Notes to Class of 2011: Open your mind and dream big

BY CAROL CLARK

Freshmen in the most diverse class in Emory’s history entered the University with a Convocation celebrating the power they hold to transform themselves, their campus, their communities and their world. Open your minds and dream big, the Class of 2011 was told.

“To this place, you will add your own experience and intellect and imagination,” said Rosemary Magree, vice president and secretary of the University, who kicked off the Aug. 28 ceremony in Glenn Memorial Auditorium. She quoted from a public lecture Emory Distinguished Writer in Residence Salman Rushdie gave there in the spring: “We are all dreaming creatures. To dream is also to create.”

Drew Westen, professor of psychology and psychiatry, recounted how his own dreams and expectations evolved during his academic life, and continue to do so: “I remember when I was in my shoes, 30 years and 50 pounds ago,” he said. “I started out thinking I was going to be an English major and a journalist. My senior year, I took my first psychology course and fell in love with it.”

He went on to get his Ph.D. and became a clinician and researcher, focusing on personality disorders. But in 2004, he became intrigued by partisan behaviors of voters and started neurological research in this area. That led to the unexpected turn of him writing a book, “The Political Brain,” and being asked by U.S. presidential candidates to share his knowledge.

The advice he gives to candidates is the same he offered to students: pay attention to heartfelt emotions. “They’ll tell you what you’re passionate about and, sometimes, what you’re passionate about will be completely what you didn’t expect,” Westen said.

The keynote honor went to Frances Smith Foster, Charles Howard Candler Professor of English and Women’s Studies and chair of the English department. She offered a free lunch to the first student who could tell her, following the ceremony, the name of

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Luminaries in Science attracts thought leaders to Emory

BY KIM URGHART

The Luminaries in Science lecture series continues this fall with visits by several internationally renowned scientific scholars. Nobel Laureates and members of the national academies will speak about their vision for the most transformative areas of science.

The fall line-up begins Sept. 14. Benedict Gross, dean of Harvard College, professor of mathematics and a member of the National Academy of Sciences, will discuss “Unity and Applicability of Mathematics.” The brown bag luncheon lecture, with light refreshments provided by the provost’s office, will be held in White Hall 207 from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m.

The series began last spring with a lecture by Nobel Laureate Andrew Fire, professor of pathology and genetics at Stanford University. Speakers that fall include professor Peter Agre of Duke University, winner of the 2003 Nobel Prize in chemistry and a possible candidate for a seat in the Minnesota Senate.

But lectures are only one of the activities these “luminaries” participate in during their visits to Emory. The scholars also act as “thought leaders” for a provost’s committee charged with recruiting eight to 10 leading science faculty to Emory College, meeting with and advising Emory’s Science Distinction Committee as it selects areas of focus for hiring distinguished new faculty researchers in accordance with Emory’s strategic plan.

According to Provost Earl Lewis, Emory’s Science Hire Initiative is intended to strengthen the core sciences in Emory College while elevating...
A future without breast cancer

Kathy Britt, the interlibrary loan lending coordinator for Woodruff Library, is taking strides to beat breast cancer by walking in the Atlanta Breast Cancer 3-Day on Oct. 12–14.

When I found the lump on Feb. 23, 1996, little did I suspect that 13-and-a-half years later I’d be a survivor walking 60 miles in the Atlanta Breast Cancer 3-Day.

My journey with breast cancer began that day, but my diagnosis and treatment didn’t start there. I had to wait for my health insurance coverage to begin before I could go to the doctor. The general physician who examined me was unconcerned. I was young (only 29 at the time) with no family history of cancer. “Nothing to worry about,” the doctor told me. “We’ll recheck you again in six months. It’s probably just a cyclical change in the breast tissue.” Fortunately, my mother insisted on a referral to a surgeon, who ordered a mammogram and a biopsy. As it turned out, I had a malignant tumor that was 7 centimeters in diameter, and seven out of 21 lymph nodes that were removed also were cancerous. Stage 2B, I was told. Tests indicated that the tumor was very aggressive and had grown to that large size in just a couple of months. Had I had waited six months to seek diagnosis and treatment, I would probably be dead. I never forget that fact.

As can be imagined, this news was a shock to me as a 29-year-old. I thought only older women were supposed to get breast cancer. My partner and I joined a newly formed support group. Out of seven cancer patients in the group, three of us were under the age of 30. As with anyone who gets this sort of news, I worried about, “what if it is my turn?”

I have helped with breast cancer education, volunteered for several breast cancer-related organizations (including the support group that initially aided my partner and me) and been interviewed for a local television news show. At this point I wanted to do more and I knew that the time was right. But, what more could I do?

For several years in the fall, I had seen the Breast Cancer 3-Day participants walking through Decatur on their way to Piedmont Park. I always stopped, honked my horn and got tears in my eyes thinking of the sacrifices these women and men were making in order to raise money to find a cure for breast cancer. I also thought of the fact, that if not for the experimental treatment, research, but also education, screening and treatment, both locally and nationally.

My sister, Lynda Britt ’93C, suggested that we give back for all of the help we were given. Before I knew it, she had signed us up for an informational meeting for the Atlanta Breast Cancer 3-Day, held this year on Oct. 12-14. We signed up for the walk on the spot, committing ourselves to raising $2,200 each (that’s $4,400 total), and walking four days a week for training. I don’t know what was more intimidating: raising the money, or walking the 60 miles.

You can walk in this event with training, but it is not recommended. We didn’t want to be carted off with injuries to the hospital in the middle of the walk, nor did we want to be the last walkers to arrive in camp. As a result, we walked every Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday — even while on vacation. To date, we have logged 426 training miles, and by the date of the event, we will have walked 548 training miles.

Each week the mileage grows, our legs get stronger, our feet get tougher, and our buns get firmer (a nice bonus!). All of this training will help us survive the three consecutive 20-mile days, and it has created another lasting bond between my sister and I. I will never change the time we have spent together preparing for this event.

Both my partner and my sister’s boyfriend have volunteered for the “crew,” a team of volunteers that commit to working the entire three days, including an extra day before we even get anything ready. With thousands of walkers, hundreds of volunteers are needed to make the event run smoothly. Health care professionals and massage therapists also can volunteer to be on the medical crews to assist walkers with minor medical needs or triage major problems. Several of the medical volunteers are affiliated with Emory.

I know that all of this effort will be worth it. Walkers and volunteers who have participated in previous years all say that it is a life-changing experience. As Oct. 12 approaches, I am getting both excited and nervous. I have never done anything like this before, but I’m sure I’ll do it again.

I walk so that every woman with breast cancer will survive, as I did. I walk so that research will advance and one day we will find a cure for breast cancer.

I walk to give hope to my partner, sister, mother, nieces and all of the other women in my life for a future without breast cancer.
Dedicated to discovery

by Kim Urquhart

James Thomas, a research specialist in the Division of Infectious Diseases in the Department of Medicine, is retiring after nearly 50 years of service.

James Thomas may be leaving Emory — retiring after nearly 50 years with the School of Medicine — but his legacy will remain. Little did Thomas know, as he spent his last week training the research specialist who will take over his work on the Gonococcal Isolate Surveillance Project and gently removing each photo of his five grandchildren from his workstation, that his colleagues were stealthily organizing a surprise send-off. The celebration included the dedication of Carlos del Rio’s lab in the Woodruff Extension Building at Grady Memorial Hospital to honor Thomas’ lifetime contributions to Emory.

Friends, family and colleagues past and present gathered to wish him well, and a plaque with Thomas’ portrait awaited its space on the lab wall. The letters poured in from people whose lives he had in some way touched over the years. They cited Thomas’ strength of character, his eagerness to learn and willingness to accept challenges, his easy nature as “a born diplomat.” President Jim Wagner saluted Thomas for “the remarkable achievement of your career.”

For the past decade, Thomas has worked with del Rio, the principal investigator of a project funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that monitors trends in antimicrobial susceptibilities of strains of gonorrhea. Nationally, Thomas’ work as the senior research technician has been critical for the drafting of sexually transmitted disease treatment guidelines by the CDC. Thomas’ commitment to his job has provided continuity and depth of experience, regularly helping Emory to receive the highest rating among the five national sites for the project.

Thomas joined Emory in 1959 as an animal caretaker. He took great pride in caring for the mice and rabbits, and keeping the laboratory animal room clean, even for the ferrets — who the doctor Thomas once worked for, William Marine, admits “are probably the meanest and worst-smelling of laboratory animals.” Marine’s laboratory technician noticed Thomas’ curiosity and potential for learning that went beyond caring for laboratory animals. Thomas soon moved into the lab itself, where he conducted tests for influenza antibodies. After about 20 years of virology work, he spent the remainder of his career in microbiology.

In an era of musical-chair employees, what has kept Thomas loyal to one institution all these years? “I’ve been here 47 years, so I’d have to like it,” he says with a chuckle. He says he enjoys the challenge of lab work, but what has really made his job worth doing were his colleagues. “The people I work around are fantastic. I’ve been blessed to work with some lovely people.”

Thomas began his career at Emory at a rather unusual age: he was a junior at Trinity High School, now Decatur High. “I’d get out of school and ride to work with my teacher who lived near Grady. She’d drop me off on the corner.”

The rides to work were soon shared with Lizzie, his wife of “40-plus” years. “The years fly by, and you’re so happy you don’t count,” Thomas says with a mischievous grin. Lizzie worked as a cardiac technician at Grady before she retired. It’s clear that Thomas misses her. “We used to come in [to work] together. Coming in alone is kind of depressing,” he says. And spending more time with his wife is one of the aspects of retirement he looks forward to most. “Both of us, just sitting around and enjoying each other’s company.”

While Thomas welcomes the opportunity to relax, he is quick to add: “There is no way I can get bored. My wife is going to be finding a whole lot of stuff for me to do.”

His new motto might be “Gone Fishing.” Thomas, an avid fisherman, is looking forward to spending more time on the water. A 7.5-pound bass mounted in the den of his South DeKalb home is a reminder of his days on the tournament trail as a semi-professional fisherman. He plans to take his grandchildren fishing, like he did years ago for Marine’s son, Steve, who is now 47 but still remembers vividly the time he spent with Thomas. Thomas will continue to be active in his church, where he is a deacon.

During the holiday season, Thomas can be found basting and selling his famous fried turkeys. And “there’s nothing like live football” for the Falcons fan, who plans to take in some games.

Like he has done all these years with Marine since his former colleague left Emory for Colorado back in 1975, Thomas intends to keep in touch. “Dr. William Marine, Pam Terry, Jonas Shulman, Tom Sellers — these people have been friends and more than friends to me in my life and doing lab work. I have a great deal of respect for these people, they’ve been a big part of my life.”

Horn’s photographs from Bosnia document war, peace and the human spirit

“Pictures Without Borders: Bosnia Revisited” is on view in Woodruff Library’s Schattengallery. The free exhibit is on display until Oct. 15. More than 30 years ago photographer Steve Horn traveled through Bosnia in a Volkswagen bus, which was both home-on-the-road and mobile darkroom. Horn’s images from the first trip capture the innocence of children in a landscape of peace, the conviviality of the culture and the rich architectural heritage of the Balkans. When he returned to Bosnia in 2003, it was a country recovering from the tragedy of war. This time the spirit and resilience — as well as the immense losses of the people — compelled Horn’s photographic attention. In some cases he found those he had captured on film as children, giving them photos documenting their childhood. His photographs and essays document a story of war, peace and the sustaining nature of the human spirit.
Who hasn’t been tempted by plump, Chilean blueberries on a cold winter’s day? Perhaps the best news from Barbara Kingsolver’s new book, “Animal, Vegetable, Miracle,” is that moving away from such imports and toward local produce and food systems not only helps the environment, it can actually enrich your palette and the culture of your family and community. The non-fiction book, which Kingsolver co-wrote with her husband, Steven Hopp, and daughter, Camille, chronicles the year they spent on a Southern Appalachian farm, eating only what they could grow themselves or buy from nearby farms.

“Our family set out to find ourselves a real American cultural experience, or at least the piece of it that worked for us, and to describe it for anyone who might be looking for something similar,” Kingsolver wrote.

She agreed to make a presentation and talk about learning about the University’s goal for 75 percent of the food served on campus to come from within a 200-mile radius by 2015. The talk is free and open to the public, but tickets are required. Tickets are available at box office. For more information, visit www.scienceandenvironment.emory.edu/king solver.htm.

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CAMPUSNEWS

Revised drug, alcohol policy consolidates University guidelines

BY KIM URQUHART

The University’s policies regarding alcohol and drug abuse are now available online. Faculty, staff and students can review the policy on the new policies and procedures Web site at www.policies.emory.edu/8.816.

The policies are not new. Emory continues its commitment to complying with all federal, state and local laws that regulate or prohibit alcoholic beverages or illicit drugs. It is, however, the first time the University’s guidelines on drugs and alcohol have been consolidated for easy access, review and monitoring.

“Many different policies and procedures from across the University that were reported in different places, and practiced in different corners of the campus are all now brought together in one policy that is publicly posted on the policy Web site,” said Senior Vice President and Dean of Campus Life John Ford.

The Alcohol and Drug Abuse Policy includes general statements and conditions; restrictions; an appendix with resources for education, consultation and counseling; and new policies — and a new University-wide registration form that consolidates procedures for campus events where alcohol will be served.

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“It should not result in drastic changes as far as most people’s behavior,” he said. “We’re trying to create an environment where people help us by having everything together in one place, and by having a new system that we that might prevent problems.”
Heilpern to chair Department of Emergency Medicine

Katherine Heilpern has been named chair of the Department of Emergency Medicine. Heilpern, who begins her role Sept. 1, has served as interim chair for the past year during the absence of Arthur Kellermann, who has been serving in Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Fellow in Washington, D.C. Kellermann was recently named associate dean for public policy at Emory School of Medicine.

"Katherine Heilpern is an energetic and innovative leader," said Dean Thomas Lawley. "Her excitement for emergency research and education in emergency medicine will be an incredible asset to the faculty, staff and residents in training at Emory, as well as the lives of the patients she touches each day." Heilpern returned to Emory in 1996. She has served as assistant dean of medical education and student affairs, and vice chair for academic affairs in the Department of Emergency Medicine. Heilpern serves as a member of the American College of Emergency Physicians Academic Leader Program and is a board member of the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine. Heilpern recently was named president-elect of the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine and selected to serve on the Institute of Medicine Board on Military and Veterans' Health. Regionally, she serves on the State of Georgia Pandemic Influenza Planning Task Force and the board of the Georgia College of Emergency Physicians.

Heilpern's research focus is the study of the interface between emergency medicine and infectious diseases. She is a site investigator for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Emerging Infections Program sentinel surveillance project on emerging infectious diseases. The award-winning educator is a co-principal investigator with the School of Nursing for a federal training grant that teaches state-of-the-art didactic and procedural skills in emergency care to masters-level nurse practitioners students.

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Temple Scroll sparks panel discussion

The Temple Scroll, a fragment of a Dead Sea Scroll, is a highlight of Carlos Museum's Cradle of Christianity exhibit and the focus of a panel discussion on Sunday, Sept. 9.

BY CAROL CLARK

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hysical temples — both real and imagined, earthly and heavenly — will be the focus of a panel talk by three renowned religion scholars at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9 in the Michael C. Carlos Museum Reception Hall. The event is free and open to the public, in conjunction with the museum exhibition “Cradle of Christianity: Jewish and Christian Treasures from the Holy Land,” continuing through Oct. 14.

The panel discussion, titled “The Temple Scroll in Context: Early Judaism and the Conflict over Sacred Space,” will center on one of the extraordinary artifacts included in the exhibition — a fragment of a Dead Sea Scroll.

The writing in the 2,000-year-old Temple Scroll remains relevant today, said Carol Newsom, Charles Howard Candler Professor of Old Testament. “Today, so many of our conflicts have to do with holy places,” she said. “We need to understand the power they exercise over us.”

Joining Newsom on the panel will be Lawrence Schiffmann, Ethel and Irvin A. Edelman Professor in Hebrew and Judaic Studies at New York University; and James VanderKam, James O’Brien Professor of Hebrew Scriptures at the University of Notre Dame. Each scholar will make a 30-minute presentation, followed by a discussion.

The Temple Scroll reads as a critique of temple practices at the time, and purports to be the directions God gave Moses on Mount Sinai for rebuilding the temple in Jerusalem.

The directions call for a stairway made of solid gold, 12 gates named for the 12 tribes of Israel, and dimensions that align with numerical symbolism, including those for a massive outer courtyard that would not have fit inside the mountainous area. The Temple Scroll also outlines rules for purity in the temple city of Jerusalem, such as no one can defecate within the city limits.

“The directions place the latrines outside of Jerusalem, at a distance further than one is allowed to walk on the Sabbath,” Newsom said.

So why would God direct Moses to build a temple that could never be fully realized?

“One interpretation is, if you could perfect the notion of holiness, then this is what the temple and Jerusalem would be like,” Newsom said. “It serves as a kind of perpetual criticism that what we actually can create can never express perfect purity.”

From antiquity to today, sacred spaces have both brought people together in worship and sparked contention over details such as who could enter the spaces and how they should be designed and used. No matter how magnificently “these spaces come with a compromise of dissatisfaction, that they will always fall short of the divine,” Newsom said.

SCHOLARSHIP & RESEARCH

Researchers study long-term effects of pediatric brain tumors

BY ROBIN TRICOLES

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team of researchers from Emory and Georgia State universities has been awarded a four-year, nearly $865,000 grant from the American Cancer Society to study risk factors for long-term social and cognitive problems in adult survivors of pediatric brain tumors. The study will focus on more than 100 adults, currently in their 20s, who have survived at least 10 years beyond their initial diagnosis.

The research team will use cutting-edge neuroimaging technology and neuropsychological evaluations to look for neurological, cognitive and psychosocial predictors of adaptive functioning — the skills needed to live independently.

The hypothesized predictive markers include memory, decision-making skills, socioeconomic status as well as the structure and integrity of the brain’s white matter.

“Identifying these predictors will allow for early recognition of individuals at risk for adverse long-term outcomes, leading to the development of interventions that lessen the severity of late effects of the treatment being used and optimizing the adaptive functioning across the patient’s lifespan,” said Huwa Miao, assistant professor of radiology in the School of Medicine and the lead investigator of the study at Emory.

The researchers will use functional and magnetic resonance imaging to map the brain regions where executive function abilities such as working memory are processed and how they may be altered by the presence of a tumor and subsequent radiation or chemotherapy treatments.

Diffusion tensor imaging will allow the researchers a look at the integrity and arrangement of the brain’s white matter, the complex network of neuronal fibers that connect different areas of the brain and that are often affected by tumors themselves as well as treatments.

Brain tumors are the second most common type of pediatric cancer, exceeded only by childhood leukemia. Because long-term survival rates of pediatric brain-tumor patients have risen by more than one-third over the last 20 years, researchers say new studies on the long-term effects and outcomes of individuals following treatment of brain tumors are needed to help recognize markers of later adaptive functioning and develop therapeutic interventions to reduce levels of disabil- ity and improve the quality of life in this growing population.

The study, shown lower rates of employment, academic achievement and marriage in survivors relative to the comparison groups, and higher rates of depression and alcoholism. Likewise, neuro- logical and cognitive difficulties may include hearing and vision loss, motor impairment and learning difficulties.

“This new study aims to gain insight into brain structural and functional changes caused by the tumor and their long-term effect and outcomes. We hope that the new information and understanding will also help us to improve the current strategy of brain tumor treatment,” said Miao.

Other Emory researchers involved in this study include Nicolas Krawiec, associate professor of pediatrics; Anna Jams, associate professor of pediatrics, a Georgia Cancer Coalition Scholar and a member of Emory’s Worship Service of Children’s Hospital and the Aflac Cancer and Blood Disorders Service of Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta; and Chad Holder, assistant professor of radiology. Researchers from Georgia State University are also involved in the study.

EMORYCLINIC

Breaking new ground for health care

President Jim Wagner, Emory Clinic Director S. Wright Caughman, Board of Trustee Chairman Ben Johnson, School of Medicine Dean Thomas Lawley, Emory Health Care CEO John Fox, DeKalb County Commissioner Jeff Rader, and Woodruff Health Sciences Center CEO Michael M.E. Johns “break ground” on the future home of The Emory Health Care. Construction will begin in 2008 after work is completed to prepare the site for the new building next to the current Emory Clinic complex. The 470,000-square-foot, five-story facility dedicated to patient care is expected to open in 2012.

Breaking new ground for health care

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A new study of up to 50 different blood and plasma tests that target known critical predictors of health and illness will be collected from healthy participants. Measures of inflammation, immune health, metabolic health and DNA analysis for genes that confer risk will be used to construct an integrated definition of current health that predicts future health.

Based on these profiles and increasingly complex integrated predictive risk models, each participant will receive a personalized health program designed to address individual risk factors — with the goal of remaining healthy. Participants in the Center for Health Discovery and Well Being will also serve as research partners, providing new information on risk and participating in clinical trials that test predictive models and novel interventions. They will discover their personal health and participate in discovery of human health more generally.

The center will be linked to a predictive health research program with the goal of developing and validating novel biomarkers to predict health and to find new targets for preventive measures that will keep people healthy. The scientific core will be a joint Emory-Georgia Tech program collaborating with Georgia Institute of Technology’s Health Systems Institute and systems biology program, the Coulter Department of Biomedical Engineering at Georgia Tech and Emory, and several programs within Emory College and the Woodruff Health Sciences Center, including the new Emory program in computational and life sciences.
Scenes from students’ first week

Back to school activities are in full swing, from moving into campus housing to learning about campus life. President Jim Wagner offered a warm welcome and a helping hand, while Bike Emory helped students navigate through campus.

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the author she had paraphrased for the title of her talk: “One or Two Things I Know for Sure.” “Emory College is a liberal arts college,” she said. “It’s not a preparatory school, a professional school, a finishing school, a preparatory school, a professional school, a finishing school, a preparatory school, a professional school.” Foster said, is “the symbiotic relationship among Emory College, the University, the liberal arts and your own liberation.” Emory is a community working for positive transformation in the world, President Jim Wagner told the freshmen in his concluding remarks. “Our intent for students at Emory is that you are part of this community, so it’s not so much that things happen to you while you are here. It’s that you are to help us achieve our collective aspirations and, in that process, be changed yourselves.”

So who won the lunch with Foster? “When I came out, these three guys came rushing to me with the answer: Dorothy Al-

lison,” she said. Pierc Hand, Danny Desatnile and Ryan Huang will be dining with Foster and will likely get a chance to meet Allison herself when she visits Emory in the spring. “Did I expect freshmen men to be that deep into Allison’s canon? No,” Foster said. “It surprised me, and it’s exciting.”

Talent portends strong season

Women’s Soccer

After missing out on the NCAA Tournament last year, Emory Head Women’s Soc-

cer Coach Sue Patberg and an eager group of Eagles look forward to returning to post-season play in 2007. A total of 15 letterwinners return from the ’06 squad that finished with an overall won-lost slate of 9–6–2, the program’s 18th consecutive winning campaign. Combined with a talented group of newcomers, Emory promises to mount a seri-

ous challenge to anybody it plays this year. "Emory will be led by key forwards Joyce Lam and Whitney Briggs. As a sophomore, Lam tied for the team lead with six assists, and added four goals for a total of 14 points. Meanwhile, Briggs made 12 starts for the Eagles, and finished second on the team with six goals.

Defensively, the backfield will be anchored by a trio of veterans — Grace Lam, Leanna Rabin and Brittany Manseau, each of whom started at least 15 games for Emory in 2006, contributing to the team’s 0.98 goals against average.

The biggest question surrounding the team will be finding a replacement for Amy Francovitch who closed out her career as the school’s all-time winniest goaliekeeper. Senior Emily Fedeski could emerge as the frontrunner for that spot but will be pushed by junior Sarah Wilkerson and freshman Kirsten Baecher.

Men’s Soccer

A new face will be patrolling the sideline at the Emory men’s soccer this year as Jonny Travis enters his first season as the Eagles’ head coach. Travis takes over for Mike Rubesch who served as head coach for 19 seasons. Travis will have a wealth of experience to work with a total of 18 monogram winners back in the fold from last year’s squad that finished 11–6–0. The junior duo of Patrick Carver and Patrick McFarland should keep the pres-

sure on opposing defenses with their offensive skills. Carver paced the team in scoring with 21 points on team-high six goals and nine assists. McFarland was runner-up on the team’s score sheet with five goals and five assists en route to 15 points.

On the defensive side, goalkeeper Keith Meehan will return for his senior season, following a solid 2006 season that saw him compile a 0.93 goals against average and six shutouts.

The backline will have to replace three starters from last year and looks for junior Jordan Edeleman to sophomore Andre Jakubowski to play a stabilizing role among the group.

Volleyball

After compiling a 28–11 overall record last year that included the program’s 11th straight berth in the NCAA Tournament as well as concluding the year ranked 10th in the nation, 12th-year Head Coach Jenny McDowell and her 2007 volleyball team look for bigger and better things.

Junior Madison Robelen, one of 13 returning letter winners, will direct what promises to be a potent offensive attack from her setter position. In 2006, Robelen gained first team All-University Athletic Association honors after doling out 1,413 assists, second on the team's seasonal chart.

An array of potentially devastating attackers will give Emory a balanced of- fensive look. Included in the group is 6-foot sophomore Alyse Meyer, the 2006 Freshman of the Year as chosen by the American Volleyball Coaches Association.

Bolstering the squad’s fortunes on that front will be the return of Courtney Rose, the 2005 National Player of the Year. The 5-foot-10 Rose missed last year’s cam-

paign with an injury. Defensively, senior Janet Bunning and junior Dani Huffman will give Emory a formidable tandem at the middle blocking position. Bunning, 5-foot-10, was a first-team All-American last season and paced the team in both kills and blocks per game while Huffman, 5-foot-11, ranked among the top 10 in the UAA in blocks.

Senior Maggie Ramm will be counted upon to provide solid play at her libero posi-

tion after registering a school record 508 digs in 2006.

Women’s Cross Country

Over the years, Emory’s women’s cross country team has ranked as one of the most consistently successful programs, having earned 15 trips to the NCAA Championships in the past 16 seasons. Once again, the Eagles of Head Coach John Curtin should rank among the elite teams both in the UAA and in the South region.

Junior Melissa Jones and senior Lauren Shores should give the Eagles a solid 1–2 combination after distinguishing themselves a year ago. Jones earned All-

American honors, the first Emory runner to achieve that since 2002, and ranked among Emory’s top three runners in all seven of the meets she took part in.

Shores garnered All-South Region recognition and was the team’s top finisher in a pair of competitions.

Looking for productive seasons will be junior Megan Bunting, an all-re-

gion performer a year ago, and sophomore Rebecca Flink, who participated in six meets her rookie season.

Men’s Cross Country

An ever-improving and hardworking Emory men’s cross country team eyes im-

provement from a year ago that saw it show flashes of brilliance.

Head Coach John Curtin will have a steady group to call upon this fall, led by sophomore Tommy Fyffe, the 2006 UAA Rookie of the Year and qualifier to the NCAA Championships. Fyffe, who finished third of 92 contestants at the NCAA South/Southeast Regional, ranked among Emory’s top three finishers in all six of his competitions.

Junior Vikram Srivastava continues to make steady gains and is a tested vet-

eran, having landed a qualifying spot in the NCAA Championships. Senior Bryan Forsyth and sophomore Paul Winterhalter should be key contributors this year after making an impact a year ago.

John Farina is sports information director for Emory Athletics.
**PERFORMING ARTS**

**Organ season will resonate with all ages**

The upcoming Emory concert season will feature a wide array of organ programs and concerts, providing offerings for all ages. One such program, The annual University Organ Recital Series, organized by Emory organist Timothy Albrecht, features twists and turns, including a day-long program of lectures and events commemorating the birth centenary of one of the most significant 20th-century organ composers, Olivier Messiaen (1908–92). The series’ six free, one-hour public concerts feature the unique-to-Emory Jaeckel Opus 45 organ, housed in the Schwartz Center’s Emerson Concert Hall. A remarkable experience is in store for those who haven’t yet heard the Jaeckel’s 3,605 pipes or seen the organ’s elaborate floral carvings of peach and dogwood blossoms.

**2007–08 schedule:**

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**Bach Live!**

Timothy Albrecht, organ

Sunday, Sept. 2, 4 p.m., free, Emerson Concert Hall

This concert features Bach organ music and his “Cantata No. 80.” Performers include the Emerson Organ Choir (directed by Eric Nelson, choral studies director), Vesta String Quartet and Timothy Albrecht, organ.

Co-sponsor: Candler School of Theology.

**“Scary Ride!”**

Timothy Albrecht, organ, Emory String Musicians and Richard Prior, director of orchestral studies

Tuesday, Oct. 30, 8 p.m., free, Emerson Concert Hall

This concert features Bach organ music and including Bach’s “Toccata and Fugue in D Minor” and Francis Poulenc’s “Organ Concerto.”

**Messiaen Anniversary Celebration Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2008**

This celebration commemorates the centennial of the birth of composer Olivier Messiaen.

**“Messiaen: An Overview”**

10 a.m., Glenn Auditorium, Lecture by Timothy Albrecht

**Musical Theatre in Messiaen’s Organ Music”**

2:30 p.m., Glenn Auditorium, Lecture by Timothy Albrecht

**Messiaen Anniversary Celebration Reception**

3:15 p.m., William and Joan Chace Upper Concert Hall Lobby, Schwartz Center

**“Messiaen Organ Music”**

4 p.m., Emerson Concert Hall, performed by Emory Graduate Organ Alumni and Organ Studio

**“Musical Offering”**

Atlanta Bach Ensemble, Jun Ching Lin, violin; Carl Hall, flute; Peter Lemonds, cello; and Timothy Albrecht, organ

Sunday, Feb. 4, 3:15 p.m.

Emory faculty and faculty artist affiliates team up for a Super Bowl Sunday escape as they perform Bach’s “1747” chamber music masterpiece.

David Oliver, Morehouse College Organist

Sunday, Feb. 24, 2008, 4 p.m.

a recital of organ fireworks from an Atlanta treasure, Morehouse College organist David Oliver. Oliver is beloved for both his artistry and virtuosity.

—Timothy Albrecht and Sally Corbett

**PERFORMING ARTS**

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 6**

**Faculty Dance Concert**

“Dancers, Music and Light.”

Emerson Center Dance Studio.

$12; $6 discount categories.

**Other show times:**

Sept. 8 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 9**

**Concerto**

“Bach Live!” Timothy Albrecht, organ, performing. 4 p.m. Emerson Hall, Schwartz Center. Free. 404-727-5050.

**VISUAL ARTS**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 5**

**Film**


**FRIDAY, SEPT. 7**

**Film**

“In America.” Jim Sheridan, director. 7 p.m. Oxford College, Phi Gamma Room. Free. 770-784-8389

**MARBL Exhibition**


Through Sept. 10.

**Pitts Theology Library Exhibition**


Through Sept. 15.

**Carlos Museum Exhibition**

“Cradle of Christianity: Jewish and Christian Treasures from the Holy Land.” Carlos Museum. $15; Museum members and children, free; On Wednesdays, students, faculty and staff, free. 404-727-4282.


**Schatten Gallery Exhibition**


Through Oct. 15.

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**Carter Center Exhibition**

“Beyond the Presidency: 25 Years of the Carter Center.” Carter Center Library and Museum. $8; seniors (60+), military and students, $6; Children (16 and under), free. 404-865-7101.

Through Nov. 25.

**LECTURES**

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 6**

**Surgical Ground Rounds**

“Molecular Imaging of Alzheimer’s Disease.” Michael Conte, Harvard Medical School, presenting. 7 a.m. Emory Kessler Auditorium.

Free. 404-778-1903.

**Physiology lecture**

“Modulation of Sensory Evoked Potentials.” Patrick Whelan, University of Calgary, presenting. 9 a.m. 600 Whitehead Research Building. Free. 404-727-7401.

**Lecture and Book Signing**

Elaine Pagels, presenting. 7 p.m. Glenn Auditorium. $10; two free tickets with a valid Emory e-mail. 404-727-4282. (Tickets available at www.carlos.emory.edu.)

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 9**

**Panel Discussion**


**RELIGION**

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 2**

**University Worship**


“Telling Our Stories” celebrates 25 years at the Center for Women

The ninth annual “Telling Our Stories” will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 11, at Miller-Ward Alumni House, at 5:30 p.m. This event affirms and celebrates the untold stories of Emory women.

Traditionally, there are two storytellers who reflect on their experiences, but in commemoration of the 15th anniversary of the Center for Women, there will be four storytellers to celebrate the evening.

Following a three-course meal, Delores Aldridge, professor of sociology and African American studies; Eleanor Main, associate professor and chair of educational studies; Emilia Navarro, professor emerita of Spanish and Portuguese; and Nanette Wexner, professor of medicine in the Division of Cardiology will share their stories. Lisa Tedesco, dean of the graduate school and vice provost for academic affairs, will moderate.

Reservations are required and payment due by Sept. 4. The cost is $40 or $30 for Friends of the Center for Women. For more information, contact www.womenscenter.emory.edu.