Founders’ Day to Honor Sr. Dorothy Stang, SND

Emmanuel’s 14th annual Founders’ Day will celebrate “Mission in Action” and commemorate the founding and continuing mission of the College, on Thursday, February 2nd at 4:00 p.m. in the Auditorium. The entire College community is encouraged to attend this special Emmanuel event. Founders’ Day is also a component of the First-Year Experience and will recognize first-year students during the program.

This year’s Founders’ Day will honor the life of Sister Dorothy Stang, SND, who was murdered last February while carrying out the social justice mission of the SNDs in the northern Amazonian regions of Brazil, where she lived and worked for nearly 40 years. Sr. Dorothy was committed to working to combat the social problems that existed for the landless people and small farmers in Brazil.

Speaking on Sr. Dorothy’s work to fulfill the mission of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur will be Sr. Barbara English, SND, who was among the group who traveled to Brazil with Sr. Dorothy. Sr. Barbara will discuss the challenges that the Sisters faced while working in Brazil and the call to action to continue their ministry. She is currently Director of the Julie Community Center in Baltimore, Maryland.

Sister Janet Esiner, SND will begin the program, addressing the shared heritage and mission of the Sisters of Notre Dame and the College, and “Mission in Action” in the Emmanuel community.

A special dinner for students in the Marian Hall Dining Room will conclude the campus-wide celebration, and Sr. Barbara English will be available for conversation.

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Mitch Alborn to Address Graduates

Best-selling author and nationally-syndicated columnist Mitch Alborn will be Emmanuel College’s 2006 Commencement Speaker. Mr. Alborn, who was nominated by the senior class, has written eight books, including The Five People You Meet in Heaven and Tuesdays with Morrie: An Old Man, Young Man, and Life’s Greatest Lesson.

Mr. Alborn has inspired people from around the globe with his depictions of finding meaning in life. Recently he and Tuesdays with Morrie were featured on Ted Koppel’s final installment of ABC’s Nightline. An award-winning sports columnist, Mitch Alborn writes for the Detroit Free Press, and he hosts two syndicated radio shows for ABC – “The Mitch Alborn Show” and “The Monday Sports Alborn.”

Mr. Alborn is also a humanitarian, founding two charitable organizations in the Detroit area. “The Dream Fund” promotes the arts for children and “A Time to Help” organizes volunteers to staff shelters, build homes, participate in meals-on-wheels, and more in the city. A native of Philadelphia, Mr. Alborn is a graduate of Brandeis University with master’s degrees in journalism and business administration from Columbia University.

COMMENCEMENT THIS YEAR IS SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, MAY 13TH AT 11:00 A.M.

MLK, III to Speak During Black History Month

Human Rights Advocate Martin Luther King, III will speak during a February 21st Black History month event at Emmanuel College. Mr. King will present “My Father’s Dream, My Mission” at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium.

Martin Luther King, III is the eldest son of Martin Luther King, Jr. and Coretta Scott King and has established himself as a community activist and a political leader with his active involvement in policy initiatives to maintain the fair and equitable treatment of all citizens. His work is global, with his mission of non-violent conflict resolution taking him to numerous nations throughout Africa, Europe and Asia.

Mr. King is CEO and President of the King Center in Atlanta GA, established in 1968 as a living memorial to his father's legacy of justice, equality and peace. Mr. King is particularly committed to the personal, educational and skill development of youth, he has initiated several programs over the years to support and nurture young people.

For more information on Mr. King and the King Center, visit www.thekingcenter.com.

The College has scheduled a full slate of events for Black History Month, listed on page 8.
Library to Conduct Survey through Federal Grant

The Cardinal Cushing Library has received a federal grant under the Library Services and Technology Act, administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. The purpose of this grant is to survey the Emmanuel College community to better understand the quality of library service.

The LibQUAL+ online survey will be available to Emmanuel students, faculty, staff and administration on the library's web site from February 7th through March 2nd. The survey is available on any computer and may be taken at any time. Responses are confidential and tabulated off-line.

Responses are entered into a drawing for a prize.

Art Gallery Exhibit Open

The Lillian Immig Art Gallery is now showing "Methods" through February 14th. Artists David Lloyd Brown, Greg Crist, Tory Fair and Kai Vlahos are displaying works that reference mathematic principles. A gallery talk by the artists will be held on Wednesday, February 23rd at 5:30 p.m. followed by a reception.

The Lillian Immig Art Gallery is located on the second floor of the Cardinal Cushing Library. Hours are Monday through Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. It is free and open to the public.

Emmanuel Welcomes NBA Hall of Famer

Boston Celtics great Robert Parish came to campus during the Basketball Blast-Off fundraiser for the men's basketball team on Sunday, December 4th. Parish greeted players and signed autographs for fans in the gymnasium of the Jean Yawkey Center. The afternoon featured the ESPN Street Team with prizes and the chance to win Celtics, Patriots and Bruins tickets in a free-throw shooting contest. Freshman Keegan Ballantyne came in first place and Assistant Athletic Trainer Ellie Morse came in second.

Parish played for the Celtics from 1980 to 1994, leading the team to three championships. Elected to the NBA Hall of Fame in 2003, he holds the record for most games (1,611) and most seasons played (21).

Alumni Explore "Politics in the Name of God"

The 2005-2006 Alumni Association Seminar Series began with "Politics in the Name of God" on Sunday, November 6th, a lecture by Assistant Professor of Religious Studies David M. Gides, Ph.D. Gides spoke on the theological, historical and social foundations of political involvement between Christians and Muslims.

Dr. Gides discussed the historical development of responses by Christians and Muslims to political events. The lecture explored both the sources of political responsibility in these religious traditions as well as certain historical movements and events that exemplify the forms of political action or responsibility. The Christian portion of the lecture included discussion of pacifism, just-war and aggressive wars, such as the Crusades. The Muslim portion of the lecture focused on the many meanings of the term "jihad" and the possibility of a Muslim version of just-war theory. The discussion included a comparison of these two traditions.

New Task Force Addresses Smoking Issues on Campus

The College has recently formed a Smoking Task Force, composed of representatives from the student body, Residence Life, Counseling and Health Services, Security, Public Relations, Facilities, Student Activities and Finance and Administration, to review the current smoking policy at Emmanuel. This policy states that smoking is prohibited within 50 feet of any building. This policy's goal is to promote the health and comfort of both members of the College community and visitors to our campus, and to maintain a clean environment.

The task force realizes that in inclement weather, it is a challenge to maintain a 50 foot distance from residence halls and administrative buildings, so a plan has been put into place to erect a gazebo on campus in the next several months. At the current time, ashtrays are available in three locations: the corner of the Jean Yawkey Center by the flagpole; alongside the wall on the quad near the Jean Yawkey Center garage; and in the library parking lot.

The task force hopes that all members of the community will cooperate in terms of adhering to and enforcing this policy, and the proper disposal of cigarettes. Please contact Vice President for Finance and Administration Neil Buckley at buckley@emmanuel.edu with any questions.
Emmanuel Hosts Speakers for National AIDS Awareness Month

Several Emmanuel College student clubs and organizations marked National AIDS Awareness Month last semester by bringing two prominent lecturers to campus, Prince Cedza Dlamini, grandson of South African leader Nelson Mandela, and Christina Rock, an advocate for HIV/AIDS awareness.

Prince Cedza Dlamini kicked-off events at Emmanuel with a lecture on November 29th sponsored by Uprising! Magazine, the Black Student Union and the Emmanuel College Speakers Bureau. A humanitarian, social entrepreneur and visionary of social justice, he is a descendent of freedom fighter King Sobhuza II, who fought for the independence of Swaziland. Prince Cedza is a spokesperson for the United Nation's Millennium Development Goals, which aims to eradicate poverty, hunger and disease in Africa and around the world within the next two decades.

Prince Cedza spoke of the startling facts about HIV and AIDS in the world and the actions that the youth of the world can take to fight the spread of the deadly disease. His talk touched upon many areas of discussion, including the media's effects on HIV/AIDS awareness, economic issues, the sociology of areas most affected by the disease and gender issues. He stressed the importance of groups such as those at Emmanuel College that work toward social justice. At a reception following the lecture, students had the opportunity to speak with Prince Cedza.

On December 1st, the Peace and Justice Club sponsored a World AIDS Day lecture featuring Christina Rock, who spoke on living with HIV. Rock is affiliated with Hope's Voice, a national HIV/AIDS organization committed to promoting the education and prevention of HIV/AIDS to young adults through speaker appearances and programming.

Spring 2006 Science Seminar Series
Co-sponsored by Merck Research Laboratories - Boston

January 23, 2006
Nancy Kobli, Ph.D.
Merck Research Laboratories - Boston

February 13, 2006
Jonathan Young, Ph.D.
Merck Research Laboratories - Boston

March 20, 2006
Dawn Rose, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor of Mathematics
Emmanuel College

April 24, 2006
Feina Ryvkin, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Chemistry
Emmanuel College

Graduate and Professional Programs News

Degree Applications
Student in the Graduate and Professional Programs planning on graduating in May 2006 must turn-in a degree application by February 29th. Applications are available for download at www.emmanuel.edu/gpp/resources/default.asp. Any questions should be directed to an Academic Advisor.

MSM/HRM Final Projects and Presentations
Students with an approved Business Research Proposal who are planning on presenting for a May 2006 graduation, must submit Final Projects and Presentations to the GPP office by the Friday, April 14th. For those presenting before the April 14th deadline, final projects and presentations must be submitted two weeks prior to presentation date. Presentation dates will be forwarded in early March. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Erwin at 617-735-9816.

Staff News
Lori Ashline has joined the Office of Development and Alumni Relations as Director of Major Gifts and Planned Giving. Ashline was Director of Planned Giving at New England Conservatory of Music where she maintained the college's planned giving program. She holds a Juris Doctor from Western New England College School of Law and a Bachelor of Science in business administration from Bryant College.

Faculty News
Associate Professor of Psychology Joyce Benenson co-authored "Children's and Adolescents' Expectations of Aggressive Responses to Provocation: Females Predict More Hostile Reactions in Compatible Dyadic Relationships," published in the January/February issue of Social Development.

Ann Helwege begins a semester appointment as a Special Instructor in Management and Economics. She was previously an associate professor at Tufts University in the Department of Urban and Environmental Policy. She has also co-authored Latin America's Economy: Diversity, Trends and Conflict (MIT Press, 1992) and Cuba After Communism (MIT Press, 1992).

Professor Mary E. Hines of the Religious Studies department will hold the Monsignor John Portman Chair in Roman Catholic Systematic Theology at the University of San Diego for the spring 2006 semester. She has also been appointed to the National Advisory Committee for the Center for the Study of Latino/a Catholicism.

Professor Hines also made a presentation as part of the symposium, "Voice of the Faithful: Findings from a Study of a Social Movement within the Catholic Church." She offered an ecclesiological response to the results of this sociological survey of Voice of the Faithful. The symposium was presented by Boston College's Church in the 21st Century Center and held at Boston College in October 2005.

Fr. Thomas L. Leclerc, M.S., Associate Professor of Religious Studies, has published an article, "Isaiah and the God of Justice" in the November 2005 issue of The Bible Today. The article explores the biblical and ancient Near Eastern foundations for Isaiah's message of social justice in eighth-century Judah. In December, he delivered an address entitled, "Isaiah and the Kingdom of Justice" to the La Salle Faith Community in Topsfield, MA. The talk considered the particular obligations of justice that are the responsibility of government authorities and the ruling class.

Assistant Professor of Performing Arts Thomas Schnauber will have his string orchestra composition, "In Memory of Henri Temianka," performed by the Chamber Orchestra Kremlin in Moscow on January 27th. Schnauber was named a finalist in the orchestra's international "Homage to Mozart" composition competition.

Schnauber's solo piano work called Der Baartli was also performed by pianist Alan Huckleberry at the Musikschule Wuppertal in Wuppertal, Germany, as part of a recital on November 23rd, 2005.
The cast of "Dead Man Walking"

The Emmanuel College Theater Guild staged a powerful production of "Dead Man Walking" in December 2005, the story of Sister Helen Prejean and her relationship with a death row inmate. Sister Helen Prejean, CSJ, a well-known social activist, was heavily-influenced during her career by Emmanuel Professor Emeritus of Sociology Sister Marie Augusta Neal, SND, who passed away in February 2004.
College Hosts First Leadership Immersion Weekend

The first annual Leadership Immersion Weekend on January 21st and 22nd, co-sponsored by the Student Government Association, the Office of Multicultural Programs and the Programming Committee, featured seven sessions with Michael Miller, a consultant with High Impact Training, and a planning day for the Student Government Association.

Miller, a former Director of Student Center and Student Leadership Development at Quinnipiac College, has been very involved in the National Association for Campus Activities (NACA) for the last 15 years and presents at colleges and universities around the country on such topics as leadership, community service and residence life.

"His knowledge of student government and his views on how a student government should operate are just remarkable," said SGA President Michael Valanzola '07, who planned the weekend along with Assistant Director of Student Activities Michele Shelton.

"He worked hard to understand the students of Emmanuel and circumstances that make our college special."

Consultant Michael Miller led sessions for 200 student leaders

Executive Secretary of the SGA Michael Callini '07
The men's basketball team's 65-62 win over first place conference foe Norwich University on Saturday, January 21st punctuated the turn-around the squad has made over the last two seasons. With a talented core of young players and a coach with experience, drive and a strong belief in the system he has developed, the Saints have their sights set on a GNAC championship.

In the program's first three years of existence, the team went 22-54. Coach Jamahl Jackson took over for the 2004-2005 season after having been both an assistant and an associate head coach since 2001. And, the results? The team went 17-10 overall and 13-5 in the conference, making it to the semifinals of the GNAC tournament.

As of January 25th, the team stands at 8-1 in the conference, with its only loss to the very team it recently triumphed over – an overtime defeat to Norwich earlier in the season, 84-82.

For Coach Jackson, who also serves as Assistant Athletic Director and Recruiting Coordinator for the College, the team's success is rooted in its discipline, diversity and the willingness of its players to buy-in to his philosophy – to work hard on the court, on-campus and in the classroom.

"My philosophy is to bring in talented athletes, but to also recruit good students and good people," said Coach Jackson. "Players come from all backgrounds and geographic areas – city, rural, suburban. It provides a very rich environment for the players and the team is like a family.

Coach Jackson, along with his staff (assistant coaches Ted Cotrell, Howie Harrison, Darwin Zook and Steve Towry) promote an up-tempo, pressure-defense structure, playing 9 to 10 players per game. This season, five players are averaging in double digits in scoring, including freshman Mack Spellman of Clinton, NY (15.1 points), freshman Rob Williams-Hinton of Detroit, MI (14.1 points), and captains Levi Smith '08 (Tulsa, OK), Brian Lindsey '08 (New Orleans, LA) and Tolver Thomas '07 (New Orleans, LA) with 12.8, 11.9 and 11.6 points respectively.

Mack Spellman, a forward who led the team in the win over Norwich with 19 points and 9 rebounds and scored 27 points in a 83-64 win over Suffolk on January 24th, sees a bright future for the team.

"We have a team unlike any I have been a part of or have even heard of," said Spellman. "I feel like I have walked into a program on the rise and by the time I am a senior, I can see Emmanuel College as being one of the best Division III teams in the country."

With two juniors and one senior, the team has a strong nucleus not just for this season, but well into the future. Coach Jackson said of the team, "They want to get better. They play hard, correct their mistakes and can see their own potential."

Off-court success is key for the men's basketball program, as well. In his role as a full-time administrator, Coach Jackson is able to become an integral part of his player's day-to-day lives. Academic success is heavily stressed, with assistant coaches conducting study groups four nights a week for athletes needing extra advisement. Personal success is also a priority. The coaching staff requires that players wear a shirt and tie on game days.

"It puts them in a successful mindset, to get focused and to feel good about themselves," said Coach Jackson, a former Division I player himself at the University of New Hampshire.

The College's impressive gymnasium in the Jean Yawkey Center has been a major draw in terms of recruitment, but has also been a winning venue for the Saints. In the 2004-2005 season, the team went 12-2 at home, including a 9-0 GNAC mark at home.

The Saints have logged impressive wins this season over such teams as Rivier, Western New England College and Daniel Webster. Its two upcoming match-ups with Emerson College on January 30th and February 16th are much-anticipated because the Lions have become a conference rival over the last couple of seasons.

"The rapid rise of the men's basketball team to the upper tier of the Great Northeast Athletic Conference is a credit to Coach Jackson, his staff and the talented young men on the squad," said Director of Athletics and Recreation Pam Roecker. "For a team to be competing for a championship in only its fifth year of existence is amazing. We are proud of their achievements this season, yet we know they have many more goals left to accomplish – and we are going to enjoy watching them as they continue this journey!"

Player honors this season have included Thomas being named to the Tip-Off Tournament All-Tournament Team, and Spellman and Williams-Hinton being named to the College of Staten Island's Tournament of Heroes All-Tournament Team. Smith and Lindsey gained GNAC Weekly Honor Roll honors and Spellman was GNAC Rookie of the Week in both December and January.

"We have come a long way in a short amount of time. We are a really young team so we have had to learn things very quickly," said Williams-Hinton. "The trip to New York [for the Staten Island Tournament in December] really brought us together as a team and since then we have been playing great and we continue to get better each day. Coach Jackson and the other coaches want us to work hard, and everyone practices hard. That produces the results in games."

**Stats are as of January 25th**

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Coaching Philosophy, Player Determination Pay Off for Men's Hoop
Indoor Track Teams Shine at Recent Meets

The men's and women's indoor track and field teams competed at Brandeis University in the Reggie Payao Memorial Invitational on January 21st. The men's distance medley team of Carlos Escobar, Mike Thurnauer, Matt Hickey and T.J. Grifols broke the school record by almost a minute with a time of 11:16.25. Sophomore Rob Allen lowered his own school record and qualified for the ECAC Championship in the 55-meter hurdles. Sophomore Keclyn Blanchfield also lowered her school record in the 600-meter. Sophomore Manfred Obsiui and freshman Julie Adams improved on their personal bests in the 53-meter. Junior Patrick Chviruk achieved his personal best in the 800-meter. Senior Laura Mason finished third in the weight throw with her best throw of the season (32'0.75").

At the Tufts University Invitational Meet on January 14th, several student-athletes put on record-breaking performances. On the women's side, Dorothy Shanahan broke the school record in the 1500-meter with a time of 5:42.65 and Blanchfield followed with a new record in the 600-meter (1:32.76). Adams broke her own school record in the long jump (14'8.50).

The men's team also had several records broken. Allen finished fourth in the 55-meter hurdles with a new school record. The men's 4 x 200 meter relay team of Thurnauer, Escobar, Obsiui and Bryce McNamee established a new school record (1:43.08). The 4 x 800 meter relay team of Escobar, Hickey, Chviruk, and Grifols also established a new record (8:51.10). Several other athletes also achieved their personal bests in their respective events, including Brian Anderson, Brett Adell, and Ryan Brinthurst who improved on their best times in the 55-meter dash.

The men's and women's indoor track and field teams began their seasons in a meet with mostly NCAA Division I and II colleges at the New Balance Winter Carnival at Northeastern University on December 3rd.

Saints Extends GNAC Win Streak to 69 Games

The women's basketball team extended their regular season Great Northeast Athletic Conference winning streak to 69 games on January 24th with a 68-60 win over Pine Manor College. In a 51-46 win over Norwich University on January 21st, senior forward Alyssa McCoy recorded a double-double for Emmanuel with 13 points and 10 rebounds. Sophomore guard Brittany Bushman netted 14 points and made 3 steals.

McCoy reached a career milestone as she recorded her 1000th career point in Emmanuel's 83-53 win over Albertus Magnus College on January 16th. McCoy has a collegiate career total of 1,017 points at Emmanuel as of January 23rd. She serves as a captain of the Saints squad. McCoy was named the Great Northeast Athletic Conference's Women's Basketball Player of the Week. In the win, junior forward LaTisha Johnson and Bushman netted 11 points apiece in the game. Sophomore forward Maura Mooney came off the bench to contribute nine points, while junior center Shardae Parker led the Saints under the boards with eight rebounds.

Emmanuel shot a season-high 50% from the floor in their 75-61 victory over the Jumbos of Tufts University on January 10th. McCoy hit for 15 points and nine rebounds. Johnson scored 11 points and Bushman added a team-high nine assists. Upon returning to the east coast after winter break, Bowdoin College defeated the Saints, 74-53, on January 7th. Emmanuel trailed by only seven points at the break, but were outscored by 14 in the second half. Johnson led the team with 16 points and seven rebounds. McCoy had a team-high eight rebounds.

Emmanuel took their 5-2 overall record to California over winter break for two non-conference games. They lost to Chapman University of Orange, CA on January 2nd. Molly Forbes shot 50% from the floor, scoring 12 points. Bushman contributed with 10 points. In the second west coast game, the Saints defeated the University of Redlands, 67-60, on January 3rd. Leading the Saints was McCoy, who scored a game-high 19 points. Senior forward Catherine Gallant recorded seven rebounds.

In December, the team recorded three wins over MIT (71-67), Colby College (63-58) and Endicott College (73-55). The Saints opened up their season at the 22nd Annual Tip-Off Tournament held in the gymnasium of the Jean Yawkey Center on November 19th and 20th. On the first day of tournament play, the women defeated SUNY Potsdam, 87-49. The Saints had three players scoring in double figures, including McCoy with 12 points, Johnson with 11 points and Pare with 10 points. Emmanuel advanced to take on Mount Saint Mary College in the Tip-Off Tournament Championship game, but was defeated in double-overtime, 80-76.

The Saints are currently 11-5 overall and 4-0 in the GNAC as of January 23rd.

Men's Volleyball Kicks-off Season

The men's volleyball team lost two close matches on January 21st in a double-header against Wentworth Institute of Technology and Mount Ida College. The Saints took both teams to five games, before falling 3-2 in both. Senior outside hitter Stephen Yates led Emmanuel with 22 kills and 12 digs. Junior outside hitter John Bluhm slamming down 18 kills and recorded 10 digs, while sophomore middle hitter Sophanna Lout added 11 kills in his debut. Setters Patrick Bemis and Ricky Wong combined for 59 assists in the match, while freshman libero Gregg MacDonald recorded a team-high 16 digs.

In the second match, Emmanuel won the first game and then traded games with Wentworth before losing 15-13 in the fifth set. Yates led the way with 18 kills and 12 digs. Bluhm tallied 16 kills, seven digs, and three aces, while Lout and junior middle blocker Trevor Blanchet each knocked in nine kills.

In their season opener on January 17th, the Saints took 13th ranked Endicott College to five games, before losing 3-2. Yates led the Saints with 20 kills and 20 digs. Bluhm had 19 kills and recorded 15 digs. Senior outside hitter Peter Whaley and Blanchet added 10 kills each, while Bemis dished out 40 assists in the match.

Saints McCoy '06
EMMANUEL COLLEGE CELEBRATES
BLACK HISTORY MONTH

February 1
The Significance and History of Black History Month
A lecture with Associate Professor of History Bill Leonard
6:30 p.m.,
Jean Yawkey Center
for Community Leadership

February 4
Colleges of the Fenway Bus Trip to Harlem
Please contact the Office of Student Activities for reservations.

February 6 - 7
Multicultural Book Fair
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.,
Jean Yawkey Center

February 10
Annual Love Cabaret
A semiannual event sponsored by the Black Student Union
7:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m., Auditorium
Tickets are $10 and will be on sale January 30 through February 3 in the Jean Yawkey Center.

February 12
Archdiocese of Boston Black Catholic Choir Concert
Time to be announced, Chapel

February 13
Black Inventors Exhibit
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.,
Jean Yawkey Center

February 15
OriginNation, Inc. Youth African and Hip Hop Dance Troupe
7:00 p.m., Auditorium

February 21
Martin Luther King, III:
"My Father's Dream, My Mission"
7:00 p.m., Auditorium

February 22
L.E.A.D.E.R.S. Readers Book Discussion
A discussion of Dreams of My Father, A Story of Race and Inheritance by Barack Obama
led by Damita Davis
5:30 p.m., location to be announced

February 23
Watt Arts: African artwork, carving and jewelry
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Jean Yawkey Center