



# EMMANUEL NEWS

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## Newsweek's Meacham Announced as 2007 Commencement Speaker



Jon Meacham

Jon Meacham, editor of *Newsweek* magazine, will be the Commencement Speaker at Emmanuel's 85th Commencement Exercises on May 12, 2007. Meacham will receive an Honorary Degree from the College, along with Dr. Jim O'Connell and Sr. Sylvia Thibodeaux, SSF.

Named *Newsweek's* editor in October 2006, Meacham oversees all day-to-day editorial operations for *Newsweek*

and *Newsweek.com*. Previously the managing editor since 1998, Meacham supervised the magazine's coverage of politics, international affairs, and breaking news, having written cover stories on politics, religion, race, guns in America, and the death of Ronald Reagan. Under Meacham's leadership, *Newsweek* has twice (2001, 2003) won the National Magazine Award for General Excellence – the industry's highest honor. An accomplished

author, Meacham's *American Gospel: God, the Founding Fathers, and the Making of a Nation*, released in April of 2006, as well as *Franklin and Winston: An Intimate Portrait of an Epic Friendship* (2003), were *NY Times* bestsellers. In 2001, he edited *Voices in Our Blood: America's Best on the Civil Rights Movement*.

Dr. Jim O'Connell is the President and ...CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

## Inaugural Wyant Series Lecture Set For January 25th

Louise Doherty Wyant Professor Dr. Patricia Herlihy will be the featured speaker at the inaugural lecture in the Wyant Lecture Series on January 25th in the Janet M. Daley Library Lecture Hall.

Dr. Herlihy will address the consequences of the shortage of men on women and family in her discussion of "The Incredible Shrinking Russia: Why We Care."

Dr. Herlihy is the first Louise Doherty Wyant Professor at Emmanuel College. Professor Emerita of History at Brown University and renowned scholar in the field of Russian history, she has held appointments at Harvard University, Brandeis University, Wellesley College, the University of Wisconsin, Bryn Mawr College and Providence College.

Dr. Herlihy received her Ph. D. and M.A. from the University of Pennsylvania and her B.A. from the University of California, Berkeley.

The endowed professorship was established by the late Louise Doherty Wyant '63 and her husband, Dr. James Wyant, to be held in the humanities, history and the arts, in honor of Sister Anne Cyril Delaney, SND, a 1930 graduate of Emmanuel and an English professor at the College for 26 years.

The lecture will begin at 4:30 p.m.



Sophomore Christine Yandow has helped raise over \$9,000 in donations to the Jimmy Fund with "The Lester Project."

## Student Raises Money in Support of Red Sox Pitcher Jon Lester

When news broke in early September that Boston Red Sox pitcher Jon Lester had been diagnosed with a form of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, Emmanuel College sophomore Christine Yandow immediately knew she wanted to do something to show her support for the 22-year-old star.

Within days of the diagnosis, Yandow, along with Amanda Davis of Northeastern University, Kayte Eddy of Fisher College and Courtney Smith of Thomasson

College, formed "The Lester Project," with the intent of selling silicone awareness bracelets and donating all proceeds to the Jimmy Fund in Lester's name.

With their first batch of wristbands, the Lester Project crew set out to show their support for the young pitching ace, who was diagnosed with acute anaplastic large cell lymphoma, a treatable but rare form of blood cancer that accounts for under 2% of all lymphomas.

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## Staff News

Ashley M. Blackburn has joined Emmanuel College as the Assistant Director of Student Financial Services. Previously, she worked as a sales coordinator at United Rentals. A 2005 graduate of the College of the Holy Cross, Blackburn holds a bachelor's degree in economics.

Catherine E. DesRoche is the new Associate Director for First Year Programs, Leadership Development and Student Activities. She holds a Master of Education in administration of higher education from Suffolk University and a Bachelor of Arts in elementary education from Emmanuel. Previously, DesRoche served as the director of student life at the New England Conservatory of Music.

Barbara A. Alves-Farrier joins the College as the Administrative Assistant to the Dean of Arts and Sciences. Previously, Alves-Farrier served as an administrative assistant to the Dean of the School of Behavioral Sciences at California Baptist University. She received a bachelor's degree in business management from the University of Phoenix.

Liane Callahan Hartnett is the new Biology Lab Manager in the Science Department. Prior to Emmanuel, Callahan Hartnett was a professor of general education at Caritas Laboure College, also serving as a visiting assistant professor at Emmanuel during the spring 2004 semester. A graduate of Boston University's School of Medicine, Callahan Hartnett received a Bachelor of Arts in biology from Wellesley College.

W. Colin Stanton has joined Emmanuel as the Assistant Director for Student Activities and Volunteer Services. Stanton holds a Master of Science in college student personnel services and administration and a Bachelor of Arts in psychology and religious studies from the University of Central Arkansas. Previously, Stanton was a graduate assistant for the division of student services at Central Arkansas.

## Dorian Cast Speaks at Inaugural *Through the Wire* Lecture Series

The Office of Multicultural Programs welcomed Minister Dorian Cast to Emmanuel on November 29<sup>th</sup> as the keynote speaker at the inaugural *Through the Wire* lecture.

A native of Southfield, Michigan, Minister Cast addressed the audience of students in the Administration Meeting Room, urging them to recognize the weight of their privilege not just as American citizens but also as human beings.

"Whatever direction you feel like you need to go, our country will go in," he said. "America has to change the direction it's going and you'll be the ones that set the tone for the kind of

place your children grow up in.

"If you just tend to the people around you, all good things come from the relationships and you," he added. "You can live forever if you help people."

*Through the Wire* is Emmanuel College's diversity lecture series that serves as a way to stimulate intellectual discourse on campus with an emphasis on issues of race, racism and socioeconomic status. The series provides a mix of dynamic speakers with the ability to engage and challenge all Emmanuel students to affirm identity, challenge stereotypes, and become active learners of their cultures and history.



Minister Dorian Cast

## Barile recognized as Emmanuel College's Distinguished Alumnae

Nancy Barile was recently honored with the Emmanuel College Distinguished Alumnae Award in recognition of her outstanding achievement in the field of education.

The Lead Teacher in Revere High School's English Department and a faculty member since 1995, Barile has taught all levels of English language arts and literature to high school students of varying abilities, including

special education students. She designed and implemented the Advanced Placement Literature and Composition course at Revere High School as well as created the school's literary magazine, *Crossroads*, of which she also serves as Advisor.

Barile has been honored by the Revere community for her dedication to young people and youth leadership on a number of occasions, and was

featured in a November 19, 2000 issue of the *Boston Globe* for her unique approaches to keeping young people on track.

A 1990 graduate of Emmanuel College, Barile also received her master's in education from Emmanuel (1993), earning the Graduate Excellence Award for academic achievement.

## Cardinal Celebrates Advent Mass

His Eminence Sean Patrick Cardinal O'Malley, OFM Cap., Archbishop of Boston, offered Mass at Emmanuel College on December 3rd, the first Sunday of Advent. There was a standing room-only crowd of students, faculty, staff and members of the neighboring community

in the College's Chapel for the celebration. Students Amanda Donegan and Jeffrey Joseph reflected on their experiences with Campus Ministry at Emmanuel, and also presented the Cardinal with an Emmanuel sweatshirt and an Emmanuel hat on behalf of the College.



Father Stephen Boyle, Emmanuel President Sister Janet Eisner, SND and His Eminence Sean Patrick Cardinal O'Malley, OFM Cap., Archbishop of Boston.

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Street Physician of Boston Healthcare for the Homeless Program, an organization he helped to found in 1985. He is nationally recognized as one of the preeminent experts on homelessness and healthcare and highly regarded for his decades of service to Boston's homeless. A graduate of the University of Notre Dame, Dr. O'Connell earned his master's degree in philosophy and theology from Cambridge University in England, and his medical degree from Harvard Medical School.

Sister Sylvia Thibodeaux, SSF is recognized in New Orleans and beyond for leading the Sisters of the Holy Family through a time of profound crisis following the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. Prior to her service as Superior General, Sister Sylvia taught in Boston and for 18 years she served in Nigeria establishing a diocesan order of sisters in the Archdiocese of Benin City. Sister Sylvia is a founding member of the Black Sisters' Conference of the United States and is a member of the board of directors of the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (Cara) at Georgetown University.



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# CAMPUS NEWS

## ESOL Program Promotes Community Atmosphere Around Campus

While walking through the Marian Hall dining room three years ago, Co-Director of Campus Ministry Sister Peggy Cummins, SND, had an idea – what if she paired up the large number of non-English speaking Bon Appetit employees seeking help learning the language with the College’s staff and students in a new English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) program?

“I thought, here we are at a college campus with great resources and people with great things to share,” she said. “Why can’t we help teach them to speak English?”

When Sister Peggy went searching for Emmanuel students and staff to help her cause, she received immediate interest, signing up 30 willing tutors right away. Three years later, the ESOL program continues to be a wonderful resource for employees and students alike, not only bridging a gap between cultures, but also fostering “a

real communal relationship between students and staff.”

For one hour a week, students such as juniors Kristen Impastato and Kathryn Harper meet with their foreign students to help teach them the English language through the use of a variety of resources, including books and video supplements. For Impastato, a psychology major and sociology minor who has been involved with ESOL since its inception, the program has not only provided a great way to help fellow members of the Emmanuel community, but insight into a potential career path as well.

“I love working with people and I hope to be a social worker,” said Impastato, who has tutored Portuguese-speaking Sebastian DaSilva for the past three years as well as Maria Cardoza since last spring. “I can only imagine coming to a foreign country to work and everyone around me not speaking my language. It must be very

frustrating and I wanted to help in this small way.

“They work so hard at our school,” she added. “This is something small I felt I could do in return.”

Harper also saw the program as a good outlet for giving back to the EC community, as well as furthering her relationship with her co-workers, as she works part-time as a member of the Bon Appetit staff.

“I enjoyed talking to the staff and I wanted to help them learn more English,” she said. “I also thought it would be fun, which it is.”

While a number of tutors work individually with their students, Harper is one of a few instructors who teach with a partner, as she and Amy Ericson assist each other in educating a group of four students. While Sister Peggy says the decision to pair Emmanuel tutors together “depends on the needs of

the students,” team-teaching provides a great way for tutors to help each other as educators. Harper has found her experience working with Ericson especially useful during her two years with the program.

“It’s very helpful because we can share the work and brainstorm ideas together,” she said. “It’s also nice because our students like to ask us questions about everyday life and it’s great to share two opinions. I think team-teaching is an added bonus for them.”

Currently, 35 Emmanuel students and 10 faculty and staff members - including Sports Information Director Alexis Mastronardi - act as instructors for the ESOL program, which also assists Hurley employees on campus. Mastronardi, who had previous experience with an ESOL program as a tutor at the Suffolk County Sheriff’s Department, has also been with the program

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## Student Raises Money In Support of Red Sox Pitcher Jon Lester

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Hoping to receive support mostly from family and friends, the girls – who met on a Red Sox fan message board in early 2006 - purchased just 80 red bracelets emblazoned with Lester’s jersey number “62” and the phrase “Striking Out Cancer” for original sale, thinking they would have trouble finding enough people interested.

What they quickly discovered, however, was that they were far from alone in their support of the rookie pitcher.

“When we found out [about the diagnosis] we were all pretty upset,” said Yandow. “Seeing someone so talented and just starting in the prime of his career, it’s a scary thing no matter who you are. We just wanted to raise money to show our support.

“We had no idea it would get as big as it did.”

Within a week, the project began picking up steam, with the first order of wristbands selling out quickly. As word of the groups’ efforts spread throughout chat rooms and blogs all across the Internet and Red Sox Nation, hundreds of e-mails started to pour in from concerned fans hoping to show their support and contribute to the worthy cause.

When the burgeoning demands began to add a financial burden, the students looked to sponsors to help defray the costs. With the support of Red Bull North America and Stran and Co., they were able to reserve another 5,000 bracelets for their project, which was recognized as an official fundraiser by the Jimmy Fund in October.



The “Lester Project” crew poses for a picture with their “Striking Out Cancer” bracelets during a game last season at Fenway Park.

As of early January, Yandow and the crew had already raised over \$9,000 in donations, with the goal of eventually presenting a check to the Jimmy Fund on the field at Fenway Park sometime in the future. While a date has not been set, signs are positive for the presentation to possibly coincide with Lester’s return to the diamond, as he was recently reported to be in remission and is expecting to be back with the Red Sox in time for spring training.

According to Yandow, Lester and his family have stayed in contact with the group throughout the project, and have greatly appreciated the efforts put forth by the four students. In a December 5<sup>th</sup> conference call with the press, Lester made a point to praise the group for the kindness they’ve shown.

“You guys know how Red Sox Nation is, they’re unbelievable people, and I found that out first hand with the

Lester Project,” he said. “Even though it’s a bad experience it’s [also] been a good experience because you get to see a lot of good things come out of a lot of good people.”

Lester’s father, John, also expressed his gratitude to the girls in a recent e-mail:

“Jon is very, very thankful for the support he has received from Red Sox fans and especially from you. He is humbled by your hard work and determination to get this whole project off the ground and develop a meaningful program that will help all cancer patients. He looks forward to coming back to Boston!”

Yandow’s efforts have also not gone unnoticed by the Emmanuel College community either.

“It is wonderful to see one of our students take such initiative to support a great organization like the Jimmy

Fund,” said Associate Director of Community Service and Service Learning Deirdre Bradley-Turner. “We are very proud of Christine’s efforts.”

“I applaud Christine for her initiative, leadership and collaboration,” said Vice President for Student Affairs Patricia Rissmeyer. “She and her friends are a great example of how the creativity, hard work and perseverance of a small group of people can make a major contribution.”

While the recognition has been a wonderful but humbling experience for Yandow and the others – whose wristbands have been featured on CBS4 Boston and NESN, as well as mentioned in Gordon Edes *The Boston Globe Red Sox Notebook* and NESN’s Tom Caron’s mailbag – the principles behind the project have always remained clear.

“When you get into something like this, you don’t really think about what others will think about you,” she said. “It’s just about spreading awareness. The fact that we’ve been able to do that is just mind-blowing.”

Despite Lester’s return to the field now appearing imminent, Yandow says she and the group have no intention of abandoning their cause anytime soon. In fact, if there’s one thing they’ve learned from Jon and their own personal experiences with the project, it’s the power of perseverance.

“It’s been incredible,” said Yandow. “There have been times we’ve said we can’t go forward because it’s just too big for us to handle. But so many people have been touched by Jon’s situation. It feels like we really are making a difference.”

## Internships: Helping Students With Career Paths

When senior English/Communications majors Nicole Davis, Dan Campagna and Nicole Little began looking for internship opportunities for the 2006 fall semester, all three students went about their approach with the same objective in mind: finding an opportunity that would not only provide them with career-related experience but a chance to truly hit the ground running.

While each student's direction covered a different path under the comprehensive realm of the English/Communications field, in the end, all three found themselves immersed in experiences that proved exceptionally invaluable in a variety of ways.

For her final semester as a student at Emmanuel College, Davis sought to explore the field of advertising, which originally sparked her interest after participating in the College's *Introduction to Advertising* course as part of her major's cultural literacy requirement.

Looking to further explore the possibilities of a career in the field, Davis, who completed her undergraduate requirements this fall, earned an intern spot in the public relations department at Arnold Worldwide, one of the biggest advertising agencies in the city of Boston.

From the moment Davis entered the door, she knew advertising was a direction she could see herself going in professionally. Enjoying the open door, relaxed atmosphere the company provided, Davis found herself playing a significant role in the firm's relatively new Under Armour account right away.

"My responsibilities included skimming magazines for Under Armour references or ads and then preparing quick summaries and files for executives to peruse," she said. "I was also responsible for preparing media lists and contacts as well as organizing a list for the 2007 editorial deadlines for magazines."

Perhaps the most significant thing Davis took away from the internship was the industry knowledge she obtained through the company's "Brown Bag Seminar," which had initially piqued her interest when she decided to interview for a position. A number of times during the semester, representatives and CEOs from the firms different departments took time during their lunch break to sit down with the firms 35 interns and discuss the roles and responsibilities of each individual department.

"This was the best part of the whole experience," she said. "From this I learned I'd like to pursue a career as



Dan Campagna '07 turned his love for sports and writing into an internship with Major League Lacrosse last semester. Classmate Nicole Little, meanwhile, explored her interest in radio at ESPN 890.

a copywriter, due to the more fun and team-like atmosphere, which I enjoy."

Campagna, the starting goalkeeper on the Saints' soccer team, turned his love for athletics and writing into an internship at Major League Lacrosse (MLL) last semester after exploring a number of different options in local professional sports. While he originally looked into openings with the Boston Red Sox and New England Patriots organizations, an advertisement for a position with the small Brighton-based league caught his eye last summer and enticed him to get on board.

"It jumped out at me as a possible opportunity to really get good experience from an up-and-coming league not as established as Major League Baseball or the National Football League," he said of MLL, which only opened its doors in 2001. "Plus I felt with this position that I'd get to do more of what I was looking to do, which is write."

Handling mostly feature stories and profiles, Campagna found himself rarely short of article topics regarding the rapidly-expanding league, which has four new teams joining the ranks this year. Writing four-to-five stories a week as a sports information intern, Campagna said he found the experience "very beneficial" and rewarding, as his work, displayed on the league's web site, provided a great way to boast his accomplishments.

"That's what I was most proud of, getting to see my work on the site," he said. "It was something I could show my friends and family."

According to Director of Internships and Career Development Candice Serafino, perhaps the most important thing any student can take away from an internship experience is verification of whether or not the career of interest is truly for them.

While both Davis and Campagna left their respective experiences with the desire to continue to pursue similar positions, they also admitted the internship helped open their eyes to other avenues of personal intrigue.

"I want to start out with advertising, but I also now definitely think there's a lot of different ways you can go with [an English/Communications] major," said Davis.

"Throughout the whole experience my supervisor kind of opened up the doorway for me," said Campagna. "He really broadened the direction I want to go as I could definitely see myself going into sports information."

On occasion, an experience at an internship may even open students eyes to the extent of altering their professional track completely, as was the case with Little and her time spent at ESPN 890 radio.

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# SPOTLIGHT

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A member of Emmanuel's softball team, Little decided to venture into the world of radio after hearing positive reviews from a teammate who participated in ESPN's internship previously. Viewing the opportunity as a great way to get her foot in the door, Little went into the internship hoping to learn more about the business and possibly get some practice behind the microphone.

Often working closely with the promotions team, Little's responsibilities included traveling to Gillette Stadium on Sundays prior to Patriots games to set up ESPN's promotional stand. In the station, her list of tasks was often widespread – including preparing show notes and updating audio clips for the daily talk shows and sports reports.

The opportunity gave her the chance to meet some popular local sports stars as well, including Patriots' all-time receptions leader Troy Brown and punter Josh Miller, who she met her first week on the job.

"I had to pick [Josh] up and drive him to the office for an interview," she said. "I'm a big fan so that was the most exciting part of the internship for me."

While she wasn't able to land any on-air exposure, Little says she fully enjoyed working with the station and would recommend the internship to any student interested in pursuing a



Last semester, Nicole Davis spent time as an intern at Arnold Worldwide, one of the largest advertising firms in the city of Boston. Working in the public relations department, Davis was the lone intern on the firm's Under Armour account.

career in radio.

The most important thing she did take away from the experience, however, was that after graduation, she sees herself moving in a different direction.

"Radio is fun, but what I learned was that I don't think it's for me," she said. "The internship made me realize different things."

While Serafino and the College's Career Development staff hope students depart from their internships with positive experiences, they also realize that situations such as Little's are all part of the game. In fact, discoveries such as Little's can be just as, if not

more, beneficial for interns.

"It's one of the most valuable things you can learn, that it's not the field for you," said Serafino. "If that's the case, we hope students take the lessons that they learn from the internships, come back, reassess, and come up with a new plan of action."

For better or worse, Little remains satisfied with the lessons learned from her experience and still believes it's important for students to get the type of "real world" knowledge that participation in internships provide.

"If I didn't do this internship, I'd be in the radio industry and not enjoying

it," she said. "Now I know radio is not for me. It's important to get your feet wet and give yourself a totally different perspective."

Campagna agreed.

"It helps you to see whether or not it's something you want to do," he said. "There are plenty of kids who dislike their internships and went into it thinking it was something they'd want for a career."

"For me though, [my experience] has just reassured that this is what I want to do," he added. "If I hadn't done it, I may have never really known that this is what I want for a career."

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since the start, teaching Brazilian-born Marcia Bonaffina-Rivera over the past three years. Through the program, the two have not only formed a strong friendship but also proved to be an effective pairing, as thanks in part to Mastronardi's assistance, Bonaffina-Rivera has recently enrolled in English classes at Bunker Hill Community College.

"I'm so proud that she has the determination and willingness to take her education to the next level," said Mastronardi. "She works very hard at it. She reads the newspaper everyday on the T during her commute from East Boston to Emmanuel."

While education majors have often helped with ESOL, Sister Peggy says the program is not limited to Emmanuel students interested in careers in teaching, as tutors come from a "range of disciplines." The benefits too seem to be wide-ranging, as students and tu-

tors alike seem to get more out of the interaction than just an English lesson.

"I am so happy I have established this relationship," said Impastato. "Sebastian is so grateful and always thanks me and says hello to me in the cafeteria. It's not just important to me that he becomes fluent in the language, but that he knows someone at Emmanuel...it must be hard to be surrounded by people who don't speak your language. Now he has someone to talk to."

"The program has given me the chance to become friendly with a number of wonderful people," said Mastronardi. "Sr. Peggy has done a tremendous job organizing and keeping the program running from year to year. My favorite part of the program is that Marcia and I both gain something from it. I am honored to have her as a friend. Having English as a first language is something that we can take for granted so easily. There are people on campus that would love to be able to speak

English, so why not get involved?"

And while it's only one hour a week, College employees such as Mariam Nyota, who came to the U.S. six years ago from the Congo and has been working at Emmanuel for the last four years, certainly appreciate the assistance ESOL provides.

"This program helps a lot of people because they are new [to the United States] and they want to understand and speak English," said Nyota, who has been involved with the program for about a year and is currently preparing for her citizenship test. "We all thank Sister Peggy for this program."

For Sister Peggy, simply knowing that members of the Emmanuel community are helping each other succeed is all the thanks she needs.

"It's a chance to help others in need," she said. "I think being here at Emmanuel, you have to have a heart as big as the world."

## Caveny's Book Review Published

Senior Associate Dean of Academic Advising Carolyn A. Caveny's book review of Derald Wing Sue's *Overcoming Our Racism: The Journey to Liberation* was published in the fall 2006 edition of *The Journal of the National Academic Advising Association*. The journal exists to advance scholarly discourse about the research, theory and practice of academic advising in higher education.

## Sister Mary Johnson Authors Chapters

Professor of Sociology and Religious Studies Sr. Mary Johnson, SND has authored chapters in a series of books through Boston College's "The Church in the 21st Century" Center. Sister Mary's "Religious Education in its Societal and Ecclesial Context" appears in *Handing on the Faith: The Church's Mission and Challenge*, while "Collective Identity and Distinctiveness: The Case of U.S. Conferences of Apostolic Women and Men Religious" is featured in the book *Inculturation and the Church in North America*.



## Absence Makes the Heart Grow Fonder for GPP Student Shooter

Few people would consider returning to college after nearly a 15-year absence. Yet for Judith Shooter, the time just seemed right.

A financial operations analyst for the Gillette Company, Shooter was convinced to enroll in Emmanuel's ECAP program back in 2002, after a colleague already involved with the accelerated bachelor's program convinced her to come on board. Despite the fact that it had been a number of years since the last time she sat in a college classroom as a student – she earned an associate's degree from Northeastern University in 1986 – Shooter was confident she was ready to handle any challenge the opportunity would provide.

"It was a good transition for me, my daughter had a job and was more independent, which gave me more time to go back to school," she said. "And I felt like the time was just right for me. I had been looking for something like that anyway – getting into an academic environment and working with people who I could bounce ideas off of."

As it turns out, the academic setting was exactly what she was looking for, so much so in fact, that once she started she didn't want to stop.

After graduating from the ECAP program with a Bachelor of Science in business administration in December 2004, Shooter wasted little time reacquainting herself once again with the scholastic world, enrolling in a master's program for the spring 2005 semester.

Needless to say, she wasn't planning on waiting another 15 years for her next degree.

"I got the feeling it was rare for people to go straight into grad work as I think a lot of people wanted to take time off," she said. "But once I got into the swing of it, I didn't want to stop my momentum. It just made sense for me to keep going."

"Besides, I figured it would make it less painful than starting up later," she joked.

And when it came time to choose the



Judith Shooter presents her professional leadership project which explored the need for patient ombudsman programs in health-care facilities.

right school to further her academic career, Emmanuel proved once again to be the perfect fit.

"I decided to stay at Emmanuel because I liked the style of the accelerated classes and the campus locations were convenient," she said. "I checked

positive ramifications of adding such a position to their staff.

"If you have someone dedicated to listening to the needs of patients, from a medical standpoint, nurses and doctors would then be allowed to move more swiftly from patient to patient

"In the business world of today managers, leaders and employees no matter where they are positioned in an organization are expected to identify problems and turn them into opportunities for themselves and the company that they are working for," he said. In the case of her thesis project, Judith recognized an opportunity outside of her regular workplace environment where she could apply her newly-acquired leadership and management skills and make a difference. Her topic is one of great interest not only to the healthcare professionals but also for patients. With her research project she attempted to prove that an ombudsman program would not only improve the quality of patient care but also reduce healthcare costs. Improving quality of a product and/or service and simultaneously reducing costs is what brings the competitive advantage to organizations."

While it's only been a few weeks since Shooter presented her project, the culmination of her academic experience at Emmanuel, she admits it still hasn't truly hit her that all her hard work is finished.

"It still feels surreal," she said. "We usually have a week off in winter and it feels like it's just that week off and I'll be starting up again next week. I don't think the brain has caught up to the fact that I'm done yet."

Although she says she's already researched Ph.D. programs, Shooter also admits she thinks she'll take a little time off before eventually heading back to school again. And as the realization of her accomplishments slowly begin to sink in over the next few weeks, she's sure to reminisce about all that she's gained from her Emmanuel experience.

Although then again, the greatest reward has always been clear from day one.

"When I graduated in 2005, my daughter was able to come to the ceremony and watch," she said. "It was important for her to see that finishing up a degree is important."

Looks like she'll have even more proof when she dons the cap and gown once again this May.

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–Judith Shooter

out other schools, but I wanted to lean more towards the management side of business and that's why I chose to stay."

This past December, Shooter completed her course work for a master's in management, wrapping up the program's degree requirements with a professional leadership project in which she examined the need for patient ombudsman programs in health-care facilities. Through her research, Shooter discovered that while it would be cost-efficient for such facilities to add an ombudsman, who would serve as a liaison between patients and medical staff, and not to mention improve overall total patient care, many health-care facilities do not fully grasp the

without having to answer simple questions," said Shooter, who noted such a position could especially improve the overall job satisfaction of nurses, who have one of the highest turnover rates among medical employees. "Keeping them happy is so cost beneficial."

Currently, with assistance from her project sponsor at North Shore Medical Center, Shooter is working on following up with her project in hopes of implementing and expanding an ombudsman program at the facility – an opportunity not uncommon for Emmanuel graduate students after successful completion of their final thesis projects, according to project overseer Fritz Bachli.

## UPCOMING EVENTS/ IMPORTANT DATES

Degree Applications due for May Graduation: February 15th.

Reception for December 2006 Graduates: Wednesday, February 7, 6-8 p.m. at the Boston campus (back-up date Feb. 14).

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## Men & Women's Indoor Track Teams Readying For Final Stretch of Season

The end of the holiday recess marks a shift in the training regimen for Head Coach Tony DaRocha and the men and women's indoor track team. With just a month to go before the Division III New England Championships, DaRocha and company will look to sharpen performances over the final stretch in hopes of earning the right to compete in the prestigious meet on February 17<sup>th</sup>.

So far, the men are looking to make their presence known in the second half of the season, as a number of school records have already been broken in the first three meets of the year. After returning all 15 veterans from last winter and adding a strong crop of eight freshmen, DaRocha is confident this year's group can prove there truly is strength in numbers.

"They're looking better than in years past," said DaRocha, now in his sixth year with the program. "It's always been a problem of not having enough guys but a lot more freshmen came out and right off the bat it's given us enough bodies. It changes the whole complexion of the season knowing we're going to meet NCAA compli-

ance for meets rather than worry about having enough bodies to compete."

Key returnees from last season include captains Pat Chviruk, Rob Allen, and Brett Adell, all of whom have been performing well so far in their respective events. Chviruk, who served as co-captain for the cross country team as well, has been a key ingredient to the distance group, running the 3,000 and 5,000-meter events along with senior Carlos Escobar, who established a school record in the 3K earlier this season with a 9:38.12 performance at the Husky Track & Field Carnival on December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Meanwhile, Allen, who returns after an impressive sophomore campaign in which he qualified for the ECAC Championships in the 55m hurdles but was unable to compete due to an ACL tear, has been slowly making his way back to form. DaRocha's top long-jumper as well, the Saints' coach has been more focused on strengthening Allen's knees through speed work in the early part of the season.

"I won't have him get back to jumping

until I know his knee is strong," DaRocha said of Allen, who has already set program records in the 55, 60 and 400-meter events this season.

Injury concerns have also plagued shot-putter Adell, after rotator cuff surgery ceased his throwing for the last two years. A healthy start to this season so far, however, has already reaped benefits for the senior, as he opened the winter with a personal best mark of 32' 2" only to set the school record a week later at the Harvard Invitational with a toss of 36' 7".

Other notable returnees include juniors Matt Hickey, T.J. Griffis, Michael Thurnauer, Manfred Obisui and sophomore Bryce McNamee, all of who served significant roles in establishing school records as relay legs a year ago.

While significant injuries and absences have diminished the roster size on the women's side too, DaRocha remains steadfast on improving the efforts of his smaller-than-usual squad, which includes a number of strong freshmen performers. Katie Beaton and Cara Magarian have already set personal

bests in the 55m while classmates Megan Reichel and Kelley O'Brien have done the same in the 60m hurdles and 400m events, respectively.

Meanwhile, cross country standout sophomore Christine Gaspar returns to the track to focus on the 5K, having already improved over 30 seconds since the first race of the year. Classmate Cathryn Lariviere returns from winter recess with hopes of breaking the six-minute mark in the mile for the first time in her career, having run a personal best 6:02.44 at Harvard in December.

While DaRocha expects to see the return of some of his older veterans for the outdoor season— including senior Dorothy Shanahan-Roberge who because of a knee injury has been forced to sit out this winter — his expectations for the women's lineup remains the same as it is for the men's.

"I'd like to see a few more of them qualify for New England's individually," he said. "A couple of them came really close the last few years. If they can stay focus and continue to work hard I think they can do it."

## Men's Volleyball Set for Season's Start

While the 2007 men's volleyball season has only recently gotten underway, things already feel comfortable for second-year Head Coach Chris Wright. So comfortable, in fact, that he's confident it will make for some positive changes with the program this season.

"Just having a year under my belt as a head coach is definitely going to play a big part in the success of the team," he said. "I feel like this year I will be able to introduce more of my style of volleyball."

After taking over the program and guiding the Saints to a 5-5 mark in the New England Division of the North East Collegiate Volleyball Association and a 12-12 overall record a year ago, Wright hopes the mix of his coaching style and returning players, along with his inaugural recruiting class, will combine for a smooth transition into the season, which opens January 17<sup>th</sup> at Endicott College.

While this time last year Wright's focus was more on acclimating himself with his players and improving team chemistry, the second-year veteran intends to take full advantage of last season's experience and knowledge, seeking to guide his team to new heights this winter.

The fact that his players, led by senior captain John Bluhm, have entered camp with an even greater focus and determination than before certainly hasn't hindered his plans either.

"They all have passion for the game and they all want to play at a high level," said Wright. "The leadership of John has really set a precedent for the entire team. Being a senior, he really wants to go out on top and the guys have really followed his dedication."

Bluhm returns as the teams top offensive threat after leading the Saints in hitting percentage (.250) and finishing second in kills per game a year ago. He'll be joined once again by classmate Trevor Blanchet, the team's leading blocker, and junior middle setter Sophanna Lout.

While the toughest obstacle for the Saints appears to be replacing last year's crop of seniors, which included Stephen Yates, Patrick Bemis and Ricky Wong, Wright fully believes his guys have already shown signs that they're ready and willing to "step up to the challenge."

The addition of two experienced players in freshmen Taylor Lowe and Michael Townsend is expected to play a significant role, as both have previously competed experience at the Junior Olympic level. Mix in junior transfer Brendan Ellis, who ranked second in the nation in service aces (.671 per game) last year for Elms College, and it seems the Saints' biggest obstacle may not be that big of an issue at all.

"Even though we lost five seniors," said Wright, "the team, I feel, is a lot more balanced."



The men's basketball team won its first game of the season against Northwood University, one of the top Division II teams in the country.

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ference play, Jackson insists he'll look to maintain the same game plan he set forth at the start of the season. If the last two games have shown him anything, it's that the game plan wasn't ever broken. So he has no intention of

trying to fix it.

"We'll still take it one game at a time," he said. "We're going to put a lot of emphasis on the fact that we have to win the league. And we're going to win the league."

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rebounds.

While the Saints wasted little time worrying about their first loss, as they bounced back a few days later with a 72-64 victory against Tufts University for their 10<sup>th</sup> victory of the year, Yosinoff was also confident the results of the Bowdoin match-up all but reinforced what he's been trying

to show his team all season long: that when push comes to shove, they truly do belong.

"I think they realize we're close, that we can play with anyone," he said. "The attitude of the team is outstanding right now. Everyone including the coaches is on the same page. I feel we can do something special if we work hard enough."



# SPORTS NEWS

## Women's Basketball Loses Battle of Unbeatens To No. 1 Bowdoin

It turns out the only thing that could stop the Emmanuel College women's basketball team was the best team in the nation.

After opening the season with victories in their first nine contests, the host Saints fell to No. 1 Bowdoin College January 6<sup>th</sup>, 67-58, despite closing to within one possession in the final minute of play.

While the outcome of the game may have proved unsatisfying for Head Coach Andy Yosinoff, who would have liked nothing more than to upend the prevailing Polar Bears who improved to 11-0 with the win, he found little to complain about concerning the heart his girls played with.

"It was a tremendous comeback," he said of the Saints' efforts, which included overcoming a 14-point deficit. "They showed a tremendous amount of guts coming back against the number one team in the country and they had Bowdoin rattled. We just ran out of time."

Heading into the game, Yosinoff and his team looked to balance Bowdoin's strong attack by out-rebounding their opponents, a task that would prove difficult considering the team's struggles in that category against tough competition earlier in the season. Thirteen unforced turnovers proved to be the biggest concern of the first 20 minutes, however, as the Saints' inability to hold onto the ball resulted in

a 32-22 deficit heading into the locker rooms at half-time.

"[Bowdoin] wasn't pressing us, I just felt like my girls were jittery," said Yosinoff of the first-half. "[During half-time] I told them to stop throwing balls away and to just keep their heads up and keep rebounding. It's our biggest weakness and Bowdoin's one of the best in the country so I told them to keep at it and wear them down."

Following the orders of their long-time head coach, the Saints kept themselves in the rebounding hunt throughout the rest of the match, finishing just short of Bowdoin in that category, 36-35. And with roughly eight minutes left to play, Emmanuel began what has become a trademark of the team this season: working itself back into the game with a late second-half surge in hopes of maintaining its perfect record.

Leading the charge this time was freshmen forward Tommia Davis, who according to Yosinoff "took over the game" in the final minutes, posting-up down-low and hitting key shots, including a jumper to cut the lead to four with 3:38 left to play. With just 58 seconds to go, it was Davis who again got the call for the Saints, this time capitalizing on a three-point play to put Emmanuel behind by a slim 60-58 margin and reigniting hope of an upset.

A few big shots by Bowdoin's Eileen Flaherty – who shot a perfect 13-13



Iman Davis and the Saints suffered their first loss of the season against top-ranked Bowdoin College on January 6th.

from the foul line and hit a key 3-pointer with 40 seconds left to all but clinch the game – and a tough call in the final minute, however, ultimately proved too much for the Saints to overcome.

"In the last few minutes of every close game we've made our push," said Yosinoff. "This was the first time we came up short."

Junior guard Jade Paez was the leading

scorer for the Saints, netting 19 points on the day including a 5-6 effort from behind the arc. Davis tallied 15 points – six of which came in the final two minutes – while classmate Iman Davis added eight points and a game-high nine assists.

Flaherty, regarded as possibly the top player in Division III this season, led all players with 23 points and nine

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## Men's Basketball Returns From Florida Ready to Make GNAC Charge

It appears the Emmanuel men's basketball team came back from the Northwood University Holiday Tournament in West Palm Beach over winter break with much more than just its first win of the year.

After a tough start to the season in which the Saints suffered losses in their first six games, Head Coach Jamahl Jackson said the 56-54 victory over the host Seahawks has restored much of the confidence that has been missing from his team so far this season.

"I believe the Florida trip worked wonders for the team in terms of camaraderie," he said. "It gave the guys a chance to get to know each other and trust each other better. We're not going to face as tough of teams as we faced in Florida. So it's given us a lot of confidence coming back into conference games."

Heading into the tournament, Jackson felt his boys' self-assurance was struggling, especially considering the high expectations they had heading into the season. With the core of last year's record-setting lineup returning to the hardwood this winter, even Jackson

admitted there was a level of surprise when it came to the team's early season struggles.

"Record-wise we didn't start out the way we wanted, particularly after last year's outcome," he said. "I think they were awestruck at first. We lost a lot of close games and we had to re-learn how to finish games off. Their confidence was hanging and they needed that first win."

Despite entering the game against Northwood feeling "outmatched," as the Seahawks currently rank among the top-25 Division II teams in the nation, the Saints turned in what Jackson called the "best defensive effort" he's seen since his time with the program, out-rebounding their opponents while capitalizing on second-chance points and opportunities in the paint. Not to mention, playing a full 40 minutes of basketball.

"Before, we'd be looking up at the clock with a deer in the headlights kind of look in the last five minutes of the half instead of saying 'let's continue to defend and finish this game off,'" said Jackson. "Now the guys truly do

believe that they're playing together at both ends of the court. They went down to Florida and played the game of their lives."

Jackson was particularly impressed with the efforts of a number of his players, including captains Mack Spellman and Brian Lindsey as well as rookie point guard Mike Jackson. Spellman, last year's GNAC Rookie of the Year, showed signs of returning to form during the Florida swing, earning a spot on the All-Tournament team as well as showing improvements on both sides of the ball.

"He's getting his confidence up and he's gotten his shooting eye back," said Jackson of his sophomore stand-out. "But the most impressive thing has been his defense. He's not known as a great defender, but he played tremendous defense down there and I think it will hold up well for him this semester."

Lindsey, referred to as the Saints' "x-factor," also shone brightly in the Sunshine State, shutting down the Seahawks' top player while throwing down a double-double with 14 points,

10 rebounds and three steals on the day. The freshman Jackson, meanwhile, playing in what was only his third collegiate contest due to injury, exhibited signs of being the complete player his coach expects he'll become.

"I think offensively, the best is yet to come with him," said Jackson. "But the energy, leadership and defense he brings makes us a completely different team."

The trio of Spellman, Lindsey and Jackson continued their high level of play during the Saints first game back in the Northeast, leading Emmanuel past Daniel Webster College 82-60 for its first GNAC win of the year. Spellman notched a double-double with a game-high 17 points and 10 rebounds while Lindsey added 14 points and 10 boards of his own. Jackson produced his best offensive day to date, finishing with 12 points. Classmate Karl Gonzalez also finished in double-digits in scoring, adding 10 points and five rebounds.

With confidence again running high and the Saints entrenched in inter-con-

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