmanuel athletes proposed what they are currently calling "The Saint Haven," which will provide Boston inner-city youth with a place for structured learning and recreation. The students hope to provide an open gym scenario for youths on Friday nights, inviting them to the Jean Yawkey Center for organized sports, voluntary tutoring sessions and guest speakers.

"With dramatically high violence among teens here in Boston, we felt it was important for us to do what we



Director of Athletics and Recreation Pam Roecker, Brian Anderson '09, Jacquelyn Pannell '08 and Stephanie Rege '08 took part in the NCAA Division III Student-Athlete Leadership Conference in Boston during the weekend of October 19th.

could to get them off of the street late at night," said Anderson. "It is our belief that this productive atmosphere and connection with positive role models will help many teens stay out of danger."

The theme of "community" proved common throughout the GNAC member institutions as well, a distinguishing trait not lost on GNAC Commissioner Joe Walsh.

"One of the folks from the NCAA commented that in his experience with

these conferences he has never seen an athletic conference where the project that every school developed and committed to was designed to help the community," he wrote in an email to conference administrators. "He said most times teams come up with projects to help themselves. In every way, shape and form each member of the GNAC contingent demonstrated the embodiments of the GNAC core values of community, sportsmanship and integrity."

For a student like Pannell, who hopes

to stay involved in collegiate athletics after graduation, the conference provided immense insight into potential future opportunities as well.

"I am currently in the process of applying for the NCAA internship program and the Women's Basketball Coaches Association internship," she said. "I love college sports and will be pursuing a career in sports administration after college."

According to Anderson, the greatest part of the entire weekend was getting the opportunity to meet fellow athletes from around the area. He would recommend student-athletes participate in the conference in the future.

"Working with student-athletes, coaches and administrators from all over the region was extremely helpful in putting our school's productivity and growth in perspective with our peers, as well as giving me a wide range of contacts that I can use for advice and support," he said. "I would say that anyone who participates in this or a similar conference benefits from the experience."