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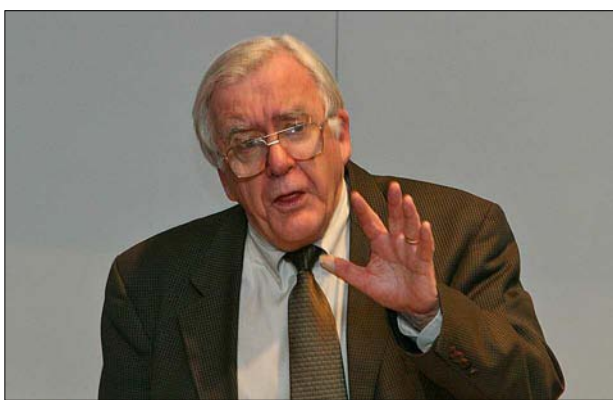
Colleges of the Fenway Celebrates 10th Anniversary



City Councillor Michael Ross, Emmanuel President Sister Janet Eisner, SND and Mayor of Boston Thomas M. Menino

In 1996, a group of local colleges in the Fenway neighborhood of Boston united under a unique collaboration seeking to expand students' academic and social experiences, all the while containing the costs of higher education. On November 2nd, the Colleges of the Fenway came together once again, this time to celebrate 10 years of collective accomplishments. ...CONTINUED ON PAGE 5

American Catholicism Scholar Speaks at Annual Neal Lecture



Dr. David O'Brien

David O'Brien, Ph.D., Loyola Professor of Roman Catholic Studies at the College of the Holy Cross and nationally-recognized scholar in the history of American Catholicism, was the keynote speaker at the annual Sister Marie Augusta Neal, SND Lecture on November 1st. He spoke on the topic of "Discipleship and Citizenship: A Catholic Americanist Perspective" to an audience of 200 in the Janet M. Daley Library Lecture Hall. ...CONTINUED ON PAGE 5



Carlo Faccini and Shannon McGilvray get autographs from Chris Matthews of MSNBC's "Hardball" fame

Chris Matthews Discusses Thoughts on 2006 Elections

Chris Matthews, journalist, author and host of MSNBC'S "Hardball" was welcomed to Emmanuel College on November 13th to offer his prolific and engaging political views in a special presentation entitled "What The 2006 Elections Tell Us About 2008."

Emmanuel President Sister Janet Eisner, SND, introduced Matthews in the the Jean Yawkey Center's gymnasium to the audience of roughly 1,000 people, which included Emmanuel students, faculty and alumni as well as representatives from nearby institutions and the local community. In her address, Sister Janet praised Matthews as someone who has "believed in challenge and transformed political discourse."

Louise Doherty Wyant Professor Dr. Patricia Herlihy also applauded Matthews in her opening address, suggesting specifically to those students aspiring to "go to Washington" to view his approach as a model for success.

"When he was [in Washington] it wasn't easy," she said. "He got himself over numerous obstacles. He followed his dream and followed his passion."

The 2004 recipient of the David Brinkley Award for Excellence in Broadcast Journalism, Matthews discussed his thoughts on the recent 2006 elections, describing the overall results as a "fascinating" and "very different type of election" than the country has previously experienced.

The only repeat winner of Outlook's famous pre-election Crystal Ball contest, Matthews also offered his predictions regarding the looming 2008 Presidential Elections, which he believes will be decided much sooner than most Americans realize.

"The election isn't in 2008, it's next year," he said. "The calendar is deceiving. Candidates have to get in the race now. Everyone thinks it's way off and it's not. It's imminent."

A presidential speechwriter for Jimmy Carter's administration, Matthews has worked for four Democratic politicians including serving as the top aide to long-time Speaker of the House of Representatives Tip O'Neill for six years.

A graduate of The College of the Holy Cross, Matthews worked for 15 years as a print journalist, spending 13 years as Washington Bureau Chief for *The San Francisco Examiner* (1987-2000), and two years as a nationally syndicated columnist for *The San Francisco Chronicle*. He is also the host of "The Chris Matthews Show," a syndicated weekly news program produced by NBC Universal Television Distribution, as well as a regular commentator on NBC's "Today" show.

The author of four best-selling books, including *New York Times* best sellers *American: Beyond Our Grandest Notions* (2002) and *Now, Let Me Tell You What I Really Think* (2001), Matthews' first book, *Hardball: How Politics is Played* (1988) is considered required reading in many college-level political science courses.

Many of Emmanuel's faculty and students shared their enthusiasm for the event, noticing the outpour of local interest and appreciating

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Chris Matthews Discusses Thoughts on 2006 Elections



Emmanuel student Adam Smith steps up to the mic to ask Matthews a follow-up question

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1... the efforts of the College in obtaining such a high-caliber guest speaker such as Matthews.

“It’s a good thing that the school brings these types of personalities on campus, because it creates a conversation and Mr. Matthews is a recognized name that attracts others from around the Boston area,” said Assistant Professor of Political Science Petros Vamvakas. “I hope we get to see more recognizable personalities on campus, because it’s good for the ongoing discourse.”

“I have heard nothing but positive feedback from students,” said Student Government Association President Michael Zakarian ’07. “If you attended the presentation you would have noticed that it was not only Emmanuel students, staff, and faculty at this event but there were members from the COF schools as well as Northeastern and Emerson.”

“It used to be that Emmanuel students would have to travel to those schools in order to hear such speakers,” he added. “Now, they are coming here. It’s an exciting time to be at Emmanuel.”



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Academic Advising Program Wins National Award

Emmanuel College’s Academic Advising Department’s program, “Confronting the Complexities and Challenges of Change,” was selected as an Outstanding Institutional Advising Program at the National Academic Advising Association’s annual conference in Indianapolis on October 18th. The College was one of four programs to be honored with this award in nationwide competition this year.

The Outstanding Advising Program Awards annually

recognize programs that document innovative and/or exemplary practices resulting in improvement of academic advising service. Emmanuel’s program, directed by Senior Associate Dean of Academic Advising Carolyn Caveny, includes academic advisors Matthew Champa, Sr. Mary T. Kelleher, SND, Alice Keohan and Zalika Taylor.

“It was gratifying to be recognized by an organization of one’s peers for making significant contributions to the field of



Senior Associate Dean of Academic Advising Carolyn Caveny (left) receives the award.

academic advising,” said Caveny. “I was equally delighted that Emmanuel was in the national spotlight.”

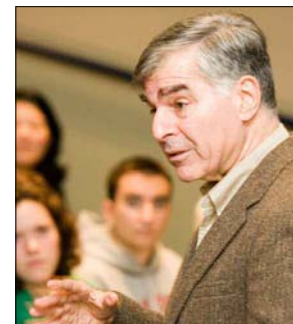
Emmanuel Welcomes Former Governor Dukakis

The Emmanuel College Democrats welcomed former Governor of Massachusetts and 1988 Democratic presidential nominee Michael Dukakis to campus on November 9th. Dukakis, the longest-serving governor in the history of the Commonwealth, spoke to an audience of students and faculty in the Janet M. Daley Library Lecture Hall regarding the outcome of Election 2006, as well as his own political experiences.

Citing a return to a “grass-rooted, precinct-based” operation as the catalyst for Deval Patrick’s recent selection as Governor, Dukakis spoke of his relationship with the Governor-elect and the advice he supplied him last winter.

“He told me he wanted to run for Governor,” said Dukakis. “And I told him, ‘you got to do what I did and what people did for me.’ Deval has some extraordinary qualities. One is that he’s a great listener.

“I think what Deval has done is demonstrate unmistakably,” he added, “how a political unknown, who takes precinct-based, grass-roots campaigning seriously, can win and win big.”



Emmanuel Hosts Discussion on Present Situation in New Orleans

Sr. Sylvia Thibodeaux of the Sisters of the Holy Family of New Orleans came to Emmanuel on November 6th for a conversation with the Emmanuel community on the present condition of New Orleans. Sr. Sylvia was joined by several Emmanuel students who did relief work in the city last semester.



Sr. Sylvia Thibodeaux



Emmanuel Celebrates United Nations Day

On October 24th, the College’s Global Studies Department, Model UN Club and Emmanuel College History Organization (ECHO) came together to commemorate United Nations Day. The event featured a panel of speakers that included Louise Doherty Wyant Professor Patricia Herlihy and Assistant Professor of Political Science Petros Vamvakas, as well as Associate Professor of Information Technology Gouri Banerjee and student Andrew Ammon. Vamvakas marked the 61st birthday celebration of the UN with a discussion on the “Future of the United Nations After Iraq,” while Banerjee lectured on the “Millennium



(left to right): Andrew Ammon, Assistant Professor of Political Science Petros Vamvakas, Wyant Professor Patricia Herlihy and Associate Professor of Information Technology Gouri Banerjee

Development Goals,” which she described as “some of the most ambitious goals the UN has ever set for itself.” Ammon, meanwhile, provided insight on his experience at the Model United Nations and how it has continued to alter his views as a political science major.

Merck-Emmanuel Partnership Reaches New Level

Merck Research Laboratories-Boston has donated another \$50,000 to Emmanuel to support faculty-student research initiatives for the summer of 2007. The contribution marks the company's largest endowment to-date and further strengthens Emmanuel's partnership with Merck, which has played a pivotal role in expanding the College's research program since opening its doors in October 2004.

According to Vice President of Programs and Partnerships in Education Sally Dias, the donation came as a result of a discussion of the College's student summer research program at the Science Advisory Council meeting in early October. Dias expects the contribution to have an immediate effect on Emmanuel students and the research program, as it will allow 10-12 students the flexibility to participate in the program as "Merck Interns" this summer.

"This takes it to a whole new level," she said. "Merck has been very generous and this award has really expanded their support by allowing Emmanuel to continue its summer research program."

Last year, Merck awarded \$20,000 to the College for faculty-student research programs, on top of assisting Emmanuel's initiatives with continual funding for summer internships. The company also recently awarded scholarships to three Emmanuel biology and chemistry students for 2006-2007 based on outstanding academic performance.

"Our recent donation in support of the summer intern program is part of the developing partnership between Merck Research Laboratories – Boston and Emmanuel College," said Vice President of Basic Research and Site Head Lex Van der Ploeg, Ph.D. "As the College's neighbor, we are excited to both learn from and share

knowledge as it relates to improving the quality of science education and medical research. Our past experience with summer interns from Emmanuel College has enabled us to work with dedicated and talented students. We hope that our support for the valuable Emmanuel College intern program will allow students to gain hands-on experience while working with leading researchers in the biomedical sciences."

While the selection of internship-candidates will not take place until the spring semester, Assistant Professor of Biology Josef Kurtz believes the most recent award may affect the selection process, which in previous years has been on an invitational-basis. Although the science department is currently working on a formal internship process, Kurtz still recommends interested students contact faculty members in the research areas of their interest for further information.

"This sort of gift will allow us to broaden the program a bit, and allow us to get more students involved," said Kurtz. "Merck has been an absolutely wonderful partner in helping the Emmanuel Science Department move ahead. This is a bigger gift that will go towards helping us lay the foundation and move in the direction we want to go."

Additionally, Emmanuel and Merck have continued a joint Science Seminar Series, with lectures from Merck scientists help on campus. Most recently, Senior Research Chemist Matthew G. Stanton, Ph.D. spoke at the Janet M. Daley Library Lecture Hall on the "Discovery of Novel Non-Peptidic Beta-Secretase Inhibitors" on November 13th. A lecture by Merck's Director of Target Validation Pam Carroll, Ph. D. on "Discovering New Targets for Cancer" is scheduled for December 11th.

Students Represent First-Year Seminar Program at Annual NECIT Conference

Emmanuel students Dorothy Shanahan-Roberge '07 and Lindsay Baber '07 were recently just two of three students invited to present at the New England Center for Inclusive Teaching's (NECIT) annual conference, held at the University of Massachusetts Boston on October 21st.

The seniors were asked by Associate Professor of Psychology Kimberly Smirles and Associate Professor of Management Mirtha Crisostomo to join them at the conference to provide their personal perspectives regarding the First-Year Seminar (FYS) program after serving as Instructional Assistants (IA) for the faculty members last year.

The opportunity turned out to be a positive experience for both Shanahan-Roberge and Baber, whose goals were to create a stage of dialog between the College and the NECIT – a faculty-based consortium of colleges and universities that fosters faculty development for inclusive teaching and learning – in order to develop a strategy for the FYS program, currently in its second year of existence.

"It was a great opportunity to be invited and speak, a chance to meet and mingle with professors from other schools," said Shanahan-Roberge, who noted that Emmanuel was the only private, Catholic institution represented at the conference.

Although student participation at the conference is rare, Smirles and Crisostomo felt that the students' positions as IAs were a distinctive resource needed to be heard from by the NECIT audience.

"We realized that the voice of students is valuable to our understanding of the effectiveness of our pedagogy," said Smirles. "Additionally they were

in unique positions as IAs, and hearing about their perspectives, in their own words, was invaluable. They served as a bridge between faculty and students."

The FYS program, which comprises one-semester topical seminars unified under the theme, "knowledge, values, and social change," is designed to introduce first-year students to the ways in which the liberal arts constructs knowledge. The program replaced the Cityscapes course last year and provides new students the opportunity to enhance their analytical abilities and engage in research in a variety of topics of their interest.

As Baber discovered, students may also get much more out of the FYS experience.

"I think the biggest difference with having the current FYS program versus Cityscapes is that students are more likely to build connections with other students and professors due to the more intimate setting," she said.

Although Baber and Shanahan-Roberge are no longer eligible to participate in the program, as only juniors are considered for IA positions, they are currently assisting with an outcome assessment of the FYS. Both continue to look back fondly on their experience as IAs as well, acknowledging the benefits the experience affords to every Emmanuel student involved.

"I would highly recommend students to apply for the IA positions," said Baber. "Not only was I able to push myself academically, I was able to help others adjust to college academic life. As someone whose primary goal is to help others, this program allowed me a unique opportunity to do so."

Faculty News

Assistant Professor of Psychology **Jennifer Fiebig** was an invited speaker at the University of Munich in October where she gave a talk on "The Career Development of Gifted American and German Adolescent Women." Additionally, she presented with Erin Dalianis '07 a paper entitled "Change in Occupational Choices of Gifted American and German Adolescents" at the annual conference for the New England Psychological Association in New Hampshire.

Assistant Professor of Performing Arts **Thomas Schnauber's** "In Memory of Henri Temianka" for string orchestra was played by the Chamber Orchestra Kremlin on November 15th as part of a concert at Tuckerman Hall in Worcester. Additionally, next month his piece "Tell Me About This Piece, Leroy" for oboe and string orchestra, his song cycle "Kleine Lieder" and his translation from German into English of Cornelius Schnauber's "Richard und Felix" will be premiered.

Special Instructor in the Education Department **Elizabeth Hale** recently signed a book contract with education publisher Stenhouse Publishers. She will be writing a book about teaching the craft of writing, which is scheduled to be published in October 2007. She received her master's degree from Columbia University's Teachers College, and her bachelor's degree from Barnard College. This information was incorrectly printed in the previous issue of *Emmanuel News*.

Assistant Professor of Art **Megumi Naitoh** received an emerging artist award from the National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts (NCECA), a professional association of individuals and organizations whose interests, talents and careers are focused on the ceramic arts. Naitoh also received a one-person exhibition at the Fuller Craft Museum which is scheduled to run from March to June of next year.

Family Weekend Honors Traditions, Celebrates Community Contributions

Emmanuel College's annual Family Weekend, from October 13th-15th, combined longstanding traditions with all new activities both on and off campus. From the Junior Ring and Tassel Ceremony and the Senior Cap and Gown Ceremony to Casino Night and trips into the city, the weekend offered families the opportunity to experience both Emmanuel and Boston.

Following a welcome address by President Sister Janet Eisner, SND on Saturday morning, students, staff and faculty were honored for outstanding contributions to life at Emmanuel College. Individuals receiving Campus Life Award this year were: Director of Publications and Communications Molly Honan, Director of Counseling Linda Jurgela, Associate Professor of English Lisa Stepanski and students LaTeisha Johnson, Mark Harrington, Laura Bean, Melissa Carruth, Margaret Reid, Jennifer Marin, Isis Ortiz and Cathryn Lariviere.

The Saint Julie Billiard medal was awarded to **Patrick Chviruk '07** who "exemplifies the true characteristics of a leader: wisdom, courage, dedication and respect." **Charla Lauriston '09**, the recipient of the Saint Catherine Medal, was characterized as "a

'go-to' person, with high energy and a strong commitment to Emmanuel.....recognized as a role model and a mentor to many in our community."

At the Senior Cap and Gown Ceremony, the Class of 2007 was honored, and the event's guest speaker was Professor of Sociology and Religious Studies Sister Mary Johnson, SND. Sister Janet also offered remarks, as well as the investiture, a formal recognition of the tradition of the cap and gown.

The Junior Ring and Tassel Ceremony featured a number of legacy students, with family members serving as sponsors during the event. These included: Chris DeLoria with both his mother, Kathleen McInerney DeLoria '76, and his grandmother, Cecilia Donahue McInerney '43; Colleen Feehan with her mother, Maureen Powers Feehan '77; Abigail Courage with her mother Carol Kemmitt Courage '68; Anne Donnelly with her mother Maureen Delaney Donnelly '76; Lauren Giroux and her mother Anne Marie Hyland Giroux '63, Michaela Henry with her grandmother Dorothea Shea Hogan '49; and Molly Zuccarini and her aunt Kathryn Zuccarini Pisano '87.



Patrick Chviruk '07



Charla Lauriston '09



Campus Life Award recipients



Staff News

Lazaro Camacho, Jr. is the new Assistant Director of Residence Life in Julie Hall. Prior to Emmanuel, Camacho was the hall director of the Diversity House at the University of Rhode Island. He holds a Master of Science in human Development and family studies and a Bachelor of Science in physical education and exercise science from the University of Rhode Island.

Walesk Dube joins the Emmanuel staff as a Technical Support Specialist. Previously, Dube was a customer service engineer at Xerox in Canton and also served as a multimedia technician at Simmons College. He is a graduate of Wentworth Institute of Technology where he earned a bachelor's degree in computer engineering technology with an emphasis on electronic devices and systems.

Jennifer B. Grimmett has joined Emmanuel College as an Administrative Assistant/Media Equipment Coordinator in the Cardinal Cushing Library. Previously, Grimmett was an administrative assistant at Coolidge Corner Clubhouse in Brookline. She studied psychology at Meredith College and also attended North Carolina State University.

Neil Jordan is a new Chemical Hygiene Officer in the Science Department. He received a master's degree from Northeastern University and a bachelor's degree from Doane College. Prior to Emmanuel, Jordan was a program assistant and teaching assistant for the Biotechnology Department at Northeastern University.

Bryan C. Mahoney joins the Office of Government, Community and Public Relations as a News Writer. He received a Bachelor of Arts in journalism from Fairfield University. Prior to Emmanuel, Mahoney was the sports editor of the Greenwich Post in Greenwich, CT, as well as an assistant track coach for Fairfield College Prep School.

Tina O'Shea has joined Emmanuel as a new Student Financial Services Representative. She holds a Bachelor of Science in sociology from Salem State College. Previously, she was a financial aid processor/student loan specialist and student accounts representative at Gibbs College.

Tisha Stoutenburg is a new Assistant in the Admissions Office. She is a graduate of the State University of New York where she received a Bachelor of Arts in history. Previously, she was an accounting and financial advisor assistant at the Valley Group, Inc, in Kingston, NY.

Emily Watson joins Emmanuel as Admissions Counselor. She has a bachelor's degree in creative writing from Hollins University and a master's degree in literature and writing from the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Prior to Emmanuel, she was a teaching associate for the UMass Department of English as well as an editorial assistant and assistant managing editor for *jubilat Literary Magazine*.

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Members of the consortium – Emmanuel College, Massachusetts College of Art, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Simmons College, Wentworth Institute of Technology and Wheelock College – gathered at Simmons College to pay tribute to the alliance, as well as to honor those who have been instrumental in furthering the success of the partnership.

Sister Janet Eisner, SND, who had the founding vision for the COF a decade ago, was honored alongside her fellow founding presidents with the Vision Award. The lone remaining active president from the COF's inception, Sister Janet praised the collaboration for the opportunities it has created for Emmanuel and the Fenway community.

"The Colleges of the Fenway collaboration has opened so many doors for Emmanuel College students, both academically and socially," she said. "We are fortunate to be in a neighborhood so rich in culture, academic reputation, scientific advancement and activity,

and the Colleges of the Fenway consortium only adds to the vibrancy. Ten years ago, the COF was formed to foster cooperation among member institutions so we could share resources and develop a common infrastructure. But, over the past decade, the COF has flourished and become a dynamic partnership which has enabled each institution to offer students, faculty and staff more opportunities than were possible before."

Three members of the Emmanuel community were also honored at the event for their contributions to the collaboration. Vice President for Student Affairs Patricia Rissmeyer received the Catalyst Award for her initiatives with the COF Student Affairs group, Director of Student Center Services Mary Beth Thomas was awarded the Unsung Hero Award for her tireless contributions "behind the scenes," and Assistant Professor of Performing Arts Thomas Schnauber was recognized as an Emerging Collaborator as a new member of the COF community who has demonstrated strong collaborative behavior.



Vice President for Student Affairs
Patricia Rissmeyer



Director of Student Center Services
Marybeth Thomas

Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino, who spoke at the event which announced the COF in 1996, was in attendance along with State Representative Jeffrey Sanchez and Boston City Councilor Michael P. Ross. Menino shared his enthusiasm with the continuing progress and growth of the COF.

"The most important thing we can do today is educate our children and you can't do these things alone," he said. "Everyone has to come together and say 'we can make a difference,' and [COF] has made a difference."



Assistant Professor of Performance Arts
Thomas Schnauber

"We are Boston's hidden university," he added. "By collaborating we've learned to make beautiful music together."

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Widely recognized as a leading authority on the Roman Catholic Church and Catholic Social Teaching, O'Brien addressed topics regarding his examination of contemporary issues of politics as they relate to Catholicism in the United States. He outlined the transformation of the political/religious relationship – specifically through the last 60 years of presidential elections – noting the shift from "tremendous" Catholic involvement during the World War II era to the recent "division of patriotism" and disproportioned political influence within Catholic life and discourse.

O'Brien questioned the disparity of religious outreach between political parties as well, noting the significant efforts of the GOP in the most recent presidential election to court the religious vote. He also shared data on the lack of effort from the Democratic side, particularly given the historical connection of Catholics to the Democratic Party.

"I thought there would have been more effort from the Democratic Party in regard to an outreach to the Catholic religion," said O'Brien.

O'Brien also cited the Catholic Church's longstanding commitment to social justice and this commitment's connection to politics. He referred to the lecture's namesake – Sister Marie Augusta Neal '42, professor of sociology at Emmanuel for 37 years – and her focus on issues of social justice and women in the Church. O'Brien had worked with Sister Marie Augusta Neal over the years, and followed her teachings and writings.

O'Brien invited the group of students, alumni, faculty and friends of the College to avoid political homelessness, ending his lecture with a quote from Pope John Paul II that read: "The building of a more just humanity and a more united international community is not just a dream or a vain ideal. It is a moral imperative, a sacred duty."



"I was very impressed by Dr. O'Brien's thoughtful and nuanced look at voting trends among Catholic Americans," said Associate Professor of English Lisa M. Stepanski, Ph.D. "It's clear that he's a deeply faithful man who values the traditions and teachings of the Church and draws on them in his intellectual and personal life. His insights helped me better understand how I can use Catholic social teachings to cast an informed vote in the upcoming elections."

The founding director of the Center for Religion, Ethics, and Culture at the College of the Holy Cross, O'Brien is also the recipient of the Theodore M. Hesburgh Award for outstanding contributions to Catholic higher education by the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities. The author of eight books, he has spoken and written extensively on issues of social and economic justice.

Volleyball Wins Third-Straight GNAC Title

Winning the Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC) championship took on greater meaning this year for the Emmanuel women's volleyball team.

Playing without senior captain and First-Team All-GNAC selection Amy Miklus, who was rushed to the hospital for an emergency appendectomy on October 30th one day before the start of the conference tournament, the Saints were forced to overcome more than just a rigorous playoff schedule in order to claim their third-straight GNAC crown.

"It's tough enough winning one title," said GNAC Coach of the Year, Joe Seid. "But three consecutive? That's a monumental task. The loss of Amy made it an even greater task, but the team really rallied around her and made up for her loss. I think it helps when your team has such great chemistry and really understands what it takes to win."

With Miklus cheering on her teammates from the sidelines, the Saints (21-10) defeated Rivier College for the second-consecutive year in the conference finals, extending their winning streak to 17-straight games and earning an automatic bid to the NCAA

tournament for the third-straight season. Although the Saints suffered defeat at the hands of No. 3 Amherst College 3-0 in the first round on November 9th, players and coaches alike remain positive about the outcome of their season and success in the GNAC.

"Winning the GNAC tournament was such an awesome feeling," said sophomore Lindsey Parker, who earned the tournament's Most Valuable Player award, on top of First-Team All-Conference and GNAC Player of the Year distinctions this season. "Especially with this group of girls. I think we all would agree it wouldn't have been as exciting if we didn't have such a great team to share it with."

Playing in their final GNAC tournament as Emmanuel athletes, senior standouts Kendra Barry and Beth Ferreira continued to provide solid leadership on the court, combining for 42 assists, 29 digs and 16 kills in the finals, ultimately earning spots on the All-Tournament team. Sophomore Amanda Machado (14 digs) and junior Meagan McGivern (nine blocks) also shone brightly on the night, earning themselves much praise from the Saints' long-time head coach.

"Amanda has been the anchor of our defense and has been absolutely amazing out there," said Seid, who finished up his 18th season at the helm of the Saints' program. "She is all over the court and is relentless. She makes our hitters look good with her back-row play. As for Meagan, she has really come a long way this season. During the playoffs, she was consistent in limiting the opposition's middles while providing some offensive punch when needed. She has definitely been an integral part of the success of the Saints this season."

With the end of the 2006 season also marking the conclusion of Miklus' collegiate career, who was cleared to participate in the NCAA tournament but limited in her role, Seid now faces the daunting task of replacing a graduating class that garnered an impressive list of accolades during its time at Emmanuel, including GNAC Rookie of the Year, Player of the Year and Tournament MVP honors. While the Saints will surely miss the senior trio, for Miklus and her classmates, the experiences they've had together as members of the volleyball team will continue to be ones they won't soon forget.



"Playing as a Saint has been an honor and it's been even more of an honor playing with my teammates," said Miklus. "The difference between our team and other teams is the closeness, love and respect that each of us has for one another. I will miss the times being able to play with my teammates and I wish the best of luck to each player, and to the growth and respect of this program."

Saints Win New England Club Baseball Championship

Almost a week after his team's performance at the New England Club Baseball Championship, it was still hard for Coach Tom Vadala to put his feelings into words. But who can blame him?

After all, it was Vadala, now Assistant Director of Student Financial Services, who first started the program back in 2003 during his time as an Emmanuel student. And it was Vadala along with fellow coach Trent Pinto that guided the Saints to a 9-6 come-from-behind victory over Northeastern on October 28th to claim the New England Club Baseball crown.

"It was wonderful to see how hard the guys worked," said Vadala. "It wasn't about anything else but playing baseball and representing the school. It was just everyone working hard for each other."

Despite falling behind 5-1 in the third inning, the Saints (6-8) slowly chipped away at the Huskies lead, utilizing

strong pitching and a key four-run showing in the eighth to take home the title in their inaugural season in the NECBA. The victory came just three days after the squad's improbable 4-2 win over Holy Cross for the division championship title, a team that had defeated the Saints twice during the regular season.

"Going into our division playoff game versus Holy Cross, we knew that the odds were stacked against us in terms of size, experience and resources," said co-captain Rocky Piccirillo. "The difference was that we were playing with a purpose. We knew that we had worked too hard to sell ourselves short - we just laid it all out on the line."

Both wins were especially sweet for the coaches, who enjoyed watching the team evolve into a championship-contender after experiencing an array of early season struggles.

"We faced a lot of adversity at the start," said Pinto, also an Assistant

Director of Resident Life at the College. "We lost a lot of games early on and it would have been easy for them to say 'let's pack it up.' But they didn't, and that's when the character of the team started to shine through."

"No one expected us to even be competitive in the league, even the league's commissioner," added Piccirillo, who noted the difference between male student enrollment at Emmanuel compared to Northeastern's is roughly 7,000. "We thought differently...it's such an incredible Cinderella story in that many of us did not even play high school baseball."

While both Pinto and Vadala expect the team's recent accomplishments to affect interest in the program next season, Vadala isn't overly concerned with his squad's chances of defending its title. After all, for him, it was never about winning in the first place.



"It's always been about representing the school," he said. "As far as where it's going next year, hopefully the win will bring more exposure and let everyone know there's another team out there representing the student body."

Saints Earn First GNAC Final Appearance since '97

After earning its first showing in the GNAC finals since the 1997 season, the women's tennis team fell to top-seeded Simmons College, 7-2, on October 30th. The Saints (14-3) captured doubles wins from the tandem of junior **Anna Marie Podnecky** and freshman standout **Lauren Donnelly** - who defeated their opponents 9-7 at first doubles - and junior **Jamie Kenyon** and freshman Nory Hayes (8-2 at second doubles).

"I thought we played really well," said Podnecky, who suffered a loss at No. 1 singles despite beating Simmon's top player during the regular season. "We were the underdog team, but I think we played as well as we could."

For her strong performance throughout the season, Podnecky - along with Donnelly and junior **Cat Robinson** - was honored with a spot on the Second-Team Singles All-Conference squad.

Junior **Kathleen O'Shea**, meanwhile, was named a First-Team Doubles All-Conference selection. Donnelly also finished runner-up in the Rookie of the Year voting, after an impressive freshman campaign that included a 24-6 overall record in singles and doubles play.

The Saints, who entered the GNAC tournament as the third-seed, earned a spot in the finals after upsetting second-seeded Western New England - the only other team beside Simmons to defeat them during the regular season. Emmanuel defeated the Golden Bears, 6-3, posting wins from Podnecky, Donnelly, Robinson and junior Katie Silva at singles.

For Head Coach **Rob Miller**, who returned to Emmanuel three years ago after spending time as the head men's coach at Boston College and Boston University, the 2006 season was one that showed great promise for the



Lauren Donnelly

future, especially considering no players will be lost to graduation.

"I was very proud of their 14-3 record, but more proud of the way they followed coaching advice and supported each other," he said. "The win at WNEC in the playoffs was one of the most satisfying in my coaching career. I am really looking forward to next season and feel so fortunate that not one member of the team is a senior."

Men's Soccer Suffers Early Exit from GNACs



Mark Iannucci

The men's soccer team wrapped up its season on October 29th with a 3-0 loss to Norwich University in the quarterfinal round of the GNAC tournament. All three Cadets' goals came from starting forward **Rob Harlow**. Senior goalkeeper **Dan Campagna**, playing in his final game as a Saint, finished with seven saves. Emmanuel finished the year with a program-best eight wins, seven losses, and one tie.

Saints Upset in Opening Round of GNAC Tournament



Erin Kelly

The women's soccer team fell to seventh-seeded Simmons College 2-1 on October 29th in the opening round of the GNAC tournament. The Saints, who entered the tournament as the second-seed, jumped out to an early lead after senior forward **Catherine Bruno** scored off a cross from senior forward **Nicole Davis**, 25 minutes into the match. Simmons, however, was able to capitalize on a direct kick and a breakaway goal in the 76th minute to put an end to the Saints' impressive season. Emmanuel finished the season with a combined record of 7-9-2 and a 6-2-1 conference mark. Bruno and junior **Erin Kelly** earned spots on the Second-Team All-Conference squad.

Cross Country Competes in Division III New England Championships

The men's and women's cross country teams concluded the 2006 season on November 11th, taking part in the largest NCAA Division III New England Championship in regional history. Hosted by Springfield College, the women's team placed 27th out of 48 scoring teams (53 total), while the men placed 38th out of 45 scoring teams (50 total).

Christine Gaspar completed an impressive sophomore campaign for the Saints, finishing 123rd out of 321 competitors and covering the 6k course in a time of 25:19. Junior **Emily McCaffrey** was the second Saint harrier across the line in a time of 26:45, followed closely by senior **Karis Yusavitz** (26:47) and sophomore **Cathryn Lariviere** in a time of 26:53. Freshman Amanda Strout finished in 202nd place with a time of 27:41 while senior **Dorothy Shanahan-Roberge** and sophomore **Kim Hill** finished in 207th and 262nd respectively.

For the men's team, senior co-captains **Carlos Escobar** and **Pat Chviruk** led the charge one last time for the Saints, placing 167th and 264th, respectively. Juniors **T.J. Griffis** (211th) and **Matt Hickey** (215th) finished the 8k course in times of 30:35 and 30:47, while freshman **Ben Watson** closed out the scoring for the Saints with a time of 32:37, good for 257th place.

On October 28th, the women's team fought through inclement weather conditions to place second out of eight teams in the GNAC Championship, finishing behind champion Western New England College. Gaspar again finished as the top Saints' runner, traversing the 5k course in a time of 21:39, good for fifth place as well as All-Conference honors.

McCaffrey and Yusavitz again followed closely behind, finishing in 13th and 15th, respectively, while Lariviere (17th) and Strout (22nd) rounded out the scoring for the Saints. Shanahan-Roberge, running in her final league championship, came in just behind the point scorers with a time of 23:16 and a 23rd place overall finish.

On the men's side, Escobar led the way once again for the Saints, who as a team finished in seventh place. Escobar navigated the slippery 8k course in a time of 31:35 good for 14th overall. Griffis crossed the line 32 seconds later, good for 23rd place, while Mattson, Hickey and Chviruk rounded out the top five for the Saints.



Christine Gaspar



Saints Win Tip-Off Tourney; Seek Redemption in 2006-2007

It's uncommon for a coach and his team to feel a sense of dissatisfaction after a 23-8 season. Then again, Head Coach Andy Yosinoff and the Emmanuel College women's basketball team are anything but a common tandem.

After failing to win the Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC) for the first time since 2000 – ultimately ending their streak of five consecutive NCAA tournament appearances – the Saints are looking at the 2006-2007 season as a chance to redeem themselves for last season's "disappointments."

After a number of significant setbacks a year ago – including a 64-61 defeat to Western New England College that ended a 72 game regular-season conference win streak, the longest in Division III history – Yosinoff and his team enter the season armed with a renewed mentality and focus.

Oh, and in case you were wondering, they also have every intention of reclaiming their rightful spot on the GNAC throne.

"I think it's been a motivation for me and my players since we lost back in March," said Yosinoff, who enters his 30th season at Emmanuel. "We're not

taking anything for granted anymore. We're much more motivated to get back to the championship."

Leading the way for the Saints this season will be senior captains LaTeisha Johnson and Catherine Gallant, who return to the hardwood after impressive campaigns last season. Johnson landed a spot on the GNAC Second-Team All-Conference squad – her third straight all-conference selection – after averaging 10.3 points and 8.8 rebounds per game. Gallant, meanwhile, was a consistent contributor throughout the season, earning the starting center role during the second half of the year. Yosinoff will look to his two captains to display exceptional leadership throughout the winter, as well as play a significant role in unifying the squad.

"Half of our team is new, which is a big issue," he said. "They'll play an important role in creating chemistry and getting everyone to know each other."

Assisting the captains with the six newcomers will be junior guards Jade Paez and Brittany Bushman, who earned GNAC Second and Third-Team All-Conference selections last season, respectively. Paez returns to the courts after netting 9.8 points per

game in 05-06 while also leading the team in assists (93). Bushman also enters the season looking to add to an already impressive resume which includes being the top-returning scorer from last year after averaging 11.5 points per game.

Looking to utilize his deep bench, Yosinoff also expects to exploit his strong crop of newcomers, including transfers Ashley Wolfe, Jillian Degnan and Jackie Pannell and freshmen Abigail Brenkach, Tommia Davis and Iman Davis, a group he described as his "best recruiting class in many years." He's also been impressed with the play of junior forward Maura Mooney since the postseason last winter.

"She really came on in the ECAC tournament," he said. "She's really shown the biggest improvement of any of my returning players."

Collectively, the Saints have already shown a great deal of promise this season, winning the 23rd annual Tip-Off tournament by defeating Wesleyan University 70-63 for the championship. Paez was the leading scorer for the Saints in the finals as well as in their opening round victory against Salve Regina, which the women easily won, 67-47. For her

efforts, Paez was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player for the second year in a row, adding 11 assists and nine steals to go along with her 35 points. Iman Davis (26 points, 11 assists) and Johnson (19 points, 16 rebounds) earned spots on the All-Tournament team as well, while Tommia Davis recorded her first collegiate double-double, adding 10 points and grabbing 12 rebounds on the weekend.

With plenty of other opponents on the Saints' schedule having already garnered national recognition this pre-season, including No. 3 Bowdoin College who Emmanuel hosts on January 6th, it appears as though the Saints' road back to the top promises to provide them with plenty of challenges along the way.

For Yosinoff and his crew, however, the difficult journey may be just the remedy they need to rediscover their winning ways.

"I feel we have the makings of a very good team if they all stay focused and work hard," he said. "We have high expectations every year. It's not a success if we don't win the conference and go to the NAAs, and our fans know that. They expect a lot out of us and we don't like to disappoint them."

Men's Basketball Opens Season with High Expectations

It's hard to put together a better season than the one the Emmanuel College men's basketball team did last winter.

Finishing the season with a 20-8 overall record and a 17-1 mark in the Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC), the Saints set a program record for most wins in a season, entered the conference tournament as the top seed, and even earned their first-ever Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference bid.

But the best part of last season? For Head Coach Jamahl Jackson, entering just his third year at the helm of the Saints' program, it was knowing his core group of players would be returning to the hardwood for another go-around this season.

"We want to build upon what we've started, so it's great to have the core of the guys coming back," said Jackson, who was named GNAC Coach of the Year last season. "We've got guys who already know the system, so it's going to be easy to build from there."

Sophomore co-captain Mack Spellman highlights the group of veteran

starters, returning after a stellar rookie campaign that saw him set a new school record for most points in a single season (423). Spellman led the Saints with 15.1 points per game and contributed 8.0 rebounds per contest, ultimately garnering GNAC Rookie of the Year distinctions as well as a spot on the Third-Team All-Conference squad.

"He's going to have a big bull's-eye on his back and he knows it," said Jackson. "He's a great shooter and rebounder, but the thing is he also has incredible vision."

Fellow captain Brian Lindsey returns for his junior season as a starting forward in the Saints' lineup, after also earning Third-Team All-Conference and leading the team in rebounding (8.4 rpg) a year ago. Described by his coach and teammates as the group's "best defender and most complete player," the New Orleans native will be looked upon for his strength and leadership.

"He endured a lot last year with Hurricane Katrina, but he stayed in school and persevered," said Jackson.

"He showed a lot of inner strength and I expect this to be a huge, breakout season for him."

Classmates Levi Smith and Rob Williams-Hinton will again join Lindsey in the starting rotation. Last year, the 6-foot-7 Smith was the top shot-blocker in the GNAC, finishing the season with a school record 62 blocks to earn himself a spot on the Third-Team All-Conference squad. Williams-Hinton, meanwhile, overcame injury to earn the starting point guard gig a year ago, averaging 12.6 points per game and establishing a new Emmanuel mark with 53 steals. While the Saints will look for him to produce another strong season this year, he'll have to do so in another position, as Jackson expects to utilize him in his more "natural position" of shooting guard.

Jackson and his boys recently dived headfirst into the 2006-07 season, hosting the 6th annual Emmanuel College Tip-Off Tournament on November 18th. Despite leading at the half in their opening contest against Gwynedd Mercy College – and a sensational 35-point effort from

Williams-Hinton – the Saints suffered a tough 80-77 defeat. They endured a similar fate in the consolation game against the College of Staten Island as well, opening up a slight lead in the first 20 minutes, only to be overtaken down the stretch and falling by a score of 83-77.

The Saints next chance to put their first win on the board will be on November 28th when they host Amherst College. As for the remainder of their schedule, a strong mix of challenging GNAC match-ups as well as tough out-of-conference games – including Bates and Salem State, both of which were nationally-ranked last year – awaits the eager Saints. Not to mention two meetings with rival Emerson College which upset the Saints in the conference semi-finals last year.

"This year the expectations are greater and our goals are higher," said Spellman. "We will take each game one at a time, but our ending goal will be to become GNAC champions and make the NCAA tournament."