



EMMANUEL NEWS

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Dr. Frank E. Scully, Jr. Named Vice President of Academic Affairs

Dr. Frank E. Scully, Jr. was recently appointed Emmanuel's Vice President of Academic Affairs. He was selected for this position following a national search, and extensive research and work by the College's search committee, composed of administrators, faculty and students and chaired by Professor of Philosophy Dr. Thomas Wall and Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Patricia Rissmeyer. Dr. Scully will join the College on July 1, 2007.

Currently, Dr. Scully is the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Loyola University in New Orleans, LA where he has been for the last nine years. Previously he served as Interim Dean of the College of Sciences and Chair of the Department of Chemistry and



Recently appointed Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Frank Scully, Jr., Emmanuel College President Sister Janet Eisner, SND and Scully's wife, Mary.

Biochemistry at Old Dominion University.

"Dr. Scully has achieved a distinguished record as a scholar, a teacher and an academic leader. He has the experience, vision and skills to

move Emmanuel forward. Dr. Scully brings a wonderful energy and passion to Emmanuel's educational mission as a liberal arts and sciences college with a strong Catholic intellectual tradition," said Emmanuel College President Sister Janet Eisner, SND.

As Vice President of Academic Affairs and Chief Academic Officer, Dr. Scully will assume the leadership of all academic programs, planning and educational policies for the College.

"The opportunity to lead the academic programs for such a vibrant institution is thrilling," said Dr. Scully. "I look forward to joining this dynamic college community and working with faculty, students and administrators to build on the strong academic tradition that has long been the hallmark of this College."

Dr. Scully earned his bachelor's degree in chemistry from Spring Hill College and his doctorate in organic chemistry from Purdue University.

Sergei Khrushchev Speaks at Wyant Series Lecture

Dr. Sergei Khrushchev was the featured speaker for the second installment of the Wyant Lecture Series on March 20th. A senior fellow at Brown University's Watson Institute for International Studies and son of former Soviet Prime Minister Nikita Khrushchev, Dr. Khrushchev discussed "Putin's Russia: A Look at the Current Political Climate and Implications for the Future" with an audience in the Janet M. Daley Library Lecture Hall.

Introduced by Louise Doherty Wyant Professor Dr. Patricia Herlihy as a colleague and friend who is "interested in complicated things," Dr. Khrushchev provided his thoughts on Russia's current political state under President Vladimir Putin, as the country attempts to transition into a democratic nation. Relating the situation to previous efforts by other European countries, Dr. Khrushchev also clarified the conceptual differences between the idea of "democracy" in Russia compared to the United States.

"What's happening in Russia I don't think is easy to understand," he said. "It's not just a different country, it's a different civilization...the transition

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The Emmanuel College women's basketball team celebrates after a win against Brandeis University in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

One Sweet Season

Saints Close Out 2006-07 with Spot in NCAA Round of Sixteen

It's anyone's guess how far the Emmanuel College women's basketball team could have gone had it not run into a DePauw University squad many coaches described that day as the best Division III team they had ever seen.

But if you were to ask Head Coach Andy Yosinoff, he'd eagerly throw out one possibility.

"We could have gone all the way," he said.

On Friday, March 9th the host Saints fell to eventual National Champion DePauw University 74-50 in the "Sweet Sixteen" round of the NCAA Division III tournament. The defeat marked just the second

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Students Raising Donations for Children's Center at Finex House

Seniors Melissa Charles and Karis Yusavitz are hoping to receive further support from the Emmanuel community as they continue to help rebuild the children's center at Finex House, a domestic violence center located in Boston.

As interns since the fall semester, Melissa and Karis have spent hours working to restore the abandoned center.

Just recently, they finished painting the space with help from the College, AmeriCorps volunteers from a charter school in town, and financial support from Emmanuel's school programming board, CASE, which has contributed \$400 to the cause.

Currently, Melissa and Karis are seeking further assistance to help re-establish what they feel will be "a

safe and healthy environment for children who have suffered from violent households." They've assembled a wish-list of items, which includes such things as books on tape, first aid kits, cubbies, chairs and toy trunks that they feel will better prepare the center and create a more suitable and stable place for the children.

"We hope while at Finex House these

children can enjoy a sacred space of their own to relax, to do homework, and to find emotional support through art therapy and other outlets," Melissa and Karis stated in a recent proposal to the College's faculty and staff.

For those that would like to contribute, contact either Melissa at charleme@emmanuel.edu or Karis at yusavika@emmanuel.edu.

Alternative Spring Break



Forty-nine students and staff participated in Alternative Spring Break during the week of March 5th, with groups traveling to New Orleans and Phoenix to complete service projects. Above left, students volunteering with the Sisters of the Holy Family in New Orleans take a break from their daily work. Right, the Phoenix crew smiles for a photo.

Staff News

Shauna Billings joins the Office of Government, Community and Public Relations as the Editor of Web Communications. She holds a master's degree in journalism from New York University and received a Bachelor of Arts in journalism from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Previously, Billings was the senior editor of SavvyMissy.com and also worked as a freelance writer and editor for various publications including *RAVE*, *Absolute*, *Beauty Addict* and *The Daily Hampshire Gazette*.

Pamela Markovic is a new Operations Assistant for the Graduate and Professional Programs. A recent graduate of Northeastern University, Markovic holds a bachelor's degree in sociology. Previously, she worked as an assistant teacher for My Gym Children's Fitness Center in Newton.

Jill C. Murtagh is a new Academic Advisor for the College's Graduate and Professional Programs. Previously, Murtagh served as a program advisor for Lesley University's School of Education and was also an admissions counselor at Emmanuel. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in psychology from the University of Vermont and a master's degree in higher education administration from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

Denise Rugman joins Emmanuel as an Administrative Assistant for Residence Life, Dean of Students and Student Activities. Prior to her arrival at the College, Rugman spent time as a substitute teacher in the Norwell School System and was the co-founder/secretary of Santa's Helpers Inc. in Hanover.

College Sponsors First-Ever InterMission Retreat Last Month

Twenty-one students, faculty and staff members participated in the first annual InterMission Retreat sponsored by Campus Ministry and the Counseling Center during the weekend of February 9th at Sacred Heart's Spiritual Life Center in Wareham, MA.

Designed to teach undergraduates the process of vocational discernment, the retreat focused on providing sophomores, juniors and seniors a space to reflect on where they have been, where they are and where they want to be.

Faculty and staff members who participated in the program included



Assistant Professor of Psychology Judy Dwyer, Assistant Professor of English and Performance Arts Scott Gagnon, Louise Doherty Wyant Professor Patricia Herlihy, Associate Professor of Religious Studies Ann Wetherilt, Associate Director of Academic Advising Matthew Champa and Professor of Philosophy Thomas Wall.

Leon Williams Speaks at Second *Through the Wire* Lecture Series

Leon Williams, the Director of Intercultural Programs at Buena Vista University in Iowa, was the featured speaker in the second installment of the *Through the Wire* series on February 28th. Williams, who lectures on contemporary issues that affect students today, such as race, ethnicity and discrimination, discussed "Multiculturalism: The Rough Side of the Mountain."

The next lecture in the series will be on April 25th when author and national spokesperson for the campaign for a landmine-free world, Loung Ung, will address the topic, "Leaders Are Made – Not Born: A



Leon Williams

Survivor's Journey to Success." The lecture will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Auditorium.



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Clockwise from top left, Sister Camilla Burns, SND provides the keynote address for the inauguration of the Center for Mission and Spirituality; the Class of 2010 proceeds into the event; Professor of Sociology and Religious Studies and Director of the Center for Mission and Spirituality Sister Mary Johnson, SND addresses the audience; the Emmanuel College Chorus performs.

Center for Mission and Spirituality Inaugurated at Founders' Day

Sister Camilla Burns, SND, Congregational Leader of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, was the featured speaker at Emmanuel College's Founders' Day event on February 22nd. She was present to mark the inauguration of the College's Center for Mission and Spirituality.

Sister Camilla was elected Congregational Leader of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur in 2002. Based in Rome, she travels extensively to the 14 countries on five continents where the Sisters of Notre Dame minister.

In her discussion entitled "The River of Life Runs Through It," Sister Camilla praised the College's decision to establish the Center, which Emmanuel President Sister Janet Eisner, SND explained will "translate into action the commitments of our mission and help us continue the legacy of the Sisters of Notre Dame."

"Today you are taking an institutional moment to ponder the deep purposes of Emmanuel College," Sister Camilla said. "Mission and spirituality are like an underground river flowing beneath the daily events at Emmanuel...the establishment of this Center is a public reminder of this great underground river and provides a point of access to its life-giving water."

Previously the Director of the Institute of Pastoral Studies at Loyola University in Chicago, Sister Camilla earned a doctoral degree in scripture at the Graduate Theological Union, a master's degree in chemistry from the University of Notre Dame, and an A.B. in physics and mathematics from Trinity College in Washington.

Professor of Sociology and Religious Studies and Director of the Center for Mission and Spirituality Sister Mary Johnson, SND also spoke at the inauguration, sharing her enthusiasm for the new venture.

"Through Sister Janet's support, the dream of a Center has come true," she said. "Through Sister Camilla's life-giving words in her inaugural lecture for the Center, we are moved to action. And through true Notre Dame fashion we plan to make more dreams come true."

A number of Emmanuel students spoke at the event, including Student Government Association President Michael Zakarian and Senior Class President Holly Rosa, who introduced Sister Camilla and Sister Janet, respectively. Class of 2009 Vice President Charla Lauriston discussed her plans to participate in Emmanuel's Alternative Spring Break program in New Orleans, as well as the Study Abroad program in South Africa next fall as examples of "Mission and Spirituality in Action." Senior Class Treasurer Patrick Chviruk, the recipient of the St. Julie Billiart medal, offered the closing prayer.

Founders' Day celebrates the foundress of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, Saint Julie Billiart, and the founding mission of Emmanuel.

On March 15th the Center for Mission and Spirituality sponsored "Supper with the Sisters," a monthly dinner conversation allowing members of the Emmanuel community the opportunity to engage with Sisters of Notre Dame working on the local, national and international levels.

The Center will next host a lecture by Sister Catherine Patten, R.S.H.M., Coordinator of the Catholic Initiative at the National Pastoral Life Center in New York, on Wednesday, April 11th at 7 p.m. in the Janet M. Daley Library Lecture Hall.

Sister Catherine's lecture is entitled "Can We Talk?: What the Catholic Common Ground Initiative Has Learned About Dialogue in the Last Ten Years."

Students Participate in First COF Boston Immersion Spring Break

While some members of the College community spent their spring break traveling around the country providing aid as part of the Alternative Spring Break program, two Emmanuel students didn't have to go far to lend a helping hand.

Freshman Susanna Derby and junior Samantha Scola were two of 14 students from the Colleges of the

Fenway (COF) who participated in the inaugural Boston Immersion Alternative Spring Break. The program, organized by the COF Civic Engagement Committee and hosted by the College, allowed students an opportunity to spend their break learning about, connecting with, and taking positive action in the local Boston community.

With the theme of "Youth Empowerment," the program focused on assisting the communities of Roxbury and Mission Hill, all the while exploring the question, "How can we, as college students, be active participants using our interest and skills as partners with other civic-minded members of the community?"

Throughout the week, Derby, Scola and the rest of the student volunteers worked with Roxbury Youth Programs and Sociedad Latina, a Mission Hill-based organization that provides a comprehensive, community responsive array of programs designed to empower Latino youth and their families. When they were not

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SPOTLIGHT

Study Abroad: A Chance to Make The World Your Extended Classroom

When senior Anthony Ballerini was deciding how long he wanted to study abroad in England during the 2005-06 school year, he simply took advice from his sister.

“She went to Oxford for a semester and all she wanted to do was go back,” he said. “I learned from her experience and went the full year.”

The extra time Ballerini spent as a student at the University of York through a Butler University program ultimately proved to be beneficial for the Global Studies major, as it allowed him to fully integrate into British culture. On top of the overall cultural experience, he was even able to join a local rugby squad and travel to several different countries with the team as well as on his own.

Not long ago, the College averaged just nine students per year studying abroad. During the 2006-07 school year, however, Emmanuel has sent 81 students to places among its list of suggested programs, which includes 550 programs in more than 70 countries around the world.

Although interest in the program has picked up over the last few years, Ballerini admits he’s surprised even more students haven’t jumped on board. Hearing that some students have concerns about the application process is even more amazing to him, as he remembers the procedure not being a huge worry, thanks to Director of International Programs Lisa Larson Read.

“If you sit down and get it done, that’s all it will take,” he said. “Lisa does a real good job of getting it all straightened out for you.”

Creating a more effective, centralized approval process was one of Larson Read’s first projects when she arrived at the College in the fall of 2004. Working with faculty chairs and Dean of Arts & Sciences Nancy Northrup to get a sense of course approval criteria for both major and general



Adjunct Professor of Religious Studies Dr. Michael Hartwig and 26 Emmanuel students traveled to Rome earlier this month.

requirements, her efforts have made it easier for students to explore travel opportunities – especially those with more specific majors such as management, science and education, which tend to have stricter course requirements.

“It’s a big development,” she said. “It cuts down so much hassle for everybody. It allows me to give students a pretty good direction because I now have a better idea what departments will approve. But my biggest challenge is still getting students in here so that I can sit down with them, look at their four year plan and say, ‘maybe you do have room to go for a semester.’”

Although Larson Read can approve all non-major course equivalents, students still need to meet with department chairs for major course approvals. Many, such as English Department Chair Dr. Lisa Stepanski, greatly support students wishing to join the program.

“One of my biggest regrets is that I did not study abroad, even though my father encouraged me,” she said. “Going abroad as an undergraduate is so much easier than going later. It’s a great way to broaden your perspective and learn beyond the classroom.”

With so many different programs to take advantage of, students would be surprised just how simple it is for any

one of them to take part in a program. Sophomore Charla Lauriston, for instance, is preparing to spend next fall in South Africa and the spring of 2008 in Switzerland through the School for International Training. Also a Global Studies major, she felt the opportunity to get hands-on experience was something she just couldn’t pass up.

“I think that just talking about other places isn’t enough,” she said. “I need to be there, taste their food and understand their customs. I want to see things with my own eyes and listen to what the locals have to say about their own country, instead of just what I see on the news.”

Students who feel they cannot spare a semester can choose from the many short-term programs throughout the Colleges of the Fenway (COF) during summer and school breaks which offer alternatives to the longer programs. For example, during the 2006 winter break, LeAnne Graham ‘07 spent 10 days in Belize as a part of a Simmons College course she cross-registered for through the COF’s Global Education Opportunities (GEO). A Residence Assistant on campus, Graham felt the shorter program was the best fit considering her situation.

“It gave me the experience of going abroad while still allowing me to come back to my priorities [at Emmanuel],” she said.

Psychology major Caitlin Fitzgerald ‘07 also explored a different route with her trip, choosing to study during the summer of 2006 in Costa Rica through SUNY Oneonta. Performing primate research at biological field stations, Fitzgerald worked through days of 90-degree heat and 100% humidity in order to gain valuable experience in the field.

“It was difficult, but it was also the best thing I’ve ever done,” she said.

Emmanuel also took another big step forward this year by running the first short-term faculty-led program since 2000. A few weeks ago during spring break, 26 Emmanuel students and one Simmons student traveled with Adjunct Professor of Religious Studies Dr. Michael Hartwig to Rome as part of a “Religious Traditions of Rome” course. The course was one of 22 short-term programs offered by COF this school year.

“It’s a good stepping stone into bigger programs,” said Larson Read. “And it’s so easy. If you’re already taking four classes, there’s no added tuition. These are great for younger students too, because when they go somewhere short-term early on, they tend to be more adventurous when they decide to go abroad later.”

Needless to say, no matter what a student desires, study abroad has an option that will more than likely fulfill their needs. Put simply, the opportunity for Emmanuel students to explore the world is just one conversation away.

“Almost any student can go abroad, especially if they start planning at least one year in advance as recommended,” said Larson Read. “But you won’t know until you come in, talk to me, and figure out your options.”

“Everyone assumes they can’t go, but they can always work something out,” said Ballerini. “If you want to go, you will go.”

Dr. Sergei Khrushchev Featured Speaker at Wyant Lecture Series

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into democracy is very complicated. It takes a long time.”

According to Dr. Khrushchev, one of the bigger issues impeding the process is the lack of development concerning an opposing political party in the current government. Believing there must be separate groups of people within the government that challenge each other, emphasizing the opposing roles of the Democratic and Republican parties in America, Dr.



Dr. Sergei Khrushchev

Khrushchev feels the Russian government lacks a fundamental principle that allows a democracy to come to life.

“In Russia, we have a unified people, there is no big group that challenges, and we’re slow in this transition,” he said. “If there is no such group, it’s easy to control the people if they agree with the goodwill of the leader.”

Discussing Putin’s role in the development of Russia since taking office in 2000, Dr. Khrushchev credited him with bringing order to the country and improving the overall way of life. Putin’s influence on the future, however, will depend greatly on the elections in 2008.

A regular commentator for the U.S. media and author of more than 250 books and articles on engineering, computer science, history and economics, Dr. Khrushchev was formerly a fellow at the Institute of Politics at Harvard University’s John F. Kennedy School of Government, and held positions at the Control Computer Institute in Moscow. He earned his Soviet doctoral degree from the Ukrainian Academy of Science, a Ph.D. from the Moscow Technical University, and an M.A. with distinction from the Moscow Electric Power Institute.



GPP NEWS

For Adjunct Professor, Accelerated Learning Hits Close to Home

Chris Vericker's own personal experiences led him towards an interest in teaching at the college level. Specifically, an appreciation for the accelerated educational format brought him to Emmanuel's Graduate and Professional Programs. More than ten years later, Vericker is still happy to call the College home.

Since 1996, Vericker has taught at least one class in almost every accelerated session for the Emmanuel College Advancement Program (ECAP) and Graduate and Professional Programs (GPP). From micro- and macroeconomics to statistics, business research and algebra, he has guided students in a variety of disciplines, having even personally developed six courses during his time at the College.

The Assistant Vice President of the Construction Lending Division of Middlesex Savings Bank, Vericker began teaching on an adjunct basis in 1989 when a colleague convinced him to give it a try. Starting at the New England Banking Institute and taking assignments "here and there" for a number of years, he eventually found his way to Emmanuel, having heard of its reputation and its accelerated educational programs.

"It was one of the few schools that had [an ECAP program] at the time and I was very interested in teaching in that format," he said. "I went on an interview, got hired, and have been teaching just about every term since then. I've enjoyed it quite a lot."

Part of the reason Vericker was so attracted to the College's accelerated-style programs was due to his own educational experience, having received both his bachelor and master's degrees as a part-time student.

"I'm no stranger to night school,"



Chris Vericker has been an adjunct professor at Emmanuel since 1996.

said Vericker, who has a Bachelor of Science in accounting from St. Peter's College and a master's degree in economics from Pace University. "I know it really helped me find my way in life and gave me an opportunity to get my education."

Vericker has always been so appreciative of his education that he knew immediately he wanted to give back. For him, teaching seemed to be the logical path. While he's enjoyed instructing traditional undergraduate classes amidst the ECAP and GPP programs, he admits certain distinctions among his accelerated program students leads him to enjoy his experiences with them even more.

"As a night student you become attuned to night school, it's just a different experience," he said. "It's a different type of environment, it's a professional environment."

"I enjoy the interaction with these students, I learn something all the time," he added. "These students bring something – they're not just there to sit and listen to me – they have meaningful experiences and meaningful opinions that I think add to the course quite a lot. Things are more practical, more realistic to them. They listen to me and suddenly things they learn become useful to them at work."

One especially memorable experience Vericker had as an educator occurred just this past session, when a student made a point to inform him just how useful the information he had learned was in his business life.

A salesman in the medical industry, this student had found himself preparing to discuss a sale with a CFO of a hospital. Having just covered capital budgeting in class recently, the student confidently addressed specific issues

in the meeting, asking explicitly what the hospital was looking for as far as internal rate of return.

"He told me that when he asked the question the controller's face just lit up," said Vericker, who also serves as an advisor for student management projects. "Just having the knowledge to start a conversation was a big plus for this student and that makes me feel good."

While during his first few years at Emmanuel Vericker also took assignments at other institutions, he's solely bled Blue and Gold for the past eight or nine years. He hopes to be able to continue directing Emmanuel students for many years to come.

"I've always liked the administration and the people at Emmanuel," he said. "The school has been so good to me. I can't imagine teaching anywhere else."

Faculty News

Fr. Thomas L. Leclerc, M.S. of the Religious Studies Department has completed a four-part series of talks for the *Voice of the Faithful* (North Shore, Lynn and Seacoast chapters) in collaboration with the Theology Department of Boston College. The four talks addressed the topic "Jesus' Gospel of Love." The first talk on October 15th focused on the Gospels according to Mark and Matthew, while the second, on November 5th, dealt with the Gospel according to Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. During the third lecture on December 10th, Fr. Leclerc discussed the Gospel according to John and the Johannine Letters, followed by a talk on the Letters of Paul on February 11th. The

format consisted of a two-hour presentation with questions and discussions.

Assistant Professor of Political Science **Petros Vamvakas** was one of only 15 academics and foreign policy professionals from the U.S. to be invited to a briefing from top U.S. and NATO officials at NATO Headquarters in Brussels, Belgium this past January. In December, he presented a conference paper titled "Back to the Future: The Resurgence of National Identity in Unified Europe" at the 4th Annual History Conference sponsored by the Athens Institute for Education and Research (ATINER) in Athens, Greece. Assistant Professor of Performing

Arts **Thomas Schnauber's** composition for treble choir, piano, and flute called *Three Cummings* recently won the New York Treble Singers 2007 Composition Competition and was performed by the Treble Singers in New York on March 2nd. Also, his article entitled "Who Was Antonio Bertali and Why Might a Modern Composer Care," which he wrote over winter recess, appears in the March issue of the *NACUSA Bulletin*, the journal of the National Association of Composers USA. Schnauber's work for string orchestra called *In Memory of Henri Temianka* was performed by the Chamber Orchestra Kremlin in Moscow late last December as part of their "Christmas at the Kremlin" festival.

Graduate and Professional Programs Adjunct Professor **Ray Guillette** recently earned his doctorate in higher education leadership from Johnson & Wales University. The subject of his dissertation was "Benchmarking: A Tool for Continuous Improvement and Strategic Planning for Graduate and Continuing Education Programs."

The third edition of Professor of Political Science **Marie Natoli's** textbook *Understanding American Government* has been released. Natoli also delivered a lecture last December in Nuremberg, Germany on the topic of "9/11, Civil Liberties, and the Imperial Presidency."

Travis Roy Brings Inspirational Story of His Life to Emmanuel

Former Boston University hockey player Travis Roy, whose life was forever altered back in 1995 when an injury during his first collegiate hockey game left him paralyzed from the neck down, was welcomed to the College on March 14th. Addressing an audience of students, faculty and staff members in the Janet M. Daley Library Lecture Hall, Roy retold his inspirational story of overcoming inconceivable challenges and struggles and his ultimate triumph in reclaiming an independent and productive life.

On October 20, 1995, just 11 seconds into his collegiate hockey debut, tragedy struck the 20-year-old Roy when he fell into the boards and crushed his fourth and fifth cervical vertebrae, severely damaging his spinal cord.

“I think I knew almost immediately,” he said of the magnitude of his injury. “I knew when I saw a glove coming towards me and realized it was mine but I wasn’t moving it. I knew when my dad, who never came down for any of my other spills, came down to the ice.

“There are times in life when we choose a challenge and other times when a challenge chooses us. It’s what we do in the face of the challenge that makes us who we are.”

Prior to the accident, life’s pursuits had been somewhat simple for Roy. He lived and breathed hockey and his goals for his future revolved around his success on the ice. Despite being diagnosed with a form of dyslexia, the Maine native and Tabor Academy graduate received scholarship offers from every Division I school he cared to play for, including the defending national champion Terriers.

“My goals were everything to me,” he said. “I was going to show everybody that this little kid from Yarmouth, Maine could and would do it.



Students got a chance to talk with Travis Roy following his March 14th lecture in the Janet M. Daley Library Lecture Hall.

“I think everyone reaches a point in their lives where they think they can’t take anymore. But I think we all can. It’s just a matter of determination.”

– Travis Roy

I was going to do whatever it took.”

The memories of that fateful day remain vivid for Roy, from the feeling he felt waking up in his dorm room, to the excitement he felt in the locker room prior to the game, to the tap of the helmet from Coach Jack Parker, signaling for him to enter the game. Both he and his father remember the words he spoke when he was being carried off the ice: “But Dad, I made it.”

“It may have been only 11 seconds, but in those 11 seconds I had beaten the odds,” said Roy. “I had proven that that little kid from Maine had made it. I had proven it to everybody. I had proven it to myself. But at the same time, challenge had chosen me,

and my goals had to change.”

Roy has come a long way since the tragic accident that changed his life and left him confined to a wheelchair. In 1997, he established the Travis Roy Foundation, which provides grants for spinal cord injury survivors and funds for research. He published a book depicting his struggles entitled, *Eleven Seconds*, which he just recently updated with his progress. He graduated from Boston University in May 2000 with a degree in public relations and has worked as a color analyst for college hockey games, even covering the NCAA Division I playoffs in 2005 for ESPNU.

Most importantly, with limited control of his right bicep, Roy has been able to conduct simple tasks, including

operating the joystick of his wheelchair. With the assistance of round-the-clock caregivers, he lives a fulfilling and productive life in his two-bedroom apartment on Commonwealth Ave.

While Roy’s amazing resolve has obviously contributed to his success, he also credits many of his accomplishments to the aid of those who stepped in to lend a helping hand when he needed it most.

“I’ve come farther than I ever imagined because of friends, family and the kindness of strangers,” he said. “If you’ve ever been an angel in someone’s life, don’t think for one second it doesn’t matter. We saw the best in humanity.

“There were times where I wondered ‘is this what my life is going to be like?’” he said. “I think everyone reaches a point in their lives where they think they can’t take anymore. But I think we all can. It’s just a matter of determination.”

Many of the students present, including Student Government Association Speakers Bureau Representative Carlo Faccini, who organized the lecture, found Roy’s message to be especially motivating.

“This was one of the best events I have been to during my time here at Emmanuel,” he said. “Travis’ inspirational message of striving to overcome the challenges in our lives was just the type of lecture that the student body here at Emmanuel needs to hear before we go out into the world. He really helped to put a perspective on life, and made people realize that life as a college student, although demanding, isn’t something impossible. You look at all that he has had to overcome, the manner in which he has overcome it, and you start to realize that you really should not be complaining about classes or tests.”

Students Participate in First COF Boston Immersion Spring Break

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volunteering their time with these programs, the students spent time learning about the history and demographics of Boston, Roxbury and Mission Hill, as well as participated in panels, discussions and meetings with city and community leaders. Invited guests included Mayor Thomas Menino, State Representatives Gloria Fox, Byron Rushing, and Jeffrey Sanchez, and City Councilor Michael Ross.

For Derby, who got involved with the event through her sister Cassandra, an art education major at Mass College of Art who served on the program’s Leadership Team, the opportunity to stay in town and learn more about

Boston played a huge role in her decision to participate. Prior to the start of the program, Derby expressed her enthusiasm for working specifically with the children in the after-school program in Roxbury.

“I’m interested in learning more about what it takes to run programs like Roxbury Youth Programs because I’m interested in that as a possible career,” she said. “I’m also excited to see more of Roxbury as I haven’t learned that much about it yet and I’m excited to really get to know the area.”

Scola too was thrilled to learn about the Boston Immersion program last semester, as she hopes to teach in the area upon graduation. A member of

Emmanuel’s indoor track team, Scola often competes at the Reggie Lewis Center in Roxbury, but admits not knowing as much as she’d like about the neighboring district.

“Even though I live here and run at the Reggie Lewis Center, I really don’t spend a lot of time in that community,” she said. “I wanted to learn more about the community and give back to the place I live for the majority of the year. I really want to help and make a difference.”

Serving as an answer to Mayor Menino’s call for increased involvement among institutions of higher education in the city, the program culminated with a “Boston at Night”

event at Mass College of Art, providing city youths and college students an opportunity to get to know one another. The event was organized in partnership with the Boston Center for Youth and Families (BCYF) as part of a series of safe local events around the city for young members of the community.

“The event was wonderful,” said Derby. “There were over 100 youths there, and they enjoyed the dancing and singing acts, and fashion show; and then afterwards there was a free dance. I thought it was very successful. Many of them, according to [Executive Director of Boston Center for Youth and Families] Robert Lewis Jr. said that they felt ‘safe’.”



SPORTS NEWS

Men's Basketball Fights Way into Program's First GNAC Final

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combination of faith and ferocity: they knew they were peaking at the right time – and they were willing to prove it to any team that thought otherwise.

“I can't see any team in the league wanting to play us,” Head Coach Jamahl Jackson said before the tournament.

As it turns out, Norwich and WNEC should have heeded the warning.

In the opening round, the Saints overcame a four-point halftime deficit to upend the Cadets, 60-55. Rob Williams-Hinton led all scorers with 16 points while Mack Spellman finished close behind with 15.

In the semifinals, the Emmanuel men again found themselves trailing by four heading into the break, only to once more find the willpower to come from behind in the final 20 minutes of play. This time, however, the Saints blew right past their opponent, outscoring them by 13 points in the second half to cruise to a 71-62 victory and the program's inaugural trip to the conference finals. All five starters finished in double-digits in scoring, led again by Williams-Hinton, who finished with a game-high 17-point effort. Co-captains Spellman and Brian Lindsey put up 12 points apiece, as well as combining for 21 of the teams 40 total rebounds.

The complete team effort was something their coach had been encouraging all season long.

“The most impressive thing about the playoff run was that the guys really



Freshman Zach Luster breaks through some heavy defense on the way to the basket earlier this winter.

sacrificed for each other,” Jackson said. “We had a lot of parity throughout the postseason as far as balanced scoring.”

While the Saints were unable to keep their Cinderella story alive for another game, ultimately falling to Rivier College 59-57 in the waning seconds

of the championship, overall, Jackson was more than satisfied by the performance of his guys throughout the postseason stretch.

“Once we got healthy and pulled it all together, we put together a playoff run that we had hoped we could,” he said. “It showed us that we could do

what we had felt we could have done all season.”

Looking back, Jackson also valued how the different challenges from this season and last led to an adjustment in his coaching approach, as well as altered the mentality of his players. When few things seemed to hamper the Saints during the 2005-06 campaign and winning seemed almost expected, Jackson felt it was easier for the team to become complacent – point proven when the team was ousted by Emerson College in the conference semifinals. This year's early hardships, however, put the fire back in his players' eyes. The lower seeding in the tournament only further fueling their desire and hunger for a title shot.

“What a learning experience it was,” Jackson said. “I think you learn so much more from losing than you do from winning. As a team we learned how to fall down and pick ourselves up. We learned how to be a team, not just saying it, but actually exemplifying it on the floor.”

With the squad losing just one player to graduation in senior Brian Bergeron, the Saints are set to have another full season of continuing their learning experience together. Next year, however, they'll look to take a little bit of last year's regular season accomplishments, mixed with this season's playoff run, in hopes of finding the right combination for a complete season of success.

“We're going to try and piece it all together and have one phenomenal season,” said Jackson. “We're a team that's very capable. Next year the sky's the limit. It could be very promising.”

Sports Roundup

The men's volleyball team earned a berth in the North East Collegiate Volleyball Association (NECVA) Tournament for just the second time in program history. The Saints came through in a must-win contest against Johnson & Wales on March 24th in order to move on to postseason competition, defeating the Wildcats 3-1. Senior outside hitter and team captain **John Bluhm** recorded a match-high 17 kills and 10 digs on the night, while freshman hitter **Michael Townsend** added 15 kills and 13 digs. Townsend's classmate **Taylor Lowe** totaled a team-high 19 digs while also adding 46 assists.

With the win, the men improved their record to 14-10 overall and 6-4 in the NECVA-New England standings. The opening round of the NECVA Tournament will be Friday, March 30th in Rochester, NY. The 14th-seeded Saints will take on Eastern Mennonite University (19-10), which earned the tournament's third seed. The winner of

Friday's contest will play the following day against either SUNY New Paltz or Hunter College.

The softball team opened its Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC) schedule by splitting the doubleheader against Emerson College on Sunday, March 25th. The Saints came from behind to win the opening game by a score of 5-3 but fell in the later contest, 8-0.

In the earlier game, senior pitcher **Lisa Donehey** grabbed the win after giving up just seven hits throughout the afternoon. Trailing 2-1 in the top of the third, freshman left fielder **Erin McSheffrey** put the Saints in the lead with a grand slam. Emmanuel would remain in the drivers seat for the remainder of the game, ultimately holding on for its first victory of the season. The Saints next game will be Friday, March 30th when they travel to Providence, RI to play the Wildcats of Johnson & Wales University.



The members of the Emmanuel College women's volleyball team were honored recently during a Saints basketball game for their achievements during the 2006 fall season.

Volleyball Honored During Halftime of Basketball Game

After another superb season in which they captured their third-straight GNAC title, the women from the Emmanuel volleyball team were recently honored during half-

time of a Saints basketball game for their performance this past fall. The women finished with an overall record of 21-11 and earned a berth in the NCAA tournament.



SPORTS NEWS

Men's B-ball Fights Way into First-Ever GNAC Final

It's not how you start but how you finish that's truly important. The Emmanuel College men's basketball season was certainly proof of that.

A year after finishing the regular season with a league-best 17-1 mark, the Saints had to overcome a number of hardships in the early goings of the 2006-07 season, not to mention trudge through a treacherous postseason path, to earn the program's first-ever spot in the Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC) Tournament final.

Losing tough battles in their first six contests, the Saints finished their regular season schedule with a 10-15 record. A different story 12 months earlier when they assertively strolled into postseason action as the league's top squad, this winter the men entered the GNAC Tournament feeling the need to prove their worth.

As the five-seed, Emmanuel was handed arguably the most difficult road to the finals of any school. The first round involved a match-up against

a Norwich University team that had bested the Saints in both meetings during the regular season, winning both games by a one-point margin. The second round potentially carried a meeting against top-ranked Western New England College (WNEC), a team considered by many to be the team to beat this year.

Despite the challenges they had in front of them, the biggest advantage the men had on their side was a



Brian Lindsey gets a shot off amidst pressure in a game earlier this past season.

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Saints Close Out '06-07 Season with Spot in NCAA Round of Sixteen

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loss of the Saints' remarkable season that included a No. 13 national ranking, another Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC) title and a 29-2 record, the best in the history of the College.

"I knew we'd be good, but even I didn't expect anything close to the record we had," said Yosinoff. "It was a brand new team, with two freshmen starters and three transfers. To lose only two out of 31 games, with losses coming to top-ranked Bowdoin and DePauw, who I predict(ed) to win the championship, overall it was probably one of my favorite teams of all time."

Despite being known as a fast-paced, press-oriented lineup, the Saints struggled to establish their game early against the Tigers, missing opportunities and falling behind 41-21 at the break. Meanwhile, DePauw capitalized on its strengths throughout the game, using its height advantage to out-rebound Emmanuel 52-31, all the while maintaining its reputation as the country's best field goal percentage unit by hitting 43% from the field.

"They're a great team and the match-up just wasn't good for us," said Yosinoff. "Up to that point, we had destroyed teams with our press and caused turnovers, but this particular day we just couldn't do it."

"What happened to us was a combination of not actually seeing them play and only seeing them play on tape," he added. "The tape was not a good indicator of just how good a basketball team they truly were."

One positive the Saints carried with them during their last few weeks of play was the ability to enjoy home court advantage throughout their entire postseason run. Emmanuel's Jean Yawkey Center gymnasium was selected as the host site for the GNAC tournament, the first two rounds of the National Championship tournament, and the sectional rounds, of which it was just one of four national host sites chosen.



The women's basketball team gave Saints fans much to cheer about this season.

"The crowd was phenomenal," said Yosinoff. "The support throughout the whole tournament run was fantastic, even without having students in session. I'd like to thank the entire Emmanuel community for their support. It was an honor to be able to host the NCAA tournament games and it says a lot about Athletic Director Pam Roecker and our entire Athletic Department. They really made it a first-class affair."

With the 2006-07 chapter of the Saints program officially closed, so too ends the collegiate careers of this year's senior captains, Catherine Gallant and LaTeisha Johnson.

Gallant, one of the team's top substitutions, will be remembered by her coach for her performance during the 2006 ECAC Championship game against Mount Holyoke in which she put up 12 points and seven rebounds in under 20 minutes of playing time. Described as the team's "unsung leader," the Saints will miss her guidance next season and the spark she provided off the bench.

Johnson, voted this year's GNAC Tournament Most Valuable Player, finished the season as one of the team's top rebounders, averaging 6.8 boards per game. She led the team with 57 blocks and was also a top offensive threat, averaging 9.2 points per contest. For her career, Johnson leaves the College as the all-time leader in blocks in GNAC history (198), as well as ninth all-time in rebounds with 823. She leaves Emmanuel as the program's 12th all-time leading scorer, having accumulated 1,095 points during her time in Blue and Gold.

"She's the most outstanding shot-blocker I've ever had," said Yosinoff. "She was the backbone of our defense. Over the last month especially she came on offensively. She's had a tremendous career at Emmanuel."

With Gallant and Johnson parting ways with the squad, Yosinoff is still left with an impressive core of athletes returning to the hardwood next season, including current junior Jade Paez who earned third team All-Region distinctions by d3hoops.com on top of being named GNAC Player

of the Year. With four starters and a total of eight seniors set to suit up for another go-around for the 2007-08 season, there's a lot to look forward to for the team and its fans. Not to mention, the Saints have already booked a regular season contest against local foe Brandeis University, who they upset in the NCAA tournament 71-66, and are planning a trip to China during next year's winter break to play against three prestigious Chinese universities.

"There are a lot of exciting things happening," said Yosinoff. "With the right recruits coming in, I feel we can be at least as good as we were this year."

Perhaps if the Saints can utilize the same motivation that carried them to the Round of Sixteen this season, this time next year they'll be the team that other coaches will be talking about.

"Last year, after losing the GNAC and the ECAC tournaments, we came back with a vengeance saying we wouldn't let that happen again," Yosinoff said. "Hopefully the returning players will still have that fire and want to continue to go even further."